

Important: Contingency Plan Activated - Maplewood Secondary School

Dear Families,

OCDSB has decided it is in the best interest of the students and staff to implement the contingency plan for Maplewood Secondary School. The contractor (Tambro Construction Ltd.) continues to indicate that the space will be ready for September 3rd, but based on the design team's review, the number of outstanding safety issues strongly suggest that the building will likely fail the formal occupancy inspection this week.

We apologize for the inconvenience and stress this may cause and appreciate your understanding and patience as we work to prevent further disruptions and prioritize the safety of our students and staff. We are hopeful this contingency plan will be in effect for a minimal period of time as occupancy appears very close. We will continue to monitor the situation and make decisions on a week-to-week basis.

The interim plan is as follows:

Grades 7-8:

- Students will begin the school year at D. A. Moodie School ([595 Moodie Drive](#)). This school has been used to accommodate students in previous years and will be fully prepared to welcome Maplewood students on September 3rd.
- OSTA has confirmed that there will be 100% transportation coverage. To accommodate busing schedules, the new bell times will be from 7:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m., which is 15 minutes earlier than previously communicated. Updated details regarding bus stops, pick-up times, and other related information will be available on the [OSTA portal](#) within the next few days.

Grade 9:

- Students will start the school year by attending classes through virtual learning.
- The OCDSB will be providing Chromebooks and hotspots for students who require them.

You will receive an email from the school tomorrow with more details, including information regarding device pick-up. Please be assured that the Maplewood staff is committed to making the start of the school year as smooth and successful as possible for all students.

We are in close communication with the contractor and will provide updates as soon as we have more information.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation.

Thank you,

AJ Keene
Superintendent of Education (South)