



REPORT TO

CORPORATE SERVICES, STRATEGIC PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

ELEMENTARY BOUNDARY REVIEW RANKING ALL WARDS

“For each will have to bear his own load.”, Galatians 6:5

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RECOMMENDATION REPORT		

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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The ranking of elementary boundary reviews approved by the Board on August 21, 2014 needs to be updated and revised to reflect changes in demographics, recent policy changes, discussions with area Trustees, and relevant Board motions and approvals. This report provides the following recommendation for the consideration and approval of Trustees:

1. That the following boundary reviews be removed from further consideration:

Group	Trustee Ward
St. Paschal Baylon, St. Antoine Daniel, St. Cyril	5
St. Martin de Porres, St. Malachy, St. Brendan	8,12
St. Norbert, St. Robert	4

2. That the revised Boundary Review Priority Ranking as shown below be approved.

Group	School identified with pressures	Adjacent Schools	Completion Cycle	SO(s)	Trustee(s)
1	OLO Perpetual Help		1	Shanahan	Davis
2	St. Anselm	St. Monica		Shain Shanahan	Rizzo Kennedy
3	St. Gregory	Nativity of Our Lord		Yack	Andrachuk Martino
		Mother Cabrini			
		St. Marcellus			
4	St. Maria	St. Lawrence	2	Grant	Crawford

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		St. Joachim			
5	St. Boniface	St. Nicholas		Grant	Crawford
		St. Agatha			
		St. Ursula			
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		OLO Lourdes			
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		OLO the Assumption			
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		St. Rose of Lima			
TBD	The Holy Trinity	St. Ambrose		Yack	Andrachuk
		St. Leo			

- That the boundary reviews in Completion Cycle #1 be approved for initiation, and implemented in accordance with *Elementary School Attendance Boundary Review Policy (S.A. 03)*.
- That upon the start of construction of any new or replacement facility, potential boundary impacts be assessed and added to the boundary review priority ranking list if a review is deemed necessary.

B. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide a revised ranking of elementary boundary reviews for the consideration and approval of Trustees.

C. BACKGROUND

1. On October 13, 2015, the Governance and Policy Committee approved revisions to the *Elementary School Attendance Boundary Review Policy (S.A. 03) (Appendix 'A')* which provides for a more streamlined process. The Policy was approved by Board on October 22, 2015. A flow chart summarizing the Policy is included as *Appendix 'B'* to this report.
2. On March 12, 2015, the Board of Trustees approved a motion by the local Trustee for Ward 11 made on behalf of the St Anselm CSAC and the broader St. Anselm community for an expedited boundary adjustment process as per *Elementary School Attendance Boundary Review Policy (S.A.03)*.
3. On January 22, 2015, the Board of Trustees approved the report “*School Accommodation Review Priority Ranking*.” As a result of some schools appearing on both an attendance boundary review priority ranking as well as an accommodation review priority ranking, Trustees approved that these schools first be subject to an accommodation review process.
4. On January 6, 2015, the Board of Trustees approved amendments to the “*Elementary Admission and Placement Policy*”. Included in this action was the establishment of fixed attendance boundaries for all elementary schools.
5. On August 21, 2014, the Board of Trustees approved the report “*Elementary School Attendance Boundary Review Priority Ranking 2014*”. The report recommended that the top three boundary reviews be approved, and that the remaining reviews be initiated in priority order as the preceding reviews neared completion.
6. On March 29, 2012, the Board approved a fixed attendance boundary at Our Lady of Perpetual Help with two optional attendance areas. Part of the Board direction provides for the following:
 - “A review is to be carried out by staff in 2015, when the school is expected to be at about 130% utilization, to determine whether the two priority optional attendance areas should be added to the primary attendance boundary.”

D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

7. Criteria used in the August 21, 2014 report to identify areas of enrolment pressure or capacity deficiency that can be alleviated through implementation of a boundary review were as follows:
 - School Size
 - Site Size
 - School Utilization Rate
 - School Utilization Rate assuming Students already within FDK Catchment
 - Projected enrolment trends
 - Portable Count
 - Transportation Student/Stop Differential
 - Transportation Cost
8. Based on a comprehensive evaluation of all elementary schools, the top schools were grouped along with neighbouring schools that would be affected by a boundary change. These groups were then ranked based on the combined utilization rate, taking into consideration any current or planned funded capital projects.
9. Following is the identification of the remaining groups of schools approved for boundary reviews on August 21, 2014 but which have yet to be initiated.

