

**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2025**

***PUBLIC SESSION***

**TITLE: 2025-2026 PARENTS REACHING OUT (PRO) GRANTS**

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The report on the 2025-2026 Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants is presented for information.

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Prepared by: Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Superintendent of Education

Presented by: Lee Ann Forsyth-Sells, Superintendent of Education

Approved by: Camillo Cipriano, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer

Date: September 10, 2025



## **REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SEPTEMBER 10, 2025**

### **2025-2026 PARENTS REACHING OUT (PRO) GRANTS**

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#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Ministry of Education continues to support parental involvement in Ontario schools by funding Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants. The Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants program provides funding to district school boards and school authorities to lead projects with a focus on the identification and removal of barriers that prevent parents and families from participating and engaging fully in their children's learning.

This funding supports projects that are initiated by parents through communication with the Niagara Catholic Parent Involvement Committee and Catholic School Councils. For the 2025-2026 this funding will be transferred from Priorities and Partnerships Funding (PPF) into a new component of the Parent Engagement Allocation within the School Foundation Grant.

The Parent Engagement Allocation has three components – PIC (\$8,886), School Councils (\$28,500), and PRO (\$30,000) – each with its own funding calculation. School boards are expected to comply with Ontario Regulation 612/00: *School Councils and Parent Involvement Committees*.

This new PRO component, funded through a combined amount of \$1,500 per school board and \$500 per school committee, supports school boards to work with their Parent Involvement Committees (PICs) in order to lead initiatives that address local parent needs and/or remove barriers that prevent parents from participating and engaging fully in their children's learning and educational progress.

This year, through the PRO Grant component (\$30,000), Catholic School Councils may apply for additional funds up to \$1000.00 to support parent engagement activities at the school level through an application process. Applications and funding allocations will be approved in alignment with Ministry criteria. Principals and Catholic School Council Chair/Co-Chairs have been notified about this funding opportunity.

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**TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2025**

***PUBLIC SESSION***

**TITLE: STAFF DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

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The Staff Development Department Professional Development Opportunities report is  
presented for information.

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Prepared by: Pat Rocca, Superintendent of Education  
Anthony Corapi, Coordinator of Staff Development

Presented by: Pat Rocca, Superintendent of Education

Approved by: Camillo Cipriano, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer

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## REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

### STAFF DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In alignment with Niagara Catholic's Multi-Year Strategic Plan, the Department of Staff Development, as an integral aspect of its mandate, acts as the point of co-ordination among various departments. Thus ensuring that all professional development opportunities for staff, both teaching and non-teaching, occur in a seamless fashion to minimize disruptions to the myriad services provided within our Niagara Catholic community. The following is a listing of activities occurring during the period September 9, 2025 through October 14, 2025.

#### Faith Day, September 19, 2025

The theme for Faith Day is *“Called by Name: Go and Make Disciples.”*

The venue for all elementary and secondary school staff is their home school.

#### ELEMENTARY SCHEDULE

TIME	ACTIVITIES
8:30	Arrival
8:45-9:30	Mass or Prayer Service <i>Schools are encouraged to begin the day with Mass. Where this is not possible, a prepared prayer service will be provided by September 1st.</i>
9:30-9:50	Break
9:50-10:30	“Go & Make Disciples” <i>Prerecorded Keynote will be provided by September 1st.</i>
10:30-11:15	Small Group Discussions <i>Reflection questions will be provided by September 1st.</i>
11:15-12:15	Lunch

12:15-2:30	School-Based Activities - “Called by Name: Go and Make Disciples”
2:30-3:00	Closing Prayer & Time for Personal Reflection

## SECONDARY SCHEDULE

TIME	ACTIVITIES
8:00	Arrival
8:15-9:00	Mass or Prayer Service <i>Schools are encouraged to begin the day with Mass. Where this is not possible, a prepared prayer service will be provided by September 1st.</i>
9:00-9:20	Break
9:20-10:00	“Go & Make Disciples” <i>Prerecorded Keynote will be provided by September 1st.</i>
10:00-10:45	Small Group Discussions <i>Reflection questions will be provided by September 1st.</i>
10:45-11:45	Lunch
11:45-2:00	School-Based Activities - “Called by Name: Go and Make Disciples”
2:00-2:30	Closing Prayer & Time for Personal Reflection

## FAITH DAY RESOURCES

The [Faith Day -Sept 2025 Google Drive](#) folder includes a Prayer Service for schools unable to celebrate morning Mass at their local parish, and suggested activities for the afternoon “Go and Make Disciples” Session.

