



REPORT TO

CORPORATE SERVICES, STRATEGIC PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

ELEMENTARY BOUNDARY REVIEW RANKING 2021-2022 (ALL WARDS)

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

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| <h3>RECOMMENDATION REPORT</h3> | | |

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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Board last approved a priority ranking of elementary boundary reviews in 2016. Seven boundary reviews have been completed since that approval, including reviews that were required as a result of opening new schools. Significant changes in the availability of space, programming, and demographics, as well as discussions with area Trustees, relevant Board motions, and approvals, have necessitated the provision of an updated priority ranking.

This report provides information regarding the methodology applied in evaluating school groupings and recommends areas to be considered for review. Reviews approved as part of the previous priority ranking that have not yet completed have been reassessed to confirm circumstances still exist that warrant completion of the review.

The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 25 hours.

B. PURPOSE

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

C. BACKGROUND

1. *The Elementary School Attendance Boundary Review Policy (S.A. 03) (Appendix 'A') was last reviewed and approved by the Board on May 19, 2019.* A flow chart summarizing the Policy is included as *Appendix 'B'* to this report.
2. *The Board last approved a priority ranking of boundary reviews on January 21, 2016 (Appendix 'C').* Seven reviews have been completed since that approval inclusive of the three reviews listed in Cycle #1. They are as follows:

| School Groupings | Type |
|--|-------------|
| Our Lady of Perpetual Help | Cycle #1 |
| St. Anselm, St. Monica, Holy Cross, Canadian Martyrs, St. John XXIII | Cycle #1 |
| St. Gregory, Nativity of Our Lord, Mother Cabrini, St. Marcellus, Our Lady of Sorrows. | Cycle #1 |

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| The Holy Trinity, St. Leo, St. Ambrose | New School |
| St. Edward, St. Antoine Daniel, St. Gabriel, St. Paschal Baylon. | Immediate Enrolment Pressure |
| St. Mary, Bishop Macdonell | New School |
| Josyf Cardinal Slipyj, St. Josaphat | School Relocation |
| St. Michael, St. Paul, Our Lady of Lourdes | Completed as part of School Accommodation Review |

D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

1. ***Significant changes*** in the availability of space, programming, and demographics trends, as well as discussions with area Trustees, relevant Board motions, and approvals, ***have necessitated the provision of an updated priority ranking.***
2. ***Boundary reviews outstanding from January 21, 2016, approved list have been assessed in terms of the continued need for review:***

| Reviews to be Carried Over | Reason |
|--|--|
| St. Maria Goretti, St. Lawrence, St. Albert, and *St. Joachim | There is a continued need to balance enrolment at the oversubscribed locations. |
| Reviews No Longer Required | Reason |
| St. Edmund Campion, St. Thomas More St. Kateri Tekakwitha, St. Gerald. | Changes in demographics have resulted in balanced enrolment. These schools will continue to be monitored for inclusion in future rankings. |

*Note: Staff recommend removing St. Joachim from this grouping for inclusion of a newly identified grouping.

3. ***Two groupings were deferred pending the initiation of capital construction projects.***
 - St. Margaret, Blessed Sacrament, Our Lady of the Assumption - Approved construction of a new elementary school on the Baycrest site will be included in this review.

- On July 9, 2017, the Board considered *St. Margaret Catholic School Accommodation Options (Ward 5)*, and approved the following motion in part;

“... That, subject to the implementation of a two (2) school option, east and west of Bathurst Street, a boundary review involving St. Margaret and Our Lady of the Assumption be initiated.”

- The design of the new facility is underway and the boundary review for this group of schools will be initiated in the fall of 2022 in order to include members of the communities that will benefit from the new school. This grouping will be carried forward in the revised boundary review ranking.
- St. Victor (received an addition), St. Richard, St. Rose of Lima (received an FDK Addition) – The completion of two capital additions have addressed enrolment pressures in this area. This review is no longer required.

4. ***The following criteria were used to identify areas of enrolment pressure or capacity deficiency that can be alleviated through the implementation of a boundary review:***

- a. School Size
- b. Site Size
- c. School Utilization Rate
- d. School Utilization Rate assuming Students already within Fixed Attendance Boundary
- e. Projected enrolment trends
- f. Portable Count

5. Based on a comprehensive evaluation of all elementary schools using the above criteria, the ***top schools were grouped along with neighbouring schools that would be affected by a boundary change***. These groups, along with groups carried forward from the approved 2016 list, were ***then ranked based on the combined utilization rate, considering any current or planned funded capital projects***.

