

## **Recommendation**

Consolidate Madoc Public School (MPS), Madoc Township School (MTPS) and Centre Hastings Secondary School (CHSS) and seek Ministry of Education funding/approval to build a new K-12 build on a new site for September 2021/22

## **Scenario Description**

- Programming opportunities
- Closure of MPS, MTPS and CHSS
- Relocation of students to a new K-12 build

## **Rationale**

- Maximizes program opportunities for students to help each student achieve success
- Improves the learning environment for ALL students
- No empty pupil spaces
- Long term solution
- Effective management of all resources, both human, financial and environmental
- Save money now: new energy efficient build and reduced operation costs when consolidation occurs
- Currently, the 3 schools have a combined funding requirement needed of approximately \$52 million over 20 years (\$2.6million/year), according to the VFA report. It costs approximately \$28 million (\$1.4million/year) for a new build.
- VFA reports a combined funding requirement of \$21.8 million over the next five years for all three schools. However, a new build for 1,000 students would be approximately \$2 million, as per [school board superintendent of business services and treasurer] N[ick] Pfeiffer, March 1, 2017. "The cost per area should reflect the typical mechanical, electrical and architectural

design specifications that would result in a school with a 40 years life expectancy, a standard within the school sector. “ ([Building Our Schools, Building Our Future report \[to the provincial government\] June 2010](#))

- Equitable solution. Equity for ALL stakeholders: children and parents of MPS, MTPS, CHSS and the Centre Hastings community. Surrounding schools all received new builds: Marmora (new addition), Tweed, Stirling
- K-12 new build creates a welcoming, inclusive and safe learning environment that optimizes students’ potential.
- Community pride and ownership, along with enhanced public confidence
- K-12 schools include all students within one school building. Student transitions are enhanced as students remain in the same school community throughout K-12 experience. The consolidation of multiple resources in one school supports a range of dynamic, inclusive educational experiences which include opportunities for student leadership and mentoring. This model encourages students and their families to view the school as a true community and to establish long term relationships. It provides an opportunity to bring together staff from the Early Years to Grade 12 in one professional community. (Long Term Capital and Accommodation Plan)
- Green space – to support healthy students, the importance of recess and play, to help eliminate childhood obesity, healthy living, track, hosting of COSSA and OFSAA, community run programs, to support Essential Skills Program and space to support autism spectrum children
- Let’s be leaders in public education – sustainability and green energy (solar)
- Safety – declining age of school buildings – asbestos and mold
- Better space utilization
- New build would solve the capacity concern as there would be 400 pupil spaces still empty after the current proposal is completed at CHSS.
- New Build would also address declining enrolment concerns that will only be increased five years from now
- Enhanced accessibility for students

- K-12 new build will give our children positive mental health, a safe and accepting school, a healthy school and equity and inclusive education. This plan fits into Ontario's Well-Being Strategy.
- This recommendation follows the 2015-2020 Strategic Plan for the HPEDSB. By building a K-12 we can ensure that ALL students are prepared and empowered for the possibilities for today and tomorrow. It will create dynamic, inclusive educational experiences that develop capable, confident, curious learners who thrive and contribute to their communities. It will retain students, which in turn will increase graduation rates and reduce achievement gaps. The new school will be a learning place where all employees will be engaged and can develop their growth plan. (2015-2020 Strategic Plan)
- Municipal land with sewage and water hook up readily available (a parcel of 20-42 acres of land is already recognized and proposed for new build)
- Community partners with possible daycare, senior programs
- Community ready and willing to fundraise to support additional enhancements to the build that the community and school could access and benefit from
- New build would be a community attraction for new/young families looking to relocate to this area
- One year moratorium so that proper transition planning, school closure planning (if necessary) and staffing can be done. During that year the School Board could develop and submit a business plan for July 2017.
- If capital funding is approved MTPS, MPS, CHSS would remain as is until new build is complete and then all 3 schools merge together as one, **UNLESS** HPEDSB can prove significant cost savings by consolidating MTPS and MPS and moving 7&8's to CHSS in the interim of the new build being completed. In that case that transition would be planned for Sept 2018.