Principals and Chaplaincy Leaders may choose to develop their own session provided it reflects upon the “Called By Name: Go and Make Disciples” theme.

**Please note:** The folder will be updated by **September 1st** with the Prayer Service outline, catechesis video and reflection questions.

## NON-SCHOOL BASED STAFF

While Professional Activity Days are essentially for teaching staff, as is our Niagara Catholic culture and practice, we believe that this is an enriching opportunity to bring all interested non-school based staff together to participate in Faith Day 2025.

This includes staff based out of the following locations:

- Catholic Education Centre
- Pope Francis Centre
- St. Kateri Tekakwitha Centre
- Catholic Resource Centre
- St. Thomas Technology Centre

A central faith day for all the non-school based staff based at the locations above will be organized by the Board Faith Formation team.

The Staff Development Professional Development Opportunities report is presented for information.

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Anthony Corapi, Coordinator of Staff Development

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***PUBLIC SESSION***

**TITLE: CAPITAL PROJECTS PROGRESS REPORT UPDATE**

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The capital projects progress update report is presented for information.

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Prepared by: Tunde Labbancz, Administrator Design and Construction

Presented by: Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business and Financial Services

Approved by: Camillo Cipriano, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer

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## **REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SEPTEMBER 9, 2025**

### **CAPITAL PROJECTS PROGRESS REPORT UPDATE**

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#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Individual progress reports for capital projects are presented as follow:

#### **IN PROGRESS**

**Appendix A**      New Elementary School Kalar Road, Niagara Falls

**Appendix B**      New Elementary School Greenlane Road, Beamsville

The capital projects progress update report is presented for information.

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Presented by:       Giancarlo Vetrone, Superintendent of Business and Financial Services

Approved by:       Camillo Cipriano, Director of Education/Secretary-Treasurer

Date:                 September 9, 2025





# PROJECT PROGRESS AND STATUS REPORT

NEW CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, NIAGARA FALLS

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## A - General information

Project Name	<b>Catholic Elementary School</b> <b>Kalar Rd., Niagara Falls</b>
Report Prepared by	Tunde Labbancz, Administrator, Facilities Services
Project Sponsors:	Domenic Massi, Superintendent Principal, TBD
Date	August 26, 2025
Reporting Period	August 2025

## B - Executive Summary

### Overall Status

	<i>Controlled</i>	<i>Caution</i>	<i>Critical</i>	<i>Reason for Deviation (Comments)</i>
<b>Budget:</b>				
<b>Schedule:</b>				
<b>Scope:</b>				
<b>Quality:</b>				



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Executive Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ <b>PROJECT INFORMATION</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Area of New School to be Constructed: 37,250 sf.</li><li>○ New School Capacity: 363 students</li><li>○ Number of Classrooms: 15</li><li>○ Childcare NO</li></ul></li><li>➤ <b>PROJECT FUNDING</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Capital Priorities Grant \$14,033,019</li><li>○ Additional Funding Approval for Childcare N/A</li></ul></li><li>➤ Geotechnical Report and Chemical/Soils Analysis underway</li></ul>
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### C – Scheduled Milestones / Deliverables

Milestone / Deliverable	Expected On	Actual On	Status
Funding Approval		March 27, 2024	COMPLETED
Architect Selection	September 2024	December 2024	COMPLETED
Design Development	October 2024		IN PROGRESS
Ministry Approval to Proceed with Tender	March 2025		NOT STARTED
Site Plan Approval	May 2025		IN PROGRESS
Building Permit	May 2025		NOT STARTED
Project Tender	April 2025		NOT STARTED
Construction Start	May 2025		NOT STARTED
Parking lot and Playgrounds	August 2026		NOT STARTED
Occupancy	September 2026		NOT STARTED
Additional Milestones			NOT STARTED

