



## **New Beavercrest Community School Update**

### **Background**

Bluewater District School Board (BWDSB) received approved funding for a new 236 pupil school to be placed in the town of Markdale to replace the current Beavercrest Community School. Funding in the amount of \$6.4 million will be used for a new school with additional funding of \$2.1 million used to create two child care rooms and two EarlyON rooms at the same location.

On November 6, 2020 the ministry approved the facility space template that was submitted to the ministry for review and approval. The approval indicates that the total number of pupil places being planned for is consistent with the ministry approved scope for this school. In addition, the child care space identified on the space template falls within the child care space requirements.

### **Update**

Enrolment projections for 2022-23 and future years have been updated based on current enrolment trends and new development data in the Markdale area. It is evident that the planned 236 pupil school will have insufficient capacity to accommodate the current and future students in the area. A letter to the ministry requesting an increase in project scope to accommodate for 328 pupil spaces for this project has been submitted to the ministry for consideration in conjunction with the Approval to Proceed (ATP).

Staff continue to work with the ministry to move this project forward. The webpage will continue to be updated.

### **Recommendation:**

That the Business Committee of the Whole receive the 'New Beavercrest Community School Update' for information.

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Bluewater District School Board  
Business Committee of the Whole  
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