Group #1 – St. Paschal Baylon, St. Antoine Daniel, St. Cyril

- As of the 2014-15 school year, St. Cyril has become a single-track French Immersion school and cannot be considered in alleviating pressures at St. Antoine Daniel and St. Paschal Baylon.
- Consultation with the local Trustee resulted in removal of St. Cyril and the addition of St. Edward to this group of schools.
- The Board has received approval to proceed with a capital addition at St. Paschal Baylon which will relieve accommodation pressure there.
- Combined Ministry rated capacity of St. Antoine Daniel, St. Paschal Baylon and St. Edward will be 1375 pupil places inclusive of the new addition at St. Paschal Baylon. Projected enrolment for all three schools in 2016 is estimated to be 1495 students, and increasing to 1803 students by 2020.

- A boundary adjustment between these three facilities will not solve the oversubscription issue. Either a capital solution for St. Antoine Daniel, or a new school site and facility is required.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Remove group from the boundary review list, and pursue a capital solution at St. Antoine Daniel.

Group #3 – St. Martin de Porres, St. Malachy, St. Brendan

- An addition at St. Malachy was completed in September 2015.
- Interior retrofit of rooms for FDK within St. Brendan has slightly increased the overall capacity of the school.
- Enforcing the existing boundaries and associated protocols will effectively balance enrolment without the need for a review.
- Projected enrolment at St. Martin de Porres is anticipated to remain stable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Remove group from boundary review list.

Group #4 – St. Margaret, Blessed Sacrament, Our Lady of the Assumption

- St. Margaret students are currently accommodated in two separate locations, Grade 5 to 8 at Dante Alighieri Beatrice Campus (Sir Sandford Fleming – TDSB) and the primary grades in the main building (85 Carmichael).
- The Board has received funding to build a new replacement school for St. Margaret.
- Enrolment pressures have been addressed through the use of temporary accommodation and portable classrooms.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Defer this boundary review pending completion of capital construction and a broader review of potential TDSB facilities/sites available for acquisition.

Group #5 – St. Norbert, St. Robert, St. Edward

- As noted in Group #1 above, there was a Trustee request to remove St. Edward from Group #5 and include it in Group #1.

- St. Norbert has maintained a steady enrolment and is operating at capacity.
- St. Robert has a large Grade 7 cohort which will be graduating from the school in 2016/17. Enrolment is projected to decrease to within manageable levels in subsequent years.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Remove group from boundary review list.

Group #6 – St. Maria Goretti, St. Lawrence, St. Albert, St. Joachim

- St. Maria Goretti continues to experience enrolment pressures and the ability to accommodate students in portable classrooms has been maximized.
- The original boundary has proven to be too large to balance the enrolment at the existing facility.
- St. Albert received a large addition in 2012 and continues to be undersubscribed.
- St. Joachim and St. Lawrence are both at or above capacity with little room on site for temporary accommodations.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This boundary review will proceed in accordance with Policy (S.A.03).

Group #7 – St. Boniface, St. Nicholas, St. Agatha, St. Ursula

- St. Boniface continues to experience enrolment pressures. It is a small school on a small site.
- St. Agatha offers a dual track French Immersion program.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This boundary review will proceed in accordance with Policy (S.A.03).

Group #8 – St. Gregory, Nativity of Our Lord, Mother Cabrini, St. Marcellus

- St. Gregory continues to experience enrolment pressures.
- St. Marcellus is operating slightly above capacity.
- Nativity of Our Lord has some capacity to allow for some degree of boundary realignment in this area.

- Mother Cabrini is a small school that is operating at capacity.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This boundary review will proceed in accordance with Policy (S.A.03).

Group #9 – St. Kateri Tekakwitha, St. Gerald

- St. Kateri is a small school with limited capacity while St. Gerald is operating at between 50 and 60 % utilization.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This boundary review will proceed in accordance with Policy (S.A.03).

Group #10 – St. Victor, St. Richard, St. Rose of Lima

- Buildings at St. Richard and St. Rose of Lima have recently received additions/retrofits thereby creating additional space.
- St. Victor is scheduled to receive an addition in summer 2016.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Defer boundary review pending completion of capital construction.

Group #12 – St. Michael, St. Paul, Our Lady of Lourdes

- Repairs to the St. Michael facility have allowed the students to return to their home school however there are still several teaching spaces that are not assigned a Ministry capacity load factor. A boundary change will help to alleviate the need to accommodate students in these spaces.
- St. Paul continues to operate well below capacity.
- Our Lady of Lourdes (OLOL) currently operates at capacity. However there is an area to the east of the school that has traditionally attended OLOL but that has been deemed part of the St. Paul area through the implementation of fixed attendance boundaries.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This boundary review will proceed in accordance with Policy (S.A.03).