### D – Open Action Items

#	Title	Expected Delivery	Owner / Approver	Status
1	MTO approval	May 2025		NOT STARTED
2	SPA approval	May 2025		IN PROGRESS
3	MOE approval to proceed to Tender	March 2025		NOT STARTED
4	Building Permit approval	May 2025		NOT STARTED



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### E - Issues, Risks, Challenges and discussion items

#	Title	Description	Owner	Status
1	Risk item 1		NCDSB	NOT STARTED
2	Risk Item 2		NCDSB	NOT STARTED
3	Risk Item 3		NCDSB	NOT STARTED

### F - Accomplishments / Plans

#### Accomplishments during *this Reporting Period* :

1. Prime Consulting Services Tender closed on Biddingo for architect selection
2. Architectural and Engineering Consultants hired
3. Design Development at 90%
4. Received comments from City of Niagara Falls for Site Plan Approval
5. Cost Consultant hired for Class A construction cost estimate

#### Plans during the next Reporting Period:

1. Finish Design Development phase
2. Revise Architectural drawings to reflect changes required for Site Plan Approval.
3. Obtain Class A construction cost estimate
4. Obtain Site Plan Approval form City of Niagara Falls



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### G - Project Status Report / Signatures

*I have reviewed the information contained in this Project Progress And Status Report and agree:*

<i><b>Name / Title</b></i>	<i><b>Company</b></i>		
Project Manager	NCDSB	Tunde Labbancz	August 26, 2025
Superintendent of Business and Financial Services	NCDSB	Giancarlo Vetrone	
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### CONCEPTUAL DESIGN 2024

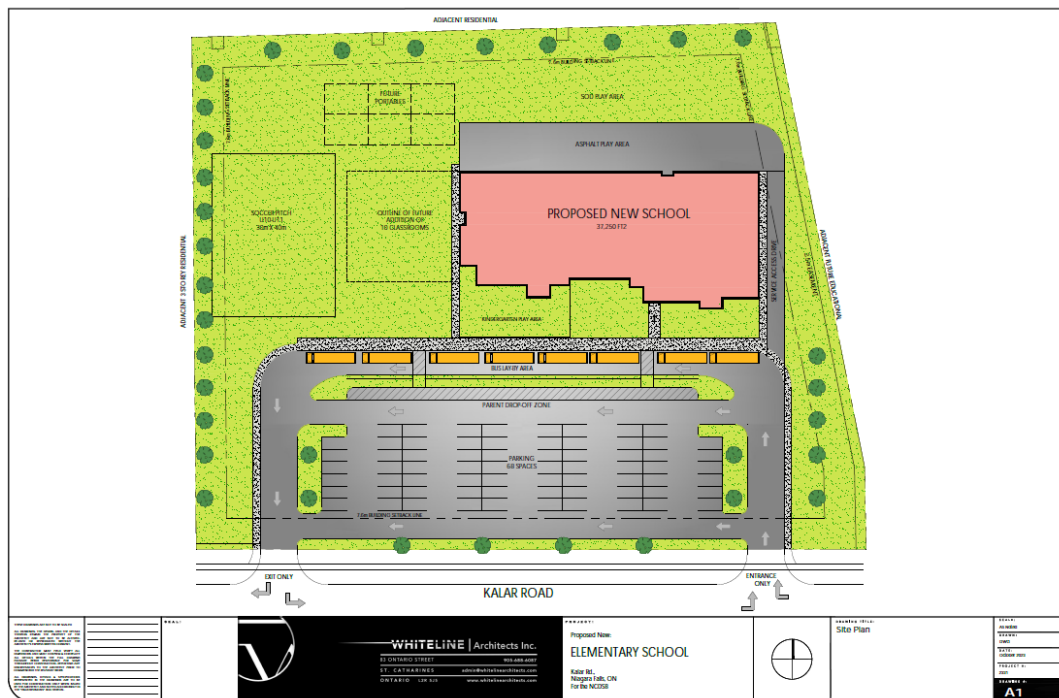
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## CONCEPTUAL SITEPLAN 2024

