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## Education plan means major works for North Dublin schools - Kennedy

THE DEPARTMENT of Education has set out its wide-ranging plans for the development of school facilities in the North Dublin region, Fianna Fail Deputy Michael Kennedy has revealed.

Deputy Kennedy: "I am delighted that the Department has at last issued this report as it is a culmination of an 11-month consultation process aimed at ensuring that future educational needs are met in the areas of Swords, Portmarnock, Malahide, Rush, Lusk, Skerries, Donabate/Portrane and Balbriggan."

"The proposals are contained in a report issued this morning on the Dublin North Education Development Plan, which will be the basis upon which capital funding decisions will be made in the North Dublin area between 2007 and 2012."

"This kind of proactive planning in the area of school provision is a sign of the progressive approach being applied to school planning by the Department of Education. It is based on transparent process of consultation with interested parties. In this case, 54 submissions were received and 20 oral presentations were heard on the subject of school provision in North Dublin."

"I am delighted to see that so many interested parties took part in the consultation process, and the rate of participation really shows the passion which exists in the area for the provision of education. The popularity of the consultation process also illustrates the need for further development of educational facilities in North Dublin."

"Below are just some of the recommendations contained in the report which is available from [www.education.ie](http://www.education.ie):

€Gaelscoil an Duinninigh, Swords – consideration to be given for a 16 classroom extension.

€Swords Educate Together, Swords – 16 classroom extension to be considered.

€Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe, Swords – 16 classroom extension to be considered.

€Colaiste Choilm, Swords – consideration for an extension to cater for 800 pupils.

€Loreto College, Swords – consideration to be given for an extension for 850 pupils.

€Swords area - Sites to be sought in Applewood, Nevinstown, Mooretown and Fostertown.

- €Holmpatrick NS, Skerries – proposal for extension of the school, with possible more to site at Hacketstown.
- €Donabate Area – Department to seek site for a post-primary school to cater for 1000 pupils.
- €St Georges NS – consideration to be given to relocating it to a greenfield site, in order to extend it to a eight classroom facility.
- €St Marnock’s NS, Portmarnock – consideration to be given for upgrading to a capacity of 16 classrooms, with two language rooms.
- €Portmarnock Community School – consideration to be given to upgrading the existing building to cater for 1000 pupils.
- €SN Caitriona, Kenure, Rush – extension for 24 classroom extension already approved.
- €St Joseph’s Secondary School, Rush – consideration to be given to extending capacity of school to 1000 pupils, which may see school relocated or extended on the existing site.
- €Lusk Area - Department to seek site for 1000-pupil post-primary school.
- €Malahide Area – Department to seek site for 24 classroom primary school and a further site for provision of a post-primary school.