

## **Grand Erie District School Board**

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Mayor Hewitt and Council Haldimand County Administration Office 45 Munsee St. N, P.O. Box 400 Cayuga, ON NOA 1E0

Dear Mayor Hewitt and Council:

In November 2018, the Grand Erie District School Board was pleased to announce the opening of its newest school, Mapleview Elementary School, in Dunnville. During construction, it was determined that there would be significant delays and we had requested permission for students at the school to use Kinsmen Park, during the instructional day, for the 2018-2019 school year.

For the 2019-20 school year, we again requested extended access as the sod and grass development has not materialized as quick as we had hoped.

As we approach 2020-21, we are facing some unprecedented challenges. In addition to continued problems with sodding, we are looking to encourage strong physical distancing for our students for the upcoming school year by utilizing Kinsmen park. Access to the park allows us to spread students over a greater geographic area.

Therefore, we are respectfully seeking a ten-month extension for access to Kinsmen Park from our school playground until June 2021. This will impact the park during times just before the start of school, after dismissal bell time and during nutritional breaks each school day.

We believe that we have the needed liability indemnifications in place through our Joint Use of Facilities Agreement, but would be willing to consider any other written addendum or other agreement to support this request as the County may deem appropriate.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Respectfully,

Greg Anderson

Chair of the Board of Trustees