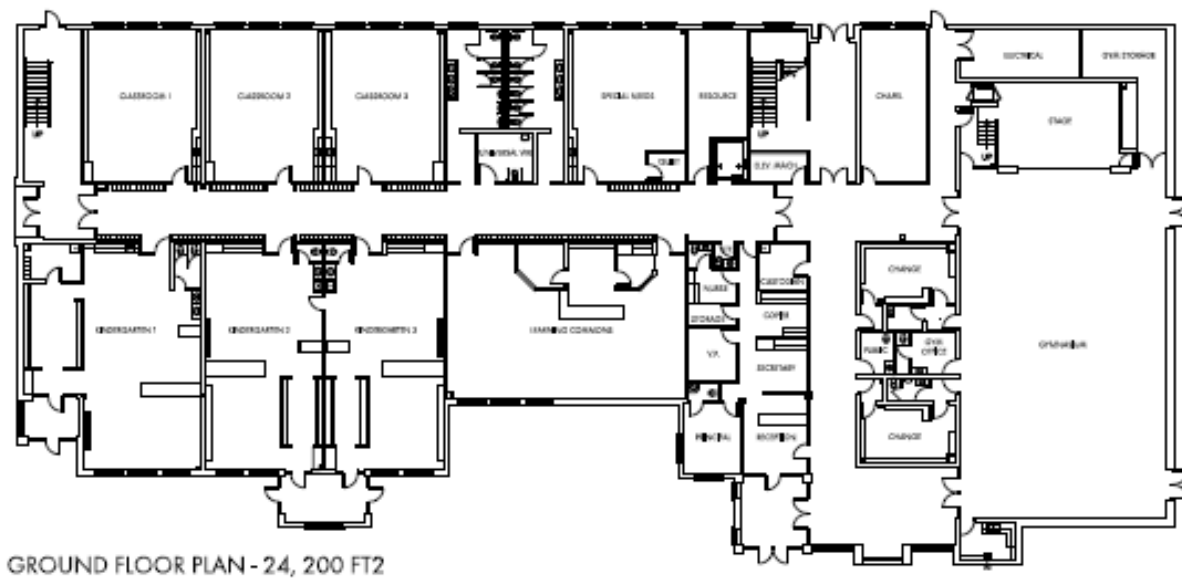
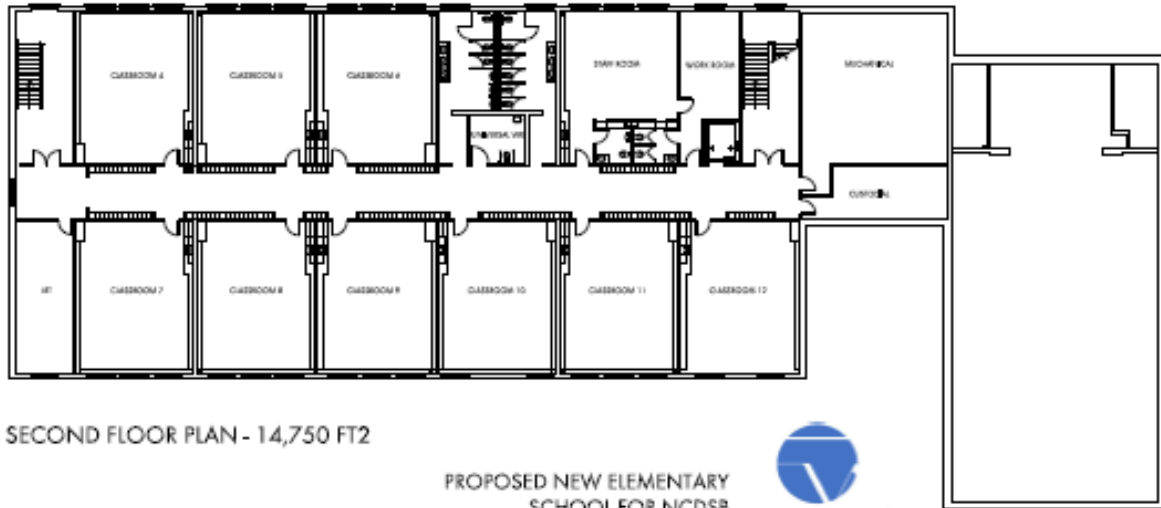


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### CONCEPTUAL FLOOR PLAN 2024















### FINAL FRONT ELEVATION 2025

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A - General information	
Project Name	<b>St Luke Catholic Elementary School</b> <b>Greenlane Rd., Beamsville</b>
Report Prepared by	Tunde Labbancz, Administrator of Facilities Services
Project Sponsors:	Gino Pizzoferrato, Superintendent Principal, TBD
Date	August 26, 2025
Reporting Period	August 2025

B - Executive Summary				
Overall Status				
	<i>Controlled</i>	<i>Caution</i>	<i>Critical</i>	<i>Reason for Deviation (Comments)</i>
<b>Budget:</b>				Construction cost estimate done at 80% construction drawings indicates project will come in over budget at tender phase. Ministry of Education has approved additional financial resources.
<b>Schedule:</b>				Project delayed due to preliminary engineering requirements for SPA. Ministry has been notified.
<b>Scope:</b>				
<b>Quality:</b>				



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Executive Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>PROJECT INFORMATION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Area of New School to be Constructed: 42,442 sf.</li> <li>○ New School Capacity: 421 students</li> <li>○ Number of Classrooms: 18</li> <li>○ Childcare: 3 Rooms</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ <b>PROJECT FUNDING</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Capital Priorities Grant \$10,108,084</li> <li>○ Additional Funding Approval for Childcare \$2,014,523</li> <li>○ Additional Capital Priorities Funding \$11,227,798</li> <li>○ Additional Childcare Funding \$1,086,743</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Ministry Approval to Proceed to Tender received.</li> <li>➤ Tender documents completed.</li> <li>➤ Expected school opening tentatively 2027.</li> </ul>
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C – Scheduled Milestones / Deliverables			
Milestone / Deliverable	Expected On	Actual On	Status
Funding Approval		July 15, 2022	COMPLETED
Architect Selection	December 2022	February 2023	COMPLETED
Design Development	January 2023	May 2023	COMPLETED
Ministry Approval to Proceed with Tender	March 2024	July 30, 2025	COMPLETED
Site Plan Approval	May 2024	August 25, 2025	COMPLETED
Building Permit	May 2024		IN PROGRESS
Project Tender	April 2024		NOT STARTED
Construction Start	May/June 2023		NOT STARTED
Parking lot and Playgrounds			NOT STARTED
Occupancy	September 2025		NOT STARTED
Additional Milestones			NOT STARTED

D – Open Action Items				
#	Title	Expected Delivery	Owner / Approver	Status
1	MTO approval	May 2024	June 2025	COMPLETED
2	SPA approval	May 2024	August 2025	COMPLETED
3	MOE approval to proceed to Tender	March 2024	July 2025	COMPLETED
4	Building Permit approval	May 2024		IN PROGRESS

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### E - Issues, Risks, Challenges and discussion items

#	Title	Description	Owner	Status
1	Risk item 1	Archeological Survey	NCDSB	COMPLETE
2	Risk Item 2	Soil Remediation, Topsoil Removal, and Tree Removal Tender posted	NCDSB	COMPLETE
3	Risk Item 3	Site Plan Modifications Requested Through Comments from the Town of Lincoln	ARCHITECT	COMPLETED

### F - Accomplishments / Plans

#### Accomplishments during *this Reporting Period* :

1. MOE application for additional funding has been requested.
2. Tree Removal, Soil Remediation, and Topsoil Removal completed.
3. MOE Approval to Proceed to Tender obtained.
4. Letter of Credit issued to the Town of Lincoln for Site Plan Approval.
5. Environmental Assessment completed and sent to the Town of Lincoln.
6. Additional funding received from MOE.

#### Plans during the next Reporting Period:

1. Obtain Building Permit from the Town of Lincoln.
2. Prepare documents for project tender.

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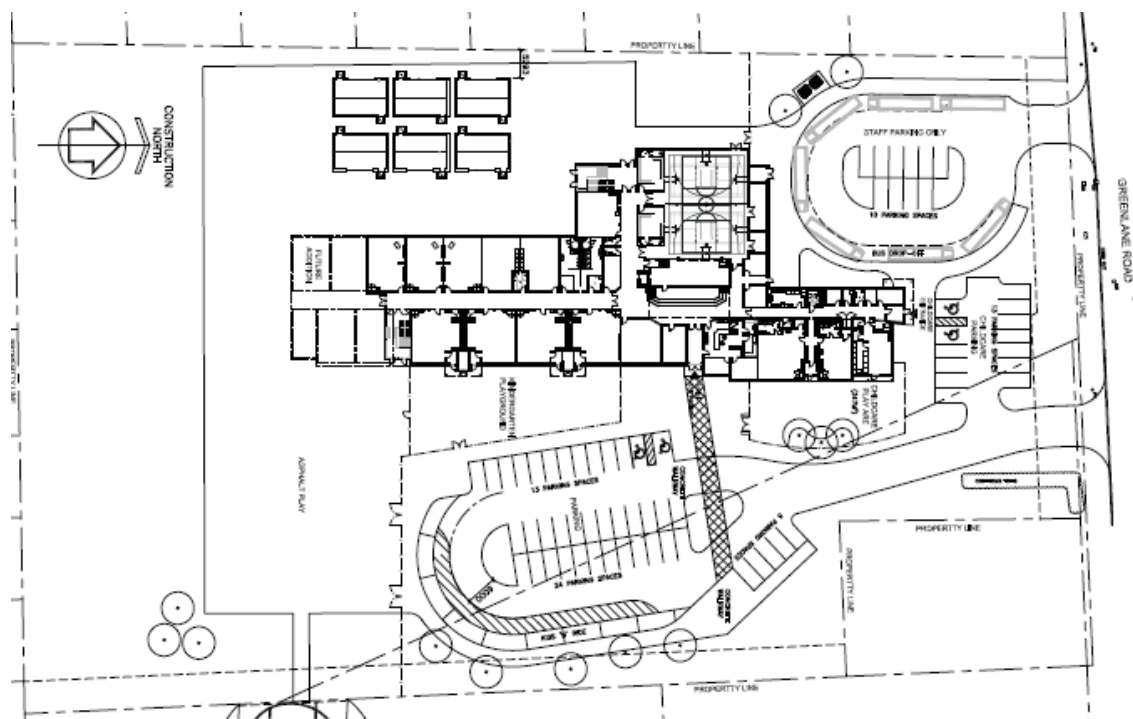
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### CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN 2024



