

**To: School Renewal Committee**  
**From: David Pineau, Activities Director**  
**Re: School Renewal Report**

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The Activities Director met with the Co-curricular Coordinators of Lakehead Public Schools to develop a report based on the school renewal options from an athletic perspective. Scott Masters (Churchill CVI), Dave McCallum (Westgate) and Bruno Corbin (Hammarskjold) made up the working group.

The group supports the proposed move to two high schools (one north and one south)

The group supports the amalgamation of Churchill CVI with Westgate CVI at Westgate.

We view these next few years as a tremendous opportunity to renew and reinvigorate our schools. School activities play a huge role in bringing energy and life to a school which is hard to find in any other aspect of education. It is vital that co-curricular programming is taken into account when making decisions on school amalgamations and renewal.

The group is unanimous in supporting the move of Superior CVI into Hammarskjold HS while creating a comprehensive elementary school at Superior.

The property at Hammarskjold is too valuable as a high school. It spans 17 acres and will always allow for diversification and growth. Currently the school offers a full size gymnasium (capacity of 790), an auxiliary gymnasium, a designated wrestling/multi-purpose room and a full size weight room. Outside it boasts a full size field, a second practice field, 400 metre track, tennis courts, hockey rink and a baseball diamond. It has enough parking to hold any large school or sporting event. It is central to two major housing developments at River Terrace and Sherwood Estates.

The amalgamation of schools has the potential to create four physical education sections that would require four physical education spaces, which Hammarskjold is well equipped to offer. The Hammarskjold site would mirror a well-equipped facility at Westgate CVI which currently offers a full size gymnasium (capacity of 825), an auxiliary gymnasium, a designated multi-purpose room and a full size weight room. Outside Westgate boasts a full size field with plenty of ancillary space plus a 400 metre track.

The re-purposing of Superior as a comprehensive elementary school along with the building of a new elementary school on the Churchill property will help solve facility needs in terms of elementary inter-school sports. The Confederation Bubble, host to ten school sporting days (junior and intermediate volleyball) will be torn down as of 2017 with no ability to host events in their new facility. The Lakehead University Fieldhouse has reduced the number of elementary sporting days each year due to Kinesiology labs and is currently only able to accommodate four of the eleven days needed for junior and intermediate basketball. Port Arthur Collegiate ends up being the default site for unhoused events. This site has no available parking, no functioning gym divider and is no longer at a level acceptable for our students and their safety.

SSSAA is currently undergoing a strategic planning process from which we expect the concept of adding Grade 9 seasons to be included as part of our programs. Westgate and Hammarskjold would have the ability to offer 6 teams per season using their facilities. The proposed option of moving Superior CVI to Hammarskjold HS is one that excites the athletic administrators within our schools. We believe we can

offer an exciting, comprehensive and vibrant school sports program at both Westgate and Hammarskjold. We believe this is the correct move for our students, our teachers and our schools.

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Superior athletic facility facts: 4 acres, main gym (capacity of 778) and a weight room. Outside they have a practice field, baseball fields and hockey rinks within walking distance.