



Keewatin-Patricia District School Board

ACCESSIBILITY PLAN

This plan is updated annually

The report describes (1) the measures that the Keewatin-Patricia District School Board has taken in the past, and (2) the measures that the Board may take in future years to identify, remove and prevent barriers (based on financial resources) to people with disabilities who use the facilities and services of the Board, including staff, day students, summer students, parents of students and other members of the community.

This report:

1. Describes the process by which the Keewatin-Patricia District School Board will identify, remove and prevent barriers to people with disabilities.
2. Reviews earlier efforts to remove and prevent barriers to people with disabilities.
3. Lists the facilities, policies, programs, practices, and services the Board will review in the coming year to identify barriers to people with disabilities.
4. Describes the measures the Board will take in the coming year to identify, remove and prevent barriers to people with disabilities.
5. Describes how the Board will make this Accessibility Plan available to the public.

This plan is considered “work in progress” that will bring together the diverse pieces and initiatives related to accessibility that are already occurring, gather information about existing barriers through basic school audits and develop long term planning for barrier removal and prevention. This is an annual planning commitment that will enable the Keewatin-Patricia District School Board to move forward in a strategic way by setting goals and measuring performance.

FACILITIES OF THE BOARD

#	School	Address	City/Town	Total Sq. Footage	Original Construction	School Status	Wheel Accessibility
1	Beaver Brae High	1400 9th Street N.	Kenora	118,816	1962	Secondary	Yes
2	Beaver Brae Annex	1405 9th Street N.	Kenora	3,066	1970	Adult Ed	Yes
3	Dryden High	79 Casimir Ave.	Dryden	158,978	1950	Elementary	Yes
4	Dryden Regional Training Centre	100 Casimir Ave	Dryden	32,499	2004	Adult Ed	Yes
5	Ear Falls	40 Spruce Street	Ear Falls	19,377	1970	Elementary	Yes
6	Education Centre	100 First Ave. W.	Kenora	9,560		Admin	Partial
7	Evergreen	1 Brinkman Rd.	Kenora	30,750	1955	Elementary	Yes
8	Golden Learning Centre	Box 160 Mine Road	Balmertown	35,653	1991	Elementary	Yes
9	Hudson	Box 38, 2nd Street	Hudson	8,621	1957	Elementary	Yes
11	Ignace	Box 418, Davey Lake Rd.	Ignace	76,243	1973	Elem/Sec	Yes
12	Keewatin	330 Mill Street	Keewatin	22,245	1952	Elementary	Partial
13	King George VI	320 6th Ave. S.	Kenora	30,628	1952	Elementary	Yes
14	Lakewood	240 Rupert Rd.	Kenora	64,168	1931	Elementary	Yes
16	Lillian Berg	Box 247, Main Street	Vermilion Bay	29,275	1975	Elementary	Yes
17	New Prospect Public	289 Wice Road	Dryden	42,196	2002	Elementary	Yes
20	Pinewood	91 Rourke Ave.	Dryden	26,264	1960	Elementary	Yes
21	Queen Elizabeth District High	Box 548, 15 Fair Street	Sioux Lookout	66,777	1953	Secondary	Yes
22	Red Lake Madsen	201 Howey Street	Red Lake	35,035	1996	Elementary	Yes
23	Red Lake District High	60c Hwy #105	Red Lake	68,283	1951	Secondary	Yes
24	Riverview	20 Davis Street	Dryden	34,441	1955	Elementary	Yes
25	Sioux Narrows	Box 113-D	Sioux Narrows	5,200	1982	Elementary	Yes
26	Sioux Mountain	Box 969, 89 First St.	Sioux Lookout	47,458	2001	Elementary	Yes
27	Valleyview	R. R. #2	Kenora	16,200	1960	Elementary	Partial
30	Sioux Lookout Access Centre	Box 26, 70 Wellington St.	Sioux Lookout	10,852	1961	Adult Ed	Yes
Total Sq. Ft.				992,585			

Examples of the types of barriers to look for:

BARRIER TYPE	EXAMPLE
Physical	A door knob that cannot be operated by an elderly person with limited upper-body mobility and strength
Architectural	A hallway or door that is too narrow for a wheelchair or scooter
Informational	Typefaces that are too small to be read by a person with low vision
Communicational	A staff member who talks loudly when addressing a deaf client
Attitudinal	A recreational swimming program which discourages people with developmental disabilities from participating
Technological	Information on a municipal web site, which cannot be accessed by a person who is blind who has reading software for a computer
Policy/Practice	An organization that does not have any policies in place to address the issue of hiring persons with disabilities

Below is a list of key initiatives carried out by the Keewatin-Patricia District School Board that were identified barriers to accessibility for the past years.

