

**Final Report of the Program Area Review Team for  
Oakridge Jr PS & Samuel Hearne MS  
March 23, 2015**

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

**The Oakridge Jr PS & Samuel Hearne MS Program Area Review Team recommends:**

- 1. That Oakridge Junior Public School be converted from a Junior Kindergarten to Grade 5 school to a Junior Kindergarten to Grade 4 school and that Samuel Hearne Middle School be converted from a Grade 6 to Grade 8 school to a Grade 5 to Grade 8 school effective September 1, 2015.**

**BACKGROUND**

- **Oakridge Jr PS (JK – Grade 5)**

➤ Ministry Rated Capacity:	703
➤ Portables on Site:	7
➤ Actual Enrolment October 2014:	771
➤ Actual Utilization Rate October 2014:	110%
➤ Projected Enrolment October 2015:	781
➤ Projected Utilization Rate October 2015:	111%
➤ Projected Enrolment October 2019:	830
➤ Projected Utilization Rate October 2019:	118%
- **Samuel Hearne MS (Grade 6 – 8)**

➤ Ministry Rated Capacity:	423
➤ Actual Enrolment October 2014:	281
➤ Actual Utilization Rate October 2014:	66%
➤ Projected Enrolment October 2015:	280
➤ Projected Utilization Rate October 2015:	66%
➤ Projected Enrolment October 2019:	293
➤ Projected Utilization Rate October 2019:	69%
- The Program Area Review Team examined grade changes at both schools in order to maximize the use of space between the two facilities and reduce the number of portables on site.
- The proposed Site Master Plan, currently in the development stage, allows for a maximum of four portables on site. The plan includes the installation of artificial turf scheduled for installation in 2016.
- A Community Meeting held on February 23, 2015 during Local Feasibility provided an opportunity for parents to provide feedback on the student accommodation options being examined by the Team.
- A second Community Meeting held on March 23, 2015 as part of the PART process, enabled the Team to present the recommended student accommodation option and outline a transition plan.

## STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Program Area Review Team		
School/Organization	Name	Role
Oakridge Jr PS	Heather Groves	Principal
Oakridge Jr PS	Javed KhanMajlish	School Council Chair
Samuel Hearne MS	Sohail Shaikh	Principal
Samuel Hearne MS	Monjur Mahmud	School Council Chair
TDSB Representative	Stacey Michener	Superintendent (Chair)
Trustee (Ward 18)	Parthi Kandavel	Trustee

Staff Resources		
Organization	Name	Role
TDSB Central Staff	Geof McMacken	Educational Planning Officer

Meeting Details		
Meeting Type	Date	Time
Committee	March 6, 2015	2:00pm
Public Meeting	March 23, 2015	3:30pm
Committee	March 23, 2015	6:00pm

## ANALYSIS OF ALTERNATIVES

The Program Area Review Team considered 3 options:

1. Consolidate the Oakridge Jr PS and Samuel Hearne MS into one school and provide a connection between the two facilities.
2. Convert Oakridge Jr PS from a JK to Grade 5 junior school to a JK to Grade 4 Junior School and convert Samuel Hearne MS from a Grade 6 to 8 middle school to a Grade 5 to 8 Middle School.
3. Convert Oakridge Jr PS from a JK to Grade 5 junior school to a JK to Grade 3 Primary School and convert Samuel Hearne MS from a Grade 6 to 8 middle school to a Grade 4 to 8 Middle School.

The analysis summarized in Appendix 1 suggests:

- Status Quo school organizations result in continued overcrowding at Oakridge Jr PS and the need for up to 11 portables while Samuel Hearne MS has surplus pupil places;
- A grade change to both schools provides more efficient use of existing facilities and reduces the number of portables required on the site;
- No significant capital is required in the short-term, thus maintaining the uncomplicated nature of the grade range change recommended;
- In the long-term, both schools will need to be considered as Emerging Capital Priorities if student enrolment continues to increase as the projections indicate.

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

- Option 2, converting Oakridge Jr PS to a JK to Grade 4 Junior School and converting Samuel Hearne MS into a Grade 5 to 8 Middle School was the only student accommodation proposal that generated support from the Committee and parents;
- Option 2 reduces the number of portables at Oakridge Jr PS from 7 to 3, enabling students access to more of the playfield and initiating site improvements as per the proposed Site Master Plan;
- Parents and school staff understand that a reduced number of portables will still be required on the site (maximum 4) in the short-term until additional permanent pupil places can be provided from an Emerging Capital Priorities project;
- A plan will be created by both school principals to ensure a smooth transition for the Oakridge Jr PS Grade 4 students as they move to Grade 5 at Samuel Hearne MS
- The School Council Chairs from both schools did a great job of engaging the community in discussions of the issue and the recommended student accommodation option during the PART process;
- Trustee Kandavel would like to recognize the efforts of everyone involved to ensure this grade change would be realized in September, 2015 rather than September, 2016.

The PART recommends pursuing the recommendations contained within this report.



## Oakridge Jr PS & Samuel Hearne MS - Student Accommodation Review

### Student Accommodation - Summary of Options

	Student Accommodation Options						
	Status Quo		Option #1	Option #2		Option #3	
	Oakridge Jr	Samuel Hearne MS	Oakridge Samuel Hearne Consolidation	Oakridge Jr	Samuel Hearne MS	Oakridge Jr	Samuel Hearne MS
Grades Served	JK - 5	Gr 6 - 8	JK - 8	JK - 4	Gr 5 - 8	JK - 3	Gr 4 - 8
Ministry Capacity	703	423	1,126	703	423	703	423
Actual Enrolment Oct 2014	771	281	1,052	665	387	561	491
Projected Enrolment Oct 2015	781	280	1,061	682	379	587	474
Projected Enrolment Oct 2019	830	293	1,123	722	401	627	496
Projected Enrolment Oct 2024	836	337	1,173	722	451	605	568
Projected Enrolment - Sustainable	850	330	1,180	734	446	618	562
Utilization Oct 2014	110%	66%	93%	95%	91%	80%	116%
Projected Utilization 2015	111%	66%	94%	97%	90%	83%	112%
Projected Utilization 2019	118%	69%	100%	103%	95%	89%	117%
Projected Utilization 2024	119%	80%	104%	103%	107%	86%	134%
Projected Utilization - Sustainable	121%	78%	105%	104%	105%	88%	133%
Classrooms Proposed	44	18	62	38	24	32	30
Classrooms Available	33	21	54	33	21	33	21
Classrooms Surplus/Deficit	-11	3	-8	-5	-3	1	-9
Proposed Ministry Capacity	942	423	1,296	818	478	703	616
Proposed Utilization based upon Sustainable Projected Enrolment and Additional Capital Construction	90%	78%	91%	90%	93%	88%	91%