



REPORT TO

REGULAR BOARD

ST. CATHERINE, ANNUNCIATION, PRECIOUS BLOOD BOUNDARY REVIEW FINAL REPORT

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

Drafted	Meeting Date
January 11, 2023	January 26, 2023
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<h3>RECOMMENDATION REPORT</h3>	

Vision: *IN GOD'S IMAGE: Growing in Knowledge, with Justice and Hope.*

Mission: *Nurturing the faith development and academic excellence of our Catholic learning community through the love of God, neighbour, and self.*



MULTI-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN
2022 - 2025

IN GOD'S IMAGE: Growing in Knowledge, with Justice and Hope



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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The final report for the St. Catherine, Annunciation, and Precious Blood Boundary Review responds to delegations received at the December 7, 2022 Corporate Services, Strategic Planning and Property Committee (CSSPPC) meeting and provides a recommendation for Board approval.

The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 14 hours.

B. BACKGROUND

1. Boundary Review Process

- May 16, 2022 – First Committee Meeting
- May 31, 2022 – Second Committee Meeting
- June 6, 2022 – Public Meeting

2. **November 10, 2022** – Initial Report: The *St. Catherine, Annunciation, Precious Blood Boundary Review Initial Report* was received by the Board.

3. **December 7, 2022** – 6 Delegations were received at the Corporate Services Committee (*Appendix 'A'*).

C. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

1. In accordance with the *Elementary School Attendance Boundary Review Policy S.A.03*, **a consensus decision was not reached** during the Boundary Review process and therefore an initial boundary review report was submitted to Board at the November 10, 2022 CSSPPC meeting to bring the review to an end.

2. ***School communities had an opportunity to delegate at the December 7, 2022 CSSPPC meeting.*** There was a total of six delegations, three representing the St. Catherine community, and the other three representing the Precious Blood community. The table below summarizes concerns of the delegations and staff responses where appropriate.

Key Issues and Concerns	Staff Response
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenges associated with an underpopulated school. • Less fundraising. • Less programming opportunities. 	Aligning the boundary to include all of Victoria Village was considered in the November 11, 2021, Corporate Services, Strategic Planning and Property Committee, a report titled

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less sporting opportunities. • Inequitable boundary. • Requesting consideration of changing the current boundary of St. Catherine to expand to include the entire community of Victoria Village. 	<p><i>St. Catherine’s Boundary Review Assessment</i> assessing the need for a boundary review. This report responded to a Board approved motion requesting an evaluation of St. Catherine to determine the need for a boundary review with surrounding schools.</p> <p>At the time of the report, it was determined that 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.</p> <p>The creation of the Proposed Boundary scenario came out of a delegation in response to the aforementioned report which was presented to the committee in the boundary review meetings.</p> <p>Two options were considered, Status Quo, and the Proposed Boundary scenario. <i>The Proposed Boundary was explored as recommended by the St. Catherine community however it should be noted that it does not follow established boundary planning guiding principles.</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased portables, impacting Student welfare 	<p><i>Portables are an effective temporary alternative for the accommodation of students.</i> Portables are built and maintained to</p>

	industry standards to ensure the safety of our students.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child care and After School Programs availability 	<p>As required under the Education Act, the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) is committed to ensuring the provision of a Before and After school program for every child from Kindergarten to Grade 6 where there is sufficient demand and/or viability.</p> <p><i>The TCDSB uses data collected from annual surveys at the time of Kindergarten Registration as well as local information to assess demand and viability of programs in partnership with the City of Toronto.</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decreased staffing 	<p><i>Staffing is reviewed on an annual basis and adjusted to reflect enrolment fluctuations</i> year over year.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development Yields 	<p><i>Projected yields from new development are based on the most recent available data and also consider the unit breakdown of every development.</i> Pupil yield factors are derived from historical TCDSB student data spatially matched to Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) housing data by the period of housing construction over the last 15-years (to derive 15-year pupil yield cycles), by density type and by Review Area to provide the most accurate available projections.</p>

	Anticipated development in the Golden Mile has been factored into enrolment projections.
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3. Traditionally, the Board has allowed grandparenting of existing students when a boundary realignment is implemented, which could be in effect up to 10 years after the boundary change occurs. Consistent with the *St. Catherine Boundary Review Assessment 2021-2022* report brought to Board at the October 14, 2021 CSSPPC meeting, ***any proposed changes in this area would result in significant additional busing and transportation costs associated with maintaining the existing routes.***

4. ***Staff continue to recommend that the attendance boundaries remain status quo*** as the current boundaries were created following established guiding principles of boundary planning. Based on the noted concerns of parents and each school community, ***there is not an available boundary change that satisfies the needs of both groups.*** Remaining status quo will also allow for the realization of development growth in the area. Planning will continue to assess those impacts on enrolment in line with evolving development timelines.

5. ***TCDSB is initiating the process of updating the Board’s Long-Term Accommodation Program Plan*** where the Board will look at system-wide accommodation strategies and programming considerations.

D. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the attendance boundaries for St. Catherine, Annunciation, and Precious Blood remain status quo.