



Realignment of Trustee Wards to the New 25 City of Toronto Ward Boundaries

Board of Trustees – Special Board Meeting
August 8, 2018

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Purpose

The Ministry of Education has requested all City of Toronto School Boards to complete a re-alignment of the Trustee wards according to the new 25 City ward boundaries by **August 14, 2018** and to notify the Minister of Education that the Board has approved the new Trustee wards by August 14, 2018.

Background

- The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing introduced amendments to the *City of Toronto Act, 2006* and the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* that reduces the number of proposed municipal wards in the City of Toronto from 47 to **25** and extends the Trustee nomination deadline to **September 14, 2018**.
- These changes do not affect the number of Trustees for school boards with jurisdiction in the City of Toronto. For TCDSB it remains **12** Trustee positions.
- However, these changes do impact the distribution of Trustee positions on these boards as Trustee wards **must align** with the new City wards.

Background - continued

Ministry of Education instructions:

- **By Tuesday, August 7, 2018**, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) must develop new Population of the Electoral Group (PEG) reports for the purposes of re-distribution and provide your board with a new report.
- **By Tuesday, August 14, 2018**, the board should re-distribute its Trustee seats according to the proposed municipal boundaries and notify the Minister that this has been done.

Background - Continued

- **By Friday, August 17, 2018**, the Minister will re-distribute boards' Trustee positions if boards do not complete the re-distribution or fail to provide notification to the Minister by August 14, 2018.
- **By Friday, August 17, 2018**, boards must provide a copy of their re-distribution report and a copy of the data and calculations by which the distribution was made to the Minister, the school board election clerk for the City of Toronto, and the secretary of every school board with jurisdiction in the City of Toronto. If boards do not complete their re-distribution by August 14, 2018 these reports and data calculations will be shared with the parties above by the Ministry on August 17, 2018.

Background - Continued

- Due to the compressed timeline for this change in the City of Toronto, for the 2018 election only, there is **no right to appeal** Trustee distributions to the local planning appeal tribunal.
- The changes to the City of Toronto wards would extend the deadline for filing a nomination for a municipal or Trustee candidate to September 14, 2018. The **October 22, 2018**, election date would not change. Trustee candidates in the City of Toronto may be required to re-file their nomination papers. Candidates are encouraged to contact the school board election clerk for the City of Toronto for more information.

Trustee Boundaries – Criteria and Considerations

In establishing Trustee boundaries, the following criteria and considerations must be taken into account:

Criteria

- **Electoral Quotient** - equitable distribution of eligible Catholic supporters in each Trustee Ward, as outlined in the Education Act, Ontario Regulation 412/00.
- All Trustee ward boundaries **must align** with the new 25 City wards.
- Trustee ward boundaries can combine but **not split** municipal wards.

Considerations

- Equitable distribution, where possible, of the elementary and secondary **schools** in each Trustee ward.
- **Geographic** consideration for the location of each Trustee ward within the City the Toronto.

Scenario 1

- **Status Quo** – represents the current configuration of the Trustee ward boundaries based on the new 25 City ward boundaries.
- Data table and map

Scenario 2

- **Board Approved Boundary Map** - Represents the Trustee ward configuration based on the proposed 47 City of Toronto ward boundaries presented and approved at the February 22, 2018 Board meeting.
- Data table and map

Option 1 – Closest to Current 44 Ward Configuration

- Considers the current Trustee Ward distribution based on the 44 City of Toronto Wards.
- Data table and map

Option 2 – Balance of City of Toronto Wards

- Considers the balance of City of Toronto Wards to the Trustee Wards. Each Trustee receives two Wards, one Trustee receives three.
- Data table and map

Option 3 – Balance of School Distribution

- Considers the balance of schools for each Trustee Ward.
- Data table and map

Option 4 – Balance of Electoral Quotient

- Considers Education Act requirements for a balance of the electoral quotient for each Trustee Ward.
- Data table and map

Option 5 – Closest to the Current Trustee Wards with a Balance of Electoral Quotient

- Considers Education Act requirements for a balance of the electoral quotient for each Trustee Ward and maintains the current geographic communities, in general.
- Data table and map

Board Staff Recommendations

Two recommendation for the Board to consider:

- THAT the Board approve Trustee ward boundary Option 5 as outlined in Appendix 'B'.
- THAT staff provide the Ministry of Education with the newly approved Trustee Ward boundaries prior to the August 14, 2018 submission deadline.