

Public Update from the Report to Board Oct 14, 2025

The Near North District School Board (NND SB) remains committed to the successful completion and future occupancy of the new Parry Sound JK–12 School. While a confirmed occupancy date has not yet been established, the building progress continues across key areas of construction, safety compliance, and regulatory approvals. Families were provided with an update on September 26, outlining recent developments and milestones achieved in the building process. This report provides Trustees with a current overview of the project’s status and highlights the work underway to bring the new school to completion.

Building Systems and Inspections

Water Service:

Although water was turned off for a period of time due to a water main break on site, it was reinstated following the submission of an engineer’s report with direction to provide additional information to the Town’s Public Works Department and temporary approval by this department enabled the continued commissioning of building systems.

Electrical:

Progressing, with some outstanding installations of specific receptacle requirements for technology closets/UPS hardware and eventual final installation of switches/Wi-Fi and internet service throughout the site. Deficiencies are being addressed, and ESA inspections are ongoing as work is completed.

Life Safety Components – annunciator panel installed, electrified wayfinding signage (exit signs) installed, horns and lights currently being installed, BAS system installed, yet to be programmed, security system currently being set up with service provider and hardware installer.

Mechanical:

Sprinkler systems, heating, and ventilation systems are nearing completion. Some final connections and testing remain.

Interior Finishes:

The gymnasium and stage flooring are complete. Line painting to follow curing.

Painting and millwork deficiencies are being addressed.

Acoustic and custom ceiling work is ongoing.

Audio-Visual: Installation in the cafetorium and drama room is nearing completion.

Hexpods and Site Work

All six hexpods are on site and connected to foundations. Exterior finishing of wood decking, ramps and stairs is nearing completion with minor work remaining. Interior radiant heating units and electrical hook up underway. Interior painting and painting of exterior doors is ongoing.

Temporary staff parking is complete and in use. Permanent asphalt, sidewalks, curbs and landscaping/sod complete in the majority of areas around the new build.

Next Steps Toward Occupancy

To occupy the premises, all inspections as required by the building permit, and a notice of completion/notice of substantial performance issued by the Architect is required. The general contractor is currently working towards closing off any outstanding inspections, and inspections are occurring regularly.

Life Safety Certifications:

Final testing and certification by Electrical Safety Authority, Technical Standards and Safety Authority, and the Prime Consultant are ongoing.

Municipal and Ministry Approvals:

North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, Parry Sound Fire Department, and Emergency Services site visits will be scheduled over the coming weeks as work is completed, and sign off's to be submitted to the Town of Parry Sound to issue the Occupancy permit.

Ministry of Education inspection of the Child Care space to be scheduled once resources provided by the NNDSB are installed.

Transition Planning:

Prior to occupancy being granted, certain new resources or some currently in storage may be relocated and positioned within the new building. This should not be interpreted as an indication that a move is imminent, but rather as an opportunity to begin setting up in preparation for eventual occupancy.

As we move towards obtaining occupancy, NNDSB will initiate:

- Delivery and setup of new furnishings.
- Transition of remaining resources and equipment.
- Move coordination.

The Near North District School Board (NNDSB) continues to advance toward the completion and occupancy of the new Parry Sound JK–12 School. While a firm occupancy date is not yet available, significant progress has been made across key construction, safety, and regulatory milestones. NNDSB will communicate a detailed transition timeline to staff, students, families, and community partners once confirmed in consultation with the Ministry of Education.