Summary of Barriers identified in 2002 - 2003

School	Barrier Type	Barrier	How to remove/prevent	Resources	Status
Dryden High	Physical	Public washroom (girls) by gym not set up for handicap	Maintenance staff renovated washroom to meet standards	Financial \$4,000	Completed Aug 2003
Queen Elizabeth High	Physical	Science lab has no work station for handicap student	Purchase handicap science work station to fit into new millwork	Financial \$3,400	Completed Aug 2003
Riverview	Architectural	Washroom sinks too high	Sinks lowered in washroom upgrade	Financial \$2,000	Completed Jan 2003
New Prospect	Physical	Play structures not accessible	Pathway and ramps constructed	Financial \$4,500	Completed Aug 2003

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DHS	Physical	Not handicap parking stall	Designated stall next to building SW corner	Parking control	Completed Oct 2002
Beaver Brae High	Architectural	No access to school at the upper level	Levelled off and ramped doors and installed electronic doors	Financial \$8,000	Completed Nov 2002
Lakewood	Physical	Urinals too high for majority of students	Urinals lower to appropriate height	Maint. staff	Completed Aug 2003
Valleyview	Physical	Entrance has step limiting access	Build ramp to accommodate and install electronic doors	Maint. Staff Financial \$4,000	Completed Oct 2002
Valleyview	Architectural	No access too lower gym and stage area for handicap	Install ramp and lifting device for stage	Financial \$15,000	Completed Jan 2003
Beaver Brae High	Physical	Limited handicap parking	Designated 2 stall in the lower area and 1 stall in upper area	Parking control	Completed Sept 2002
Valleyview	Physical	Urinals too high for majority of students	Urinals lower to appropriate height	Maint. staff	Completed Aug 2003
Lakewood	Physical	Stairway at front of school too narrow for traffic flow	Stairs widened to twice the width	Financial \$5,000	Completed July 2003

Barriers to be removed/prevented in 2003-2004

School	Barrier Type	Barrier	How to remove/prevent	Resources	Status
Beaver Brae Sec.	Physical	Science lab has no work station for handicap student	Design to include handicap work station	Design	Completed
Sioux Mountain	Communicational	Classrooms on 2 nd floor have echo & make hearing difficult	Install suspend ceiling in 12 classrooms	Financial \$80,000	25% Completed

Beaver Brae Sec.	Informational	No signage throughout school showing accessibility, entries, parking, washrooms, etc.	Review areas for signs and have installed	Financial \$1,000	25% Completed
Beaver Brae Sec.	Physical	Automatic entry switch in foyer between doors	Relocate switch outside foyer and add additional opener for inside doors	Financial \$2,500	Not Completed
Beaver Brae Sec.	Communicational	Pay phone is not approachable, no volume control or proper display	Relocate and replace to meet	Financial \$1,000	Not Completed

Barriers to be removed/prevented in 2004-2005

<i>School</i>	<i>Barrier Type</i>	<i>Barrier</i>	<i>How to remove/prevent</i>	<i>Resources</i>	<i>Status</i>
Sioux Mountain	Communicational	Classrooms on 2 nd floor have echo & make hearing difficult	Install suspend ceiling in 12 classrooms	Financial \$80,000	75% to Complete
Beaver Brae Sec.	Informational	No signage throughout school showing accessibility, entries, parking, washrooms, etc.	Review areas for signs and have installed	Financial \$1,000	75% to Complete
Beaver Brae Sec.	Physical	Automatic entry switch in foyer between doors	Relocate switch outside foyer and add additional opener for inside doors	Financial \$2,500	Complete
Beaver Brae Sec.	Communicational	Pay phone is not approachable, no volume control or proper display	Relocate and/or replace	Financial \$1,000	Complete
New Prospect	Architectural	Visually impaired can not distinguish column in student square	Paint column alterative color	Financial \$1,000	Complete