Group #13 – St. Edmund Campion, St. Thomas More

- St. Thomas More received an addition in 2012, however anticipated enrolment growth has not materialized.
- St. Edmund Campion is slightly oversubscribed with two portables on site.
- Boundary alignment would allow for further removal of portable classrooms at St. Edmund Campion and better utilization of St. Thomas More.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

This boundary review will proceed in accordance with Policy (S.A.03).

10. The following groups were removed, and are to be addressed as part of the School Accommodation review process as indicated in the January 22, 2015 Board approved *School Accommodation Review Priority Ranking* report.
 - *Group #2 – Our Lady of Sorrows, St. Mark, Holy Angels, St. Louis*
 - *Group #11 – St. Timothy, St. Gabriel, Blessed Trinity*
 - *Group #14 – Christ the King, St. Ambrose, St. Leo, St. Teresa, Holy Trinity* (see comment #11 below)
 - *Group #15 – Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, Sacred Heart, St. Bede, St. Gabriel Lalemant*
11. Staff recommend reinstating the boundary review (formerly Group #14) for the new Holy Trinity along with St. Ambrose and St. Leo, however this boundary review will appear on the list of deferred reviews pending completion of the new school.
12. Any new or replacement facility that is constructed should be assessed by Planning for potential boundary impacts at the start of the construction project and added to the priority list with surrounding impacted schools if a review is deemed necessary. Every effort should be made to complete the review prior to the initial active registration period for the new facility.
13. In approving a fixed attendance boundary at Our Lady of Perpetual Help (with two optional attendance areas) on March 29, 2012, Board motion states as follows;

“A review is to be carried out by staff in 2015, when the school is expected to be at about 130% utilization, to determine whether the

two priority optional attendance areas should be added to the primary attendance boundary.”

Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be added to the elementary boundary review ranking list as a single school review as neighbouring schools will not be affected by a review of this nature.

14. Resulting from the approved Board motion of March 12, 2015, St. Anselm will be added to the elementary boundary review ranking. St. Anselm also has an optional attendance area that is to be considered as part of this review. Any decision to include this area permanently in the St. Anselm boundary will potentially have an impact enrolment at St. Monica therefore St. Monica has been included in this review.
15. As part of the process of priority ranking the various boundary review school groups, special consideration was given to the reviews involving Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Anselm, as both school communities have Board-approved optional attendance areas. A large number of students residing within these designated optional attendance areas (refer to maps in *Appendix ‘C’*) attend Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Anselm. Staff have therefore ranked these school reviews as priority #1 and #2 respectively.
16. Shown below is a revised priority ranking of elementary boundary reviews based on current school information.

Group	School identified with pressures	Adjacent Schools	Cluster			Completion Cycle	SO(s)	Trustee(s)
			OTG	Pupil Count	UTIL (%)			
1	OLO Perpetual Help		280	394	141%	1	Shanahan	Davis
2	St. Anselm	St. Monica	648	645	100%		Shain Shanahan	Rizzo Kennedy
3	St. Gregory	Nativity of Our Lord	1747	1785	102%		Yack	Andrachuk Martino

		Mother Cabrini						
		St. Marcellus						
4	St. Maria Goretti	St. Lawrence	2250	2269	101%	2	Grant Malcolm	Crawford Del Grande
		St. Albert						
		St. Joachim						
5	St. Boniface	St. Nicholas	1513	1418	94%	2	Grant	Crawford
		St. Agatha						
		St. Ursula						
6	St. Michael	St. Paul	1220	924	76%	3	Shanahan	Davis
		OLO Lourdes						
7	St. Edmund Campion	St. Thomas More	728	552	76%		Grant	Crawford
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		St. Rose of Lima						
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		St. Leo						

17. If the stakeholder committee reaches consensus, the boundary review will require approximately 2 months to complete; longer if more than one stakeholder committee meeting is required. A longer period of time will be required to complete the review if the stakeholder committee does not reach consensus, in which case the review becomes subject to the more formal

reporting process to Committee/Board, allowing for public input by way of submissions and delegations.

E. ACTION PLAN

1. Subject to Board approval of the priority ranking and initiation of attendance boundary reviews, school communities of schools in Completion Cycle #1 will be informed about the initiation of the review process and the timelines and procedures involved.
2. Superintendents and Trustees of each school group will be contacted by Planning staff to inform them about the process and procedures as well as to review materials related to the boundary review in their area.
3. Superintendents will then establish a stakeholder committee in accordance with Elementary School Attendance Boundary Review Policy (S.A.03).

F. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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