

# Update on the Norseman JMS – Castlebar Planning Process

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## Agenda

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5	Conclusion	Pamela Gough, Trustee Tracy Hayhurst, SOE

### What do we know?

- Castlebar will be opened in September 2017 as a satellite to accommodate Grade 4 and 5 students from Norseman JMS during construction.
- The purpose of the satellite is to minimize the number of portables/students on-site during construction of the 12-room addition.
- The Castlebar building will be renovated during the summer of 2017 to accommodate the students.
- There is projected to be approximately 130 Grade 4-5 students in the Castlebar building for September 2017.
- To accommodate the interim use, there will be 8 rooms renovated in Castlebar (6 regular, 1 instrumental music, 1 HSP), plus a library and staff room, renovations to the gymnasium, staff room and other areas.
- We know that Castlebar - in a configuration yet to be determined - will become part of the long-term accommodation plan for the Norseman community, **and that a formal study will commence to determine the use of the building in early 2018.**

### What do we **not** know (and what's next)?

- We do not yet know how Castlebar will be used at the conclusion of the 2018-19 school year.
- At this point no decision has been made regarding the future of Castlebar beyond September 2019, when the Norseman addition is anticipated to be complete.
- As per the Board's draft Long-Term Program & Accommodation Strategy, staff will assemble a Local Feasibility Team (LFT) in the **early 2018** to discuss the long-term accommodation plan for the Norseman JMS and Castlebar sites.
- The LFT will include central TDSB staff (Planning, Facilities, other program staff as required), the local Trustee, Superintendent and school Principal, that will develop and analyze a variety of potential accommodation options. These could include the following, as examples:
  - Continue to operate the building as a Grade 4-5 satellite of Norseman JMS (*is it working, is it not working, are there elements to be improved?*)
  - Operate the Castlebar building as a satellite serving a different grade configuration, or;
  - Operate the Castlebar a standalone school with its own attendance boundary

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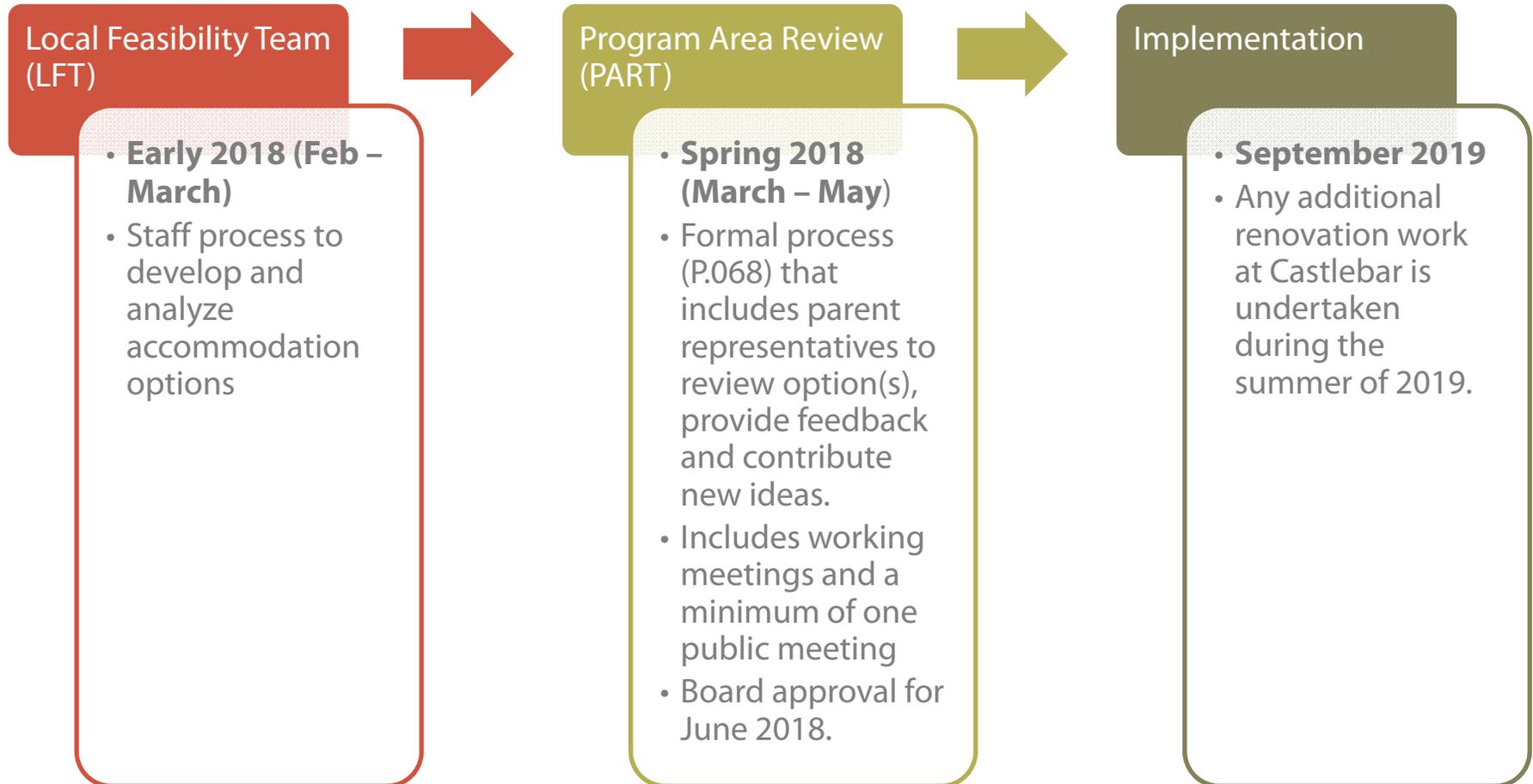
- The Local Feasibility Team will develop, review and consider a variety of options and land on a preferred model.
- A standalone school (as examples, JK to Grade 3 or JK to Grade 5) at Castlebar would require a number of different boundary and grade range scenarios to be developed for review by the Local Feasibility Team.
- If a different use for Castlebar is preferred, then how students are transitioned into the Castlebar site would be a point of discussion (grand parenting, moving en masse etc...)
- At the conclusion of the Local Feasibility Team process the recommendations will be brought forward to the Norseman community in the form of a **Program Area Review Team (PART)**, which is a consultative process, in **the spring of 2018**.
- A PART includes parent representatives who will have an opportunity to review the option(s), provide feedback, contribute additional ideas, seek additional feedback from parents/community and make recommendations to staff.
- The PART includes working meetings and a *minimum* of 1 public consultation meeting.

### What do we **not** know (and what's next)?

- The formal PART could begin as early as March 2018 and conclude with recommendations to the Board for final approval in June 2018.
- This would provide the community with one full year of notice regarding pending accommodation changes, should they be approved by the Board.
  - This ensures that enrolment projections/staffing for the 2019-20 school year can accurately reflect the approved changes.
- Implementation of the PART recommendations would occur for September 2019.
- If further renovations are required to accommodate a standalone school (e.g. FDK rooms) then these renovations would be completed over the summer of 2019.
  - Permits and approvals would be obtained after the Board approval of the recommended accommodation option in June 2018.

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### To Summarize,



## Castlebar PS: September 2017 Re-Opening

### Program:

8 classrooms:

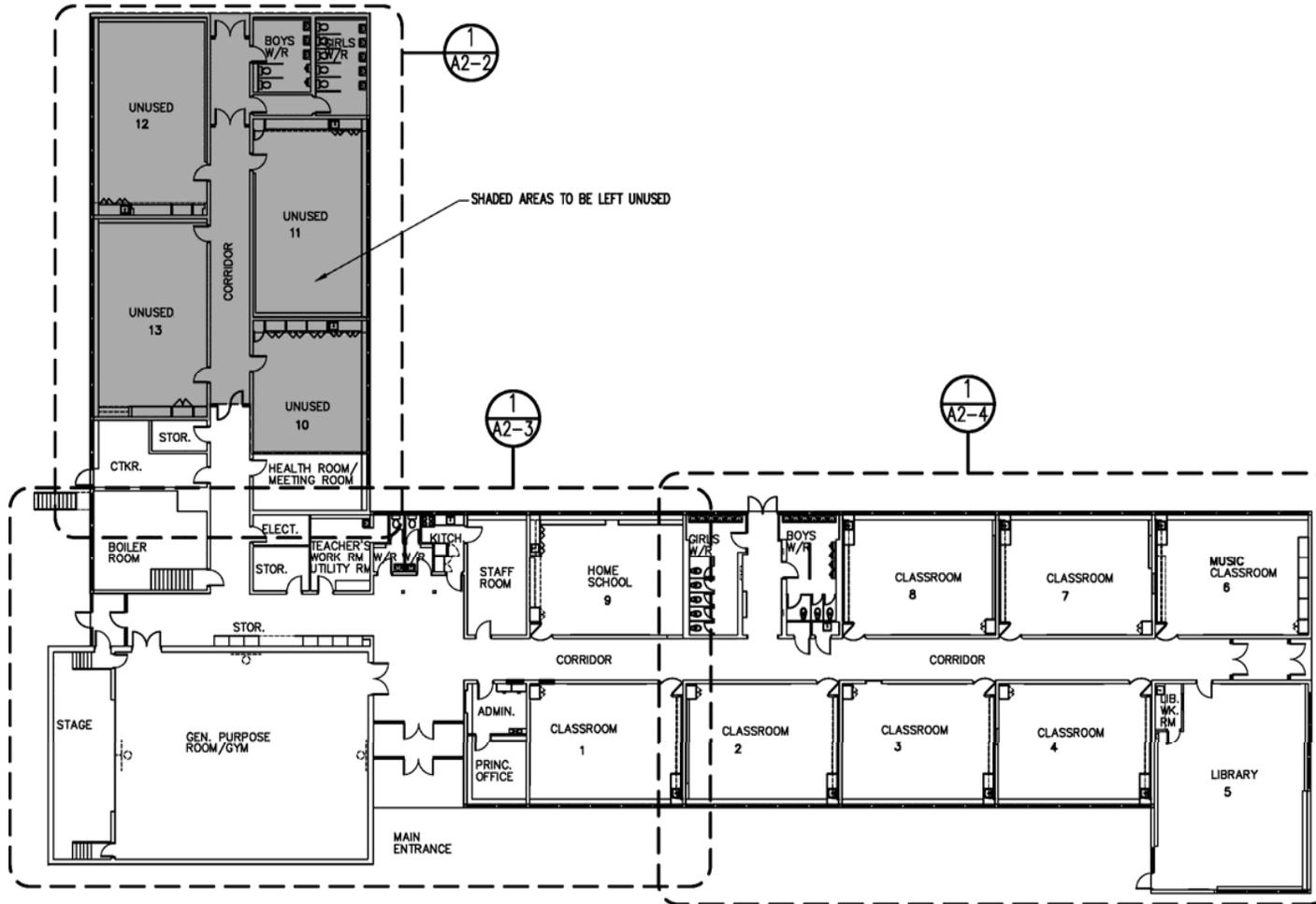
- 6 Instructional Classrooms for Grade 4 and 5 students
- 1 Specialty Space (Music)
- 1 Room for the Home School Program (HSP)

Amenity/Support spaces:

- School office, staff room, C/T office, gymnasium and library.
- Outdoor paved play area, fencing upgrade



# Castlebar PS: Floor Plan



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