

Public Update: Next Steps Toward Occupancy of the New JK-12 School

Near North District School Board understands that staff, students, families and community partners are eager to receive a firm completion timeline for the new JK-12 school. At this time, NNDSB remains unable to provide specific dates for occupancy of the new JK-12 school.

Below you will find the outline of the upcoming steps required before staff, students, and community partners can begin using the new JK-12 school building.

Final Construction and Safety Approvals

The General Contractor must reach Substantial Completion for the main building, portables, and temporary parking arrangements. All life safety systems must be fully installed, tested, and certified. Inspections and certifications are required from agencies including (but not limited to):

- Electrical Safety Authority (ESA)
- Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA)
- Prime Consultant (Architect) – who will provide a general and final conformance review

Regulatory and Municipal Clearances

Site visits will be conducted by:

- Health Unit – to ensure food preparation and sanitary areas meet regulated standards.
- Fire Department and Emergency Services – to familiarize themselves with the building and site layout.
- The Fire Safety Plan will be reviewed and approved by the Fire Department.
- The Town of Parry Sound Building Department will review all documentation and once satisfied, will issue the Occupancy Permit.
- The Ministry of Education will complete an inspection of the childcare program.

Deficiency Review

In the final stages of preparing the new JK–12 school for occupancy, a deficiency list will be issued by the Prime Consultant to the General Contractor. This list identifies minor workmanship issues that are typical in large-scale construction projects of this nature. Most of these items will be resolved prior to occupancy,

ensuring a safe and functional environment for students and staff, although some deficiency repairs/remediation may occur following occupancy of the building.

Move Management and Transition

Once the Town of Parry Sound Building Department grants a permit to occupy, the process to prepare spaces for use will begin. New furnishings will be delivered. Following the equipping of spaces with these furnishings, the transition of existing resources will begin.

Professional movers will handle furniture, equipment, and boxed resources. Staff discussions and scheduling will begin immediately following the Town's occupancy approval.

Timing

Although NNDSB remains unable to provide specific dates for occupancy of the new JK-12 school, once a transition timeline can be developed in consultation with the Ministry of Education, this will be communicated to staff, students, families, and community partners. We appreciate your continued support and look forward to welcoming students into this exciting new learning environment.