

Frequently Asked Questions from ThoughtExchange (Continued)

Will elementary and secondary students be in the same classes and be on the same sports teams?

The [7-12 Program Review](#) recommended that the East Kitchener 7-12 Catholic School be designed to accommodate elementary and secondary students in a single building, but Grade 7 & 8 students would be in a different wing or on a separate floor. Elementary and secondary divisions would operate on their own schedules during the day and would not be in the same classes.

Sports teams will be available for each division, but elementary students would not participate on high school sports teams.

What happens to staff teaching grades 7 and 8 in the schools becoming JK to 6?

The new 7-12 school would be staffed using the traditional transfer process, which would be open for all teachers in the system and not just those from the affected schools. If teachers are deemed to be surplus in their current school, they may apply to another school that is increasing a class. Similar processes would apply to both elementary and secondary school teachers impacted by the changes resulting from opening the new East Kitchener 7-12 school (i.e. St. Mary's HS staff and elementary school staff) and new St. Patrick school.

Can St. Daniel CES remain a JK to 8 school instead of one of the other two schools proposed as JK to 8 schools?

Keeping St. Daniel CES as JK-8 was considered in some of the options, but this was not a part of Option 6, the preferred option. Any of the options that proposed St. Daniel CES to remain as JK to 8 school, the school remained over capacity. One of the reasons Option 6 was selected as the preferred option included St. Daniel CES having more enrolment relief, which would benefit the school community as it is increasingly growing.

The new St. Patrick CES is proposed to be a JK to 8 school as it provides for a better long-term utilization of a new school being constructed with more pupil places. St. Anne (K) CEC is also proposed to remain JK to 8 to accommodate French Immersion until grade 8.

How will students with special education needs be supported in the East Kitchener 7-12 school?

The 7-12 Program Review recommended "That special education programming in a Grade 7-12 school be delivered consistently with elementary and secondary panel programming throughout the board."

Grade 7 & 8 Students in the East Kitchener 7-12 school with special education needs will be provided with the same opportunities for support as in a JK-8 school environment. Grade 9-12 students will have special education supports specific to their needs and grade level.

Staffing and processes to support students with exceptionalities will be provided to ensure a supportive environment and transitional planning will occur to support students and their families through the proposed changes.

Why was sub-area V never considered to be moved to St. Patrick?

In the options considered, sub-area V was proposed to either remain within the Saint John Paul II boundary or get redirected to St. Daniel CES. Proposing to move sub-area V to St. Patrick CES would not create contiguous boundaries.