### CONCEPTUAL ELEVATION PLAN 2024

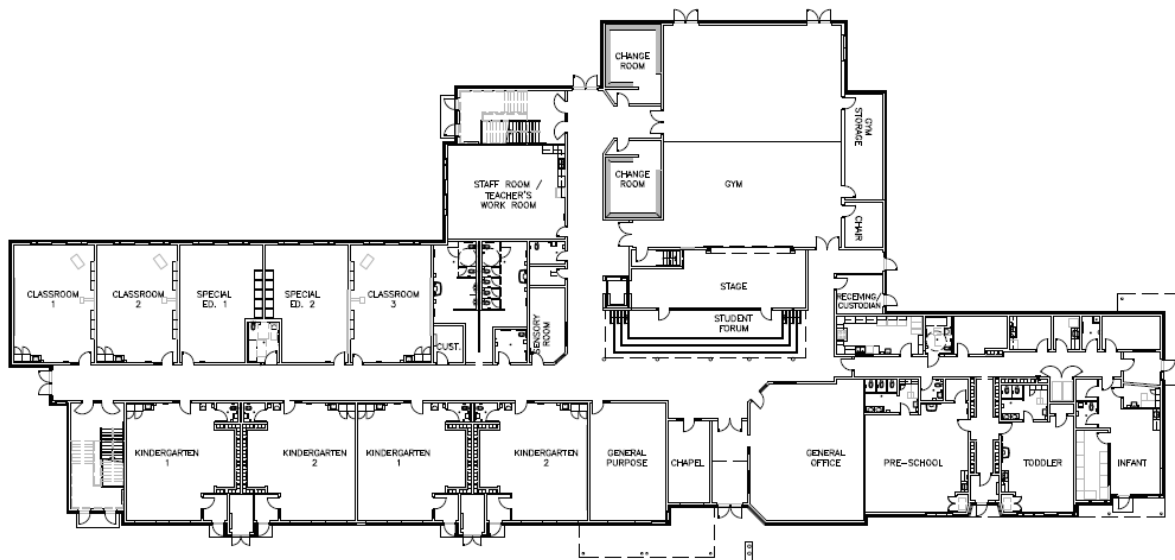


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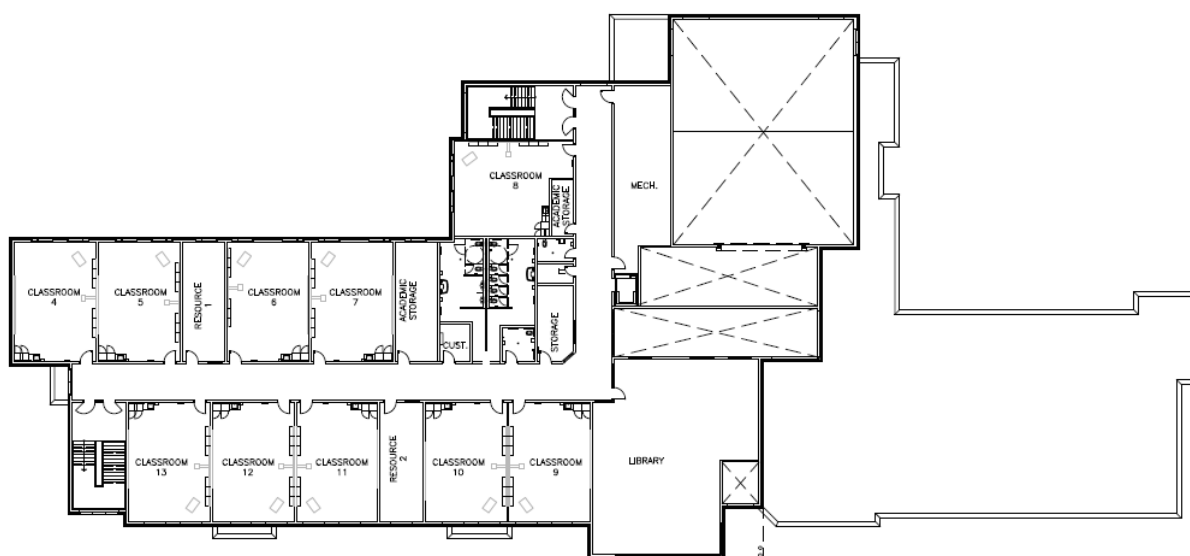
### CONCEPTUAL FLOOR PLAN 2024



#### GROUND FLOOR

SCHOOL: 2,295m<sup>2</sup> (24,703 SF)

CHILDCARE: 447m<sup>2</sup> (4,811 SF)



#### SECOND FLOOR

SCHOOL: 1,628m<sup>2</sup> (17,523 SF)

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### FINAL RENDERING





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### SITE VIEW FROM GREENLANE ROAD



### TREE REMOVAL AND SOIL REMEDIATION – NOVEMBER 2024