Barriers to be removed/prevented in 2005-2006

School	Barrier Type	Barrier	How to remove/prevent	Resources	Status
Sioux Mountain	Communicational	Classrooms on 2 nd floor have echo & make hearing difficult	Install suspend ceiling in 12 classrooms	Financial \$80,000	Complete
New Prospect	Physical	Washroom	Add automatic lift for handicap student	Financial \$15,000	Complete
Valleyview	Architectural	Washrooms	Make handicap accessible	Financial \$5,000	Complete
System wide	Communicational	Classroom noise & distractions	Install high quality sound systems in all elem. & sec. classrooms	Financial \$500,000	25% Complete
Evergreen	Informational	Visual impairment	Special monitor for visual impairment	Financial \$1,500	Completed
Beaver Brae Sec.	Physical	Type of fountains not accessible	Replace fountains throughout school	Design Financial	15% complete
System wide	Policy/Practice	Returning staff back to work after lengthy absence	Refinement & increase utilization of Accommodated Work Program	Design & process	Completed
Beaver Brae Sec.	Physical	Science room accessibility	Renovate 3 science classrooms and develop handicap station in classroom	Financial \$45,000	Complete
Ignace	Architectural	Washrooms	Make handicap accessible	Financial \$5,000	Complete
Riverview	Physical	Playground accessibility	Develop pathway around playground equipment	Financial \$2,000	Complete
Beaver Brae Annex	Physical Architectural	Facility is not handicap accessible	Renovate entrance & washroom for handicap accessibility.	Financial \$30,000	15% complete

Red Lake High	Architectural	Exterior of building has poor lighting to access in evening	Replace & improve exterior lighting	Financial \$24,000	25% complete
Keewatin	Architectural	Washrooms	Make handicap accessible	Financial \$5,000	Complete
System wide	Communicational	Processing information to public	Posting KPDSB journal on website	Design & process	Complete
Beaver Brae Sec.	Architectural	Science Wing Washrooms	Make handicap accessible	Financial \$30,000	Complete

Barriers to be removed/prevented in 2006-2007

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Queen Elizabeth High	Physical	Automatic entry switch into foyer	Install handicap button and operator	Financial \$4,500	Not complete
Beaver Brae Sec.	Communicational	No visual fire alarms	Upgrade fire alarm with strobe system during renovations	Design Financial	Complete
Dryden High	Architectural	Science room accessibility	Renovate science classroom and develop handicap station in classroom	Financial \$15,000	Complete
Beaver Brae Sec.	Architectural Physical	Public has difficulty accessing building for events	Remove outside stairs & replace with internal ramps to give access directly to the gym and elevator	Financial \$500,000	Complete
Beaver Brae Sec.	Architectural Physical	Public/student washrooms at gym are not handicap accessible	Renovate area to accommodate	Financial \$45,000	Complete

Beaver Brae Sec.	Physical	Type of fountains not accessible	Replace fountains throughout school during renovations	Design Financial	Complete
Lillian Berg	Physical	Accessibility to school	Replace all walkways and ramps into school	Financial \$46,000	Complete

Barriers to be removed/prevented in 2007-2008

School	Barrier Type	Barrier	How to remove/prevent	Resources	Status
Queen Elizabeth High	Physical	Automatic entry switch into foyer	Install handicap button and operator	Financial \$4,500	Not complete
Beaver Brae Sec.	Physical	No access to gym stage for wheelchairs	Purchase and install portable wheelchair lift	Financial \$65,000	Complete
Dryden High	Architectural	No access to field from gym for wheelchair	Install ramp at back door	\$1,000	Complete
Dryden High	Physical	No access to gym stage for wheelchairs	Purchase and install portable wheelchair lift	Financial \$65,000	Complete
QED High	Physical	No access to gym stage for wheelchairs	Purchase and install portable wheelchair lift	Financial \$65,000	Complete
Dryden High	Physical	Employee unable to return to work with present equipment	Purchase modified equipment to suit needs for return to work	Financial \$50,000	Complete
Red Lake High	Physical	No access to gym stage for wheelchairs	Purchase and install portable wheelchair lift	Financial \$65,000	Complete
Dryden High	Physical	Difficult to get around hallways for handicap	Place all fire doors on magnetic hold opens with the fire alarm	Financial \$10,000	Complete
Riverview	Architectural Physical	Portable not accessible for handicap students	Install ramp from school to portable	Financial \$2,000	Complete

