



REPORT TO

## CORPORATE SERVICES, STRATEGIC PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

### ST. CATHERINE'S BOUNDARY REVIEW ASSESSMENT WARD 11

*An intelligent mind acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge Proverbs 18:15*

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#### RECOMMENDATION REPORT

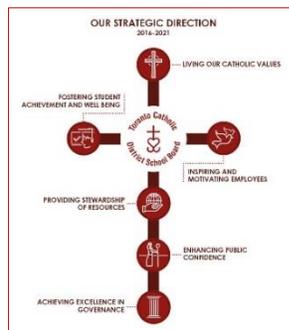
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*We educate students to grow in grace and knowledge to lead lives of faith, hope and charity.*



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## **A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report responds to a Board approved motion requesting an evaluation of St. Catherine to determine the need for a boundary review with surrounding schools. An analysis has been completed and provided in the report for the consideration of the Board.

*The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 15 hours.*

## **B. BACKGROUND**

1. ***On October 8, 2020, at Corporate Services, the Board of Trustees approved the following motion:***

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Board of Trustees approve an Attendance Boundary Review for St. Catherine Catholic Elementary School as per Policy SA.03, Elementary Admissions and Placement Policy; and (ii) BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Director of Education bring a report to Board outlining the details of an Attendance Boundary Review for St. Catherine Catholic Elementary School.*

## **C. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS**

### **Assessment of St. Catherine for Boundary Review**

1. ***Based on 2021-22 Board approved projections, St. Catherine has an enrolment of 120 students.*** The school has a Ministry rated “On-The-Ground” (OTG) Capacity of 141 pupil places which results in a utilization rate of 85%.
2. ***The surrounding schools are not experiencing significant space constraints.*** The projected 2021 enrolment if all students in-person indicate the following for surrounding schools:
  - Precious Blood is currently operating at 94%, with an enrolment of 459 students and a Ministry rated OTG capacity of 486 pupil places.
  - Annunciation is currently operating at 103%, with an enrolment of 343 students, and a Ministry rated OTG capacity of 333 pupil places.

3. *The current St. Catherine boundaries follow major arterial roads* such as the Don Valley Parkway, Victoria Park, and Lawrence Ave, as well as, the Hydro Corridor to the south *which aligns with good planning principles with respect to creating boundaries* as outlined in the *Elementary School Attendance Boundary Review Policy (S.A.03)*;

*“Boundaries are to follow logical and easily identifiable routes and/or physical landforms where possible, such as major roads, rail-lines, watercourses, parklands, ravines, and established political boundaries.”*

4. *Following the above-mentioned guidelines, scenarios were created to demonstrate the impact on St. Catherine and surrounding schools should boundary realignment occur* (see Appendix ‘A’ for detailed maps). Enrolment data utilized for this analysis reflects 2021-22 Board approved enrolment projections including latest development information.

#### Scenario 1 - Annunciation to St. Catherine

ANNUNCIATION	OTG	Projected Enrolment			
		Current 2021	2023	2025	2030
Status Quo: Pupil Count	<b>333</b>	343	344	330	329
Status Quo: Rate of Utilization (%)		<b>103%</b>	<b>103%</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>99%</b>
After Boundary Change: Pupil Count			320	292	256
After Boundary Change: Rate of Utilization (%)			<b>96%</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>77%</b>

ST. CATHERINE	OTG	Current	Projected Enrolment		
		2021	2023	2025	2030
Status Quo: Pupil Count	<b>141</b>	120	104	98	87
Status Quo: Rate of Utilization (%)		<b>85%</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>62%</b>
After Boundary Change: Pupil Count			197	251	390
After Boundary Change: Rate of Utilization (%)			<b>140%</b>	<b>178%</b>	<b>277%</b>

***Summary: Scenario 1*** would result in a decrease of between 50 and 90 students from Annunciation over time and an increase in St. Catherine enrolment of over 100 students by 2025. ***This proposed change would require the need for approximately***

*5 to 7 portable classrooms on site by 2025 to accommodate the additional students while Annunciation would be underutilized.*

**Scenario 2 - Annunciation to St. Catherine**

ANNUNCIATION	OTG	Current	Projected Enrolment		
		2021	2023	2025	2030
Status Quo: Pupil Count	<b>333</b>	343	344	330	329
Status Quo: Rate of Utilization (%)		<b>103%</b>	<b>103%</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>99%</b>
After Boundary Change: Pupil Count			344	329	327
After Boundary Change: Rate of Utilization (%)			<b>103%</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>98%</b>

ST. CATHERINE	OTG	Current	Projected Enrolment		
		2021	2023	2025	2030
Status Quo: Pupil Count	<b>141</b>	120	104	98	87
Status Quo: Rate of Utilization (%)		<b>85%</b>	<b>74%</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>62%</b>
After Boundary Change: Pupil Count			105	99	89
After Boundary Change: Rate of Utilization (%)			<b>74%</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>63%</b>

*Summary: Scenario 2 would result in a very minor change of only two students over 10 years due to the lack of development and historical junior kindergarten enrolment in this area. A boundary review leading to only a 1% increase in utilization would not yield enough results to positively impact either community.*

**Scenario 3 – Precious Blood to St. Catherine**

PRECIOUS BLOOD	OTG	Current	Projected Enrolment		
		2021	2023	2025	2030
Status Quo: Pupil Count	<b>486</b>	459	448	501	609
Status Quo: Rate of Utilization (%)		<b>94%</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>103%</b>	<b>125%</b>
After Boundary Change: Pupil Count			369	376	369
After Boundary Change: Rate of Utilization (%)			<b>76%</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>76%</b>

ST. CATHERINE	OTG	Current	Projected Enrolment		
		2021	2023	2025	2030
Status Quo: Pupil Count	141	120	104	98	87
Status Quo: Rate of Utilization (%)		85%	74%	70%	62%
After Boundary Change: Pupil Count			183	223	327
After Boundary Change: Rate of Utilization (%)			130%	158%	232%

**Summary: Scenario 3** A boundary realignment involving residents of the Victoria Village neighbourhood would result in a 26% reduction in the enrolment at Precious Blood by 2025 and a significant increase to 158% utilization at St. Catherine. *This boundary scenario would result in a need for approximately 5 to 10 portables to accommodate the increase in students over time.*

5. Boundary adjustments explored in *Scenarios 1 and 3* would have a negative impact on both the surrounding schools and St. Catherine. *Scenario 2* would not significantly change the status quo enrolment at either school studied.
6. *Transportation costs for Scenario 1 and 3* would increase due to duplication in bussing during a transitional period. Traditionally, the Board has allowed grandfathering of existing enrolment when a boundary realignment is implemented. Grandfathering allows siblings of students already enrolled at either school to continue to attend with their family members with boundary changes applicable only to new registrations.
7. *Due to the aforementioned reasons, staff do not recommend a boundary review for St. Catherine at this time.* Enrolment trends in the area will continue to be monitored for future boundary review consideration.

**D. STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

That a Boundary Review for St. Catherine and surrounding schools not be considered at this time for the reasons outlined in the body of this report.