

FINANCE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

Presented to: Board of Trustees
Submitted on: April 28, 2026
Submitted by: Jen Edwards, Chair
Date: April 21, 2026
Report No.: FF26-02

Members Present: Jen Edwards (Chair), Irene Hanenberg, Ralf Mesenbrink,
Kyle Reaburn, Luke Weiler

Absent: None

Other Trustees Present: Alethia O'Hara-Stephenson, Martha MacNeil, Lynn Topping,
Laurie Whyte

The Finance and Facilities Committee held a hybrid meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 7:01 p.m. Chair Edwards presided over the meeting. No conflicts of interest were declared.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

Item 6.1 – 2026-2027 Estimates Update

Peter Sovran, Director of Education, provided a PowerPoint presentation respecting Item 6.1 – 2026-2027 Estimates Update. The presentation provided a monitoring update on the 2026-2027 financial estimates and projected staffing requirements and regulatory requirements noting student enrolment as the primary factor influencing Board funding and revenue with staffing assignments for students accounting for the majority of annual operating expenses. Further information was provided regarding enrolment in both elementary and secondary panels, including the associated impacts on staffing.

The Committee recommends:

That the 2026-2027 Estimates Update report, be received.

Item 6.2 – Accessibility Funding Update

Dilip Parmar, Senior Facilities Manager, presented the Accessibility Funding Update report. On August 25, 2025, through Ministry memo 2025:B03, the Province announced \$275 million in dedicated provincial funding to support accessibility improvements in Ontario schools. Upper Grand District School Board's allocation is \$3,863,334 for buildings constructed prior to 2015. This funding is retroactive to May 15, 2025, and will expire at the end of the 2025-26 school year. Projects being completed with this allocation were shared which included fully accessible washrooms and ramps, elevators, and universal washrooms.

The Committee recommends:

That the Accessibility Funding report dated April 21, 2026, be received.

Item 6.3 – Mandatory Disposition of 170 Stephanie Drive - Update

Ruchika Angrish, Manager of Planning, presented the Mandatory Disposition of 170 Stephanie Drive – Update report noting that a request for proposals (RFP) for a broker to sell 170 Stephanie Drive was issued and awarded to Colliers on March 3, 2026. The property has been listed for \$8,395,000 on April 1, 2026, with purchase offers due May 15, 2026. Staff will work with Colliers to evaluate offers of purchase and provide an update at the June Finance and Facilities Committee meeting.

The Committee recommends:

That the Mandatory Disposition of 170 Stephanie Drive – Update report dated April 21, 2026, be received.