| Group | School identified with pressures | Utilization | Adjacent Schools | Utilization | Cluster | | | SO Area | Trustee Ward |
|-------|----------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------------|------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| | | | | | ENR (2021 Projected) | OTG | Total Utilization | | |
| 1 | St. Boniface | 107.3% | St. Agatha | 91.4% | 1420 | 1452 | 97.8% | Aguiar & Peterson | Del Grande & Crawford |
| | | | St. Nicholas | 88.1% | | | | | |
| | | | St. Ursula | 84.0% | | | | | |
| 2 | St. Maria Goretti | 114.5% | St. Lawrence | 106.7% | 1768 | 1858 | 95.2% | Aguiar & Peterson | Del Grande & Crawford |
| | | | St. Albert | 62.6% | | | | | |
| | | | *St. Joachim | N/A | | | | | |
| 3 | Our Lady of Fatima | 110.8% | Canadian Martyrs | 87.0% | 1755 | 1896 | 92.6% | Peterson & Dixon | Crawford & Kennedy |
| | | | St. Dunstan | 79.9% | | | | | |
| | | | *St. Joachim | 76.5% | | | | | |
| 4 | St. Andrew | 107.9% | St. Angela | 76.4% | 1689 | 2229 | 75.8% | Cifelli | Martino |
| | | | Msgr John Corrigan | 73.2% | | | | | |
| | | | St. Dorothy | 46.1% | | | | | |
| 5 | St. Jean de Brebeuf | 86.9% | St. Dominic Savio | 64.4% | 425 | 582 | 73.0% | Peterson | Tanuan |

| New or Replacement Facilities | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|--------|---------------------|--------|------|------|-------|---------------|-----------------------|
| *2022 | Our Lady of the Assumption | 154.7% | St. Margaret | 172.1% | 959 | 1130 | 84.9% | Campbell | Rizzo |
| | | | Baycrest | N/A | | | | | |
| *2024 | Buttonwood | N/A | Our Lady of Sorrows | 112.2% | 2182 | 2451 | 89.0% | Bria, Cifelli | De Domenico, Lubinski |
| | | | St. Gregory | 125.5% | | | | | |
| | | | All Saints | 116.2% | | | | | |

* Note(s):

- 1) A map showing the locations of the Boundary Review Groups can be seen in Appendix 'D'.
- 2) Demographics trends indicate that St. Joachim would benefit more when added to Group 3.
- 3) Blessed Sacrament has been removed from this grouping as the new Baycrest site is located directly within the service area of Our Lady of the Assumption and St. Margaret. The capacity for the new Baycrest site has been added to the grouping.
- 4) Dates are tentative based on construction timelines for new facilities. Reviews will be completed prior to the initial active registration period.

6. ***Any new or replacement facility will 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 will be made to complete the review prior to the initial active registration period.
7. ***The Boundary Review process requires two to six months to complete, dependent on committee agreement and reporting requirements.*** As indicated in the Policy, representation and consultation with the school community is a key component in achieving a positive solution for all concerned. ***Any boundary changes resulting from the process would be effective for the following school year and in place for the next available registration period.***

E. IMPLEMENTATION, STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN

1. *Subject to Board approval* of the priority ranking and initiation of attendance boundary reviews, *school communities will be informed about the initiation of the review* process and the timelines and procedures involved in accordance with policy.
2. *Superintendents and Trustees of each school group will be contacted by Planning staff* to inform them about the process and procedures and 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 RECOMMENDATIONS

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

| Group | School identified with pressures | Adjacent Schools | SO Area | Trustee Ward |
|-------|----------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | St. Boniface | St. Agatha | Aguiar & Peterson | Del Grande & Crawford |
| | | St. Nicholas | | |
| | | St. Ursula | | |
| 2 | St. Maria Goretti | St. Lawrence | Aguiar & Peterson | Del Grande & Crawford |
| | | St. Albert | | |
| 3 | Our Lady of Fatima | Canadian Martyrs | Peterson & Dixon | Crawford & Kennedy |
| | | St. Dunstan | | |

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| | | St. Joachim | | |
| 4 | St. Andrew | St. Angela | Cifelli | Martino |
| | | Msgr John Corrigan | | |
| | | St. Dorothy | | |
| 5 | St. Jean de Brebeuf | St. Dominic Savio | Peterson | Tanuan |
| New or Replacement Facilities | | | | |
| *2022 | Our Lady of the Assumption | St. Margaret Baycrest | Campbell | Rizzo |
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| *2024 | Buttonwood | Our Lady of Sorrows | Bria, Cifelli | De Domenico, Lubinski |
| | | St. Gregory | | |
| | | All Saints | | |

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2. That the Review Groups be approved for initiation and implementation in accordance with the *Elementary School Attendance Boundary Review Policy (S.A. 03)*.