



REPORT TO

REGULAR BOARD

CAPACITY REDUCTION STRATEGY (UPDATE) WARDS 6, 9, 10

Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Romans 13:1 | NIV |

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RECOMMENDATION REPORT		

Vision:

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

In a recent memorandum dated November 14, 2016 (*Appendix 'A'*), the Ministry of Education has indicated its support for the Board's capacity reduction strategy for Wards 6, 9 and 10, and is prepared to lift the condition of funding for St. Raymond.

The memorandum indicates concern over a Pupil Accommodation Review (PAR) planned for 2025, involving St. Alphonsus and Holy Rosary, which the Ministry believes is too far into the future to effectively deal with existing underutilization challenges. The Ministry of Education has therefore asked the Board to amend the start date for the PAR to be within the next five to six years.

Furthermore, the Ministry has expressed concern that the consolidation strategy does not adequately address a large portion of excess capacity at St. Helen, Holy Family and St. Vincent de Paul, and is encouraging the Board to look at other opportunities to reduce excess space.

Staff therefore recommend amending the initiation date for the proposed PAR involving St. Alphonsus and Holy Rosary from 2025 to 2022, to be consistent with the Ministry request.

B. BACKGROUND

1. In a memorandum from the Ministry of Education dated May 18, 2016, Ministry staff formally requested a consolidation strategy for the downtown core prior to releasing funding for a replacement St. Raymond facility and daycare.
2. Staff responded with a comprehensive consolidation strategy for Wards 6, 9 and 10, which was approved at the October 13, 2016 Corporate Services, Strategic Planning and Property Committee. The Board direction was as follows:

“That the Board of Trustees approve the projected capacity reduction strategy for the study area as outlined in this report.

That the Ministry of Education be requested to approve the Capital funding for St. Raymond Catholic Elementary School, including the day care centre.

That the Pupil Accommodation Review for St. Luigi, St. Sebