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Progress on Donabate school steams ahead – Kennedy

TENDER advertisements seeking contractors for the new 1000-pupil school in Donabate are to be placed in various European journals in the New Year, maintaining the September 2008 schedule for completion of the new school's temporary accommodation, according to Fianna Fail General Election candidate Cllr Michael Kennedy

Dublin North candidate Cllr Kennedy said: "I have been in close contact with both the VEC and Department of Education since the announcement of the planned school, which will be a "design and built" concept, aimed at cutting down on construction time. The tender process is the first solid step taken towards the construction of the first secondary school in Donabate."

Cllr Kennedy said: "The VEC has told me that it is committed to opening the school, with temporary accommodation expected to be completed in time for the 2008 intake."

He added: "A full assessment of enrolment and accommodation needs is to be undertaken throughout 2007 and at this point it is expected that, whilst in temporary accommodation, the policy will be to enroll first years only," Cllr Kennedy concluded.

"The news that solid plans are in place for the building of school will be of great relief to parents in Donabate, many of whom are currently sending their children out of the area for school. I would call for the speedy completion of the permanent school building," concluded Cllr Kennedy.