

**Date:** September 21, 2023

**Memorandum to:** Chairs of District School Boards  
Directors of Education  
Secretaries/Treasurers of School Authorities

**From:** Kate Manson-Smith  
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**Subject** Ontario Regulatory Registry Posting: Disposition of Surplus Property and Schools in Shared Sites

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*The Better Schools and Outcomes Act, 2023* (the Act) sets the stage for several transformative changes to maximize capital assets to build modern schools faster, better utilize current school capacity and enhance accountability and transparency.

The ministry is committed to engaging key sector partners to support successful implementation of the Act. This includes consulting on new or amended regulations.

Further to our memo on June 21, 2023 regarding the posting of information for three priority regulations on Ontario's Regulatory Registry, we want to let you know that information related to the following will be posted on Ontario's Regulatory Registry for public comment by October 19, 2023:

- Regulation amendments for the disposition of surplus school board property – comments can be provided through [capitalpolicy.feedback@ontario.ca](mailto:capitalpolicy.feedback@ontario.ca)
- Development of new regulations for schools on shared use sites – comments can be provided through [CapitalProgramBranch@ontario.ca](mailto:CapitalProgramBranch@ontario.ca)

### **Disposition of Surplus School Board Property**

The regulation amendments would provide a framework for property not required by school boards to meet current pupil accommodation needs or pupil accommodation needs of the next 10 years, to better leverage surplus school board property for public education and other provincial priorities, such as long-term care homes and affordable housing.

The posting on the registry can be accessed using the website: [Link](#)

## Schools on Shared Use Sites

The proposed regulation would set out any requirements that a school board must meet to acquire a school site for pupil accommodation where the site would be shared with an entity other than another school board, a municipality or child care centre.

To support this proposed regulation, the Ministry of Education is consulting on a new regulation to be made under subsection 195(1.6) of the Act.

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As always, we want to thank you for your continued collaboration and ongoing commitment to the students of Ontario.

Sincerely,

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