



# Community Planning and Partnerships

INFORMATION SESSION

NOVEMBER 23, 2021

# Agenda

- ▶ Purpose for Information Session
- ▶ Board Policy and Regulation
  - Partnerships Benefits
  - Partnership Evaluation
  - Partnership Requirements
- ▶ Available Facilities
- ▶ New Construction Initiatives
- ▶ Questions



# Purpose for Information Session

- ▶ Develop and grow cooperative and collaborative relationships with community organizations
- ▶ Share information about available space in school facilities for potential partnerships
- ▶ Gain an understanding of facility needs and future plans from our community partners



# Purpose for Information Session (cont'd)



- ▶ Communicate school board planning information annually
- ▶ Optimize the use of the board's existing buildings or new builds

# GECD SB Community Planning & Partnerships Policy

- ▶ Support the Board's mission statement of leading excellence in public education
  - ▶ Creating confident learners
  - ▶ Engaging in diverse communities
  - ▶ Demonstrating ethical stewardship



# GECDSB Community Planning & Partnerships Policy (cont'd)

- ▶ Policy Requirements:
- ▶ Annual public meeting
- ▶ Share information on available unused spaces
  - ▶ New and existing school facilities
- ▶ Third party / community partner use
- ▶ Cost-recovery basis



# GECDSB – Community Planning & Partnerships Policy (cont'd)



## ▶ Benefits:

- ▶ Reduce facility operating costs for school boards and government
- ▶ Improve services and supports available to students
- ▶ Strengthen relationships
- ▶ Maximize use of public infrastructure

# GECDSB – Community Planning & Partnerships Policy (cont'd)



## ▶ Partnership Evaluation:

- ▶ Health and safety of students is protected
- ▶ Appropriate for the school setting
- ▶ Does not compromise student achievement and well-being
- ▶ Zoning and site use restrictions
- ▶ Facility condition
- ▶ Configuration of space
- ▶ Ability to separate the space used by partners



# GECDSB – Community Planning & Partnerships Policy (cont'd)



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## Ineligible Partnerships:

- ▶ Organizations providing competing education services
  - Tutoring services
  - JK – 12 private schools or private colleges
  - Credit offering entities that are not government funded

# GECDSB – Community Planning & Partnerships Policy (cont'd)



- ▶ Partnership Requirements:
- ▶ Operate in accordance with board policies
- ▶ Formal agreement
- ▶ Be transparent, sustainable and supportive of student achievement
- ▶ Partnership staff to complete a criminal background check and vulnerable sector screening

# GECDSB – Community Planning & Partnerships Policy (cont'd)

- ▶ Partnership Cost Requirements:
- ▶ Cost recovery basis
- ▶ Partners responsible for:
  - ▶ Professional, capital, maintenance and operating costs
  - ▶ Applicable taxes
  - ▶ Proportional share of all shared space



# GECDSB – Community Planning & Partnerships Policy (cont'd)



- ▶ Criteria for Facility Availability:
- ▶ A school has, for two or more years:
  - ▶ 60% or less of on-the-ground capacity and/or
  - ▶ 200 or more unused pupil places

# Available Facilities - Potential Partnerships

<b>School</b>	<b>Panel</b>	<b>2021/22 School Capacity</b>	<b>2021/22 Available Space</b>	<b>Accessibility</b>
Centennial Central	Elementary	371 spaces	160 spaces	Yes
Belle River DHS	Secondary	1,086 spaces	287 spaces	Limited – 1 <sup>st</sup> floor
Riverside SS	Secondary	1,302 spaces	406 spaces	Yes

# Available Facilities – Expression of Interest



- ▶ Reason for the interest in partnering with the school and/or board
- ▶ Description of the organization and goals
- ▶ Nature of the product or service of the partnering organization
- ▶ Ability to fund the partnership initiative
- ▶ List of facility requirements and any renovations required

# Available Facilities - Other Initiatives

- ▶ Community use of schools (rentals)
  - ▶ Contact information for the rental office is available on the board website at:
    - ▶ <https://www.publicboard.ca/Community/Rentals-Community-Use/Pages/default.aspx#/=>



# Available Facilities - Other Initiatives (cont'd)



▶ Important Note:

- ▶ Pause in community use (rentals) of schools through to December, 2021.
- ▶ Our board is conscious of the need to promote the health and safety precautions necessary to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our community.
- ▶ Should circumstances improve and community health restrictions eased, this position will be in the new year and further announcements will be shared.



# New Construction Initiatives

- ▶ Kingsville JK-12 school
- ▶ General Amherst / Western SS dual campus school
- ▶ North Shore Dual Track French Immersion Public School
- ▶ James L. Dunn Public School
- ▶ Eastwood / Parkview new public school
- ▶ Essex Public School – child care addition
- ▶ Queen Elizabeth Public School – addition
- ▶ New elementary school in Lakeshore



# New Construction Initiatives (cont'd)



- ▶ Partnership Interest in Co-Building:
- ▶ Partners required to finance their share of construction costs
- ▶ GECDSB will continue to build within Ministry benchmarks for construction
- ▶ Formal agreement

# New Construction Initiatives (cont'd)

- ▶ For a copy of this presentation and partnership information, please visit:
- ▶ <https://www.publicboard.ca/Community/Community-Partnerships/Pages/Community-Planning-and-Partnerships.aspx#/=>





Questions?