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Design of New South Chatham Catholic Elementary School

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Background

On June 8, 2021, the Board of Trustees received for information an overview of design work for new South Chatham Catholic Elementary School, in Chatham. Four virtual input sessions were held with a Consultation Committee, which included students, parents, teaching and support staff from St. Ursula Catholic School and Georges P. Vanier Catholic school and support staff from Special Education, Catholic Learning Services, CLASS, Facility Services and senior administration. A session was also scheduled for Trustees and a childcare user group. Paul Sapounzi and Ed Bordeau of +VG The Ventin Group Architects, the lead architects for the project, facilitated the virtual sessions. The Municipality of Chatham-Kent has participated in a site plan review.

Some of the features that will be incorporated into the new school's design include:

- A 60,563 square foot two storey building with a 5,500 square foot gym;
- Two storey learning commons
- An outdoor classroom
- 24 classrooms (including four Kindergarten classrooms);
- A 5,426 square foot child care centre with three rooms (infant, toddler, and pre-school and separate outdoor play spaces
- An eight acre site, with approximately 105 parking spaces.

In August 2017, the Ministry of Education announced $13,357,502 in funding for the new Catholic elementary school in Chatham. A further $1,573,010 was approved for a childcare facility in the new school with three rooms and 49 childcare spaces. Final Ministry approval for the project is expected in December 2021, with the tendering process in January 2022.

Construction is expected to begin in March 2022. The new South Chatham school is expected to open in September 2023.

Recommendations

That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board receive the report: *Design of New South Chatham Catholic School* **for information**.