



REPORT TO

CORPORATE SERVICES, STRATEGIC PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

INITIATION OF PUPIL ACCOMMODATION REVIEW (WARD 1)

*Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans.
Proverbs 16:3 | NIV |*

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RECOMMENDATION REPORT		

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At Toronto Catholic we transform the world through witness, faith, innovation and action.

Mission:

The Toronto Catholic District School Board is an inclusive learning community rooted in the love of Christ. We educate students to grow in grace and knowledge and to lead lives of faith, hope and charity.



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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report recommends that Don Bosco Catholic Secondary School be approved for school accommodation review, in accordance with the newly approved Pupil Accommodation Review Policy (S.09).

B. PURPOSE

This report seeks approval for the initiation of a school accommodation review for Don Bosco Catholic Secondary School in accordance with Pupil Accommodation Review Policy (S.09)

C. BACKGROUND

Don Bosco has seen significant enrolment decline over the past decade. Currently, there are approximately 60 grade 10 students, 103 grade 11 students, and 123 grade 12 students. This equates to a total enrolment of only 286 students. Don Bosco did not accept any new grade 9 student registrations for the 2015-16 school year.

Assuming a continuance of no grade 9 registrations for the 2016-17 school year, projected Don Bosco enrolment will be the following:

Grade 11	60
Grade 12	105

Assuming a continuance of no grade 9 registrations for the 2017-18 school year, projected Don Bosco enrolment will be the following:

Grade 12	60
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Historical Don Bosco enrolment, highlighting significant yearly decline:

OTG	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
840	968	948	854	756	709	654	568	552	434	286
	115%	113%	102%	90%	84%	78%	68%	66%	52%	34%

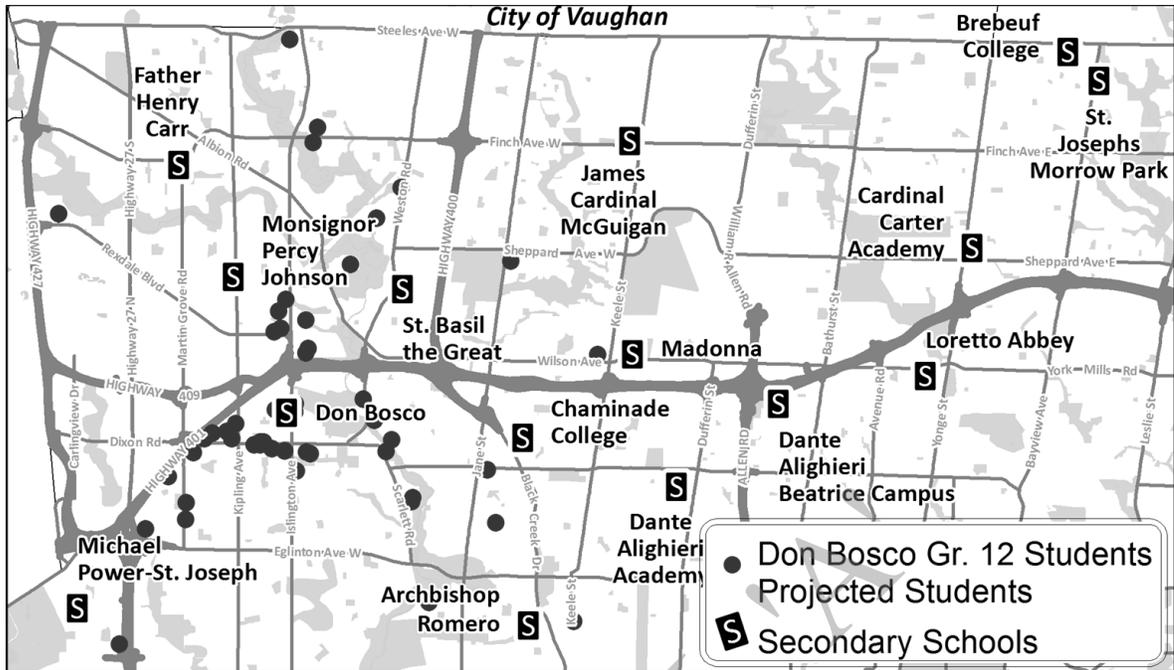
D. ACTION PLAN

1. Staff are required as per Pupil Accommodation Review Policy (S.09) to provide one or more options to address the challenges associated with any school under accommodation review, and seek public feedback with respect to the staff recommendation.
2. The current staff recommendation is to close the Don Bosco facility effective for the 2017-18 school year due to significant under-subscription. Furthermore, staff recommend that the remaining 60 grade 12 students projected for the 2017-18 school year be accommodated at their nearest respective community schools, as indicated in the table below:

Nearest Community School	Projected Number of Don Bosco students to be Accommodated in 2017-18
Archbishop Romero	10
Chaminade	1
Michael Power / St. Joseph	32
Monsignor Percy Johnson	8
St. Basil	5
Father Henry Carr	3
Student(s) outside the City of Toronto	1
Total:	60

Note: nearest community school was determined by measuring the geographic distance from the student's residence to the closest TCDSB secondary school.

10. Staff have conducted a thorough space assessment of the secondary schools noted in the table above, and have concluded that all 60 projected Don Bosco grade 12 students can be accommodated in their respective area schools. Principals have been consulted and are aware of the possibility of a Don Bosco redirection.



11. Staff have determined that Don Bosco can be reviewed under the Board’s “modified” review policy. Under such a scenario, there is a minimum requirement of one public meeting, with full public participation.
12. Ministry of Education has advised staff that school accommodation reviews must take place in the future to address low enrolment and underutilization of space, and to be fully considered as part of the Board’s next Long Term Accommodation Plan.

E. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That Don Bosco Catholic Secondary School be approved for a modified pupil accommodation review, in accordance with the newly approved Pupil Accommodation Review Policy (S.09).