Dryden High	Physical	Location of drop-off for handicap individuals not good	Develop new drop-off area at front of school	Design	Complete
Beaver Brae Sec.	Architectural Physical	Washrooms not handicap accessible	Renovate to handicap present day standards.	Financial \$500,000	Complete
Dryden High	Architectural Physical	Public/student washrooms at gym are not handicap accessible	Renovate 4 washroom areas to accommodate	Financial \$345,000	Complete
Beaver Brae High	Physical	Employee unable to return to work with present equipment	Purchase modified equipment to suit needs for return to work	Financial \$50,000	Complete
New Prospect	Physical	No access between school and daycare	Double doors installed	Financial \$20,000	Complete
General – all schools	Physical	Student desk difficult to get into and out for handicap/oversize students	Changed standard for desks purchase in all schools	Financial	Complete
Beaver Brae & Dryden High	Architectural	No facilities available for special needs program	Develop area for students requiring special needs outside the classroom	Design Financial \$900,000	Complete
Ignace	Physical	Caretaking staff unable to work with equipment	Purchased modified ergonomically cart and equipment for return to work	Design Financial	Complete
General – all schools	Physical	Autism children uncomfortable student chairs	Purchased rocking chairs for students	Financial	Complete
Dryden High	Physical	Accessibility to school music program	Installed larger doors and placed all music practical area on one floor	Financial \$45,000	Complete

Barriers to be addressed in the coming years

<i>School</i>	<i>Barrier Type</i>	<i>Barrier</i>	<i>How to remove/prevent</i>	<i>Resources</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Timing</i>
Keewatin	Architectural	School has no handicap access between floor levels	Elevator needs to be installed	Design Financial \$360,000	Seek funding	
Ignace	Physical	Difficulty access main entrance to school	Small ramp & handicap button/operator for door	Financial \$5,000	Seek funding	
Red Lake High	Architectural	No facilities available for special needs program	Develop area for students requiring special needs outside the classroom	Design Financial \$360,000	Seek funding	
Ignace	Architectural	No facilities available for special needs program	Develop area for students requiring special needs outside the classroom	Design Financial \$200,000	Seek funding	
Beaver Brae Sec.	Physical	Existing accessibility to lower art room inadequate	Existing wall mounted lift needs to be replaced with elevator	Financial \$100,000	Seek funding	
Beaver Brae Sec.	Physical	Elevator to lower gym level is too small for handicap individuals, no emergency phone	The elevator can be replaced with larger housing with minor structural changes to shaft	Design Financial \$150,000	To be included in future renovations	
General – all schools	Physical	Access main office counters difficult for wheelchairs	Review all reception counters in the main offices of school for accessibility	Financial	Seek funding	
QEDHS	Architectural	No facilities available for special needs program	Develop area for students requiring special needs outside the classroom	Design Financial \$360,000	To be included in future renovations	
Beaver Brae Sec.	Physical	Internal door knobs inappropriate	Change door hardware to levers	Design Financial	To be included in future renovations	

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Valleyview	Architectural	School has no handicap access between floor levels	Elevator needs to be installed	Design Financial \$360,000	Seek funding	
General – all schools	Communicational	No visual fire alarms	Not all schools have fire alarms with strobe system include washrooms	Design Financial	Seek funding	
Beaver Brae Sec.	Physical	Library computer and work table have insufficient knee clearance	Check out counter dimensions and make appropriate changes or purchase new tables.	Design Financial	Seek funding	

The Keewatin-Patricia District School Board's Accessibility Plan will be posted on the Board website at www.kpdsb.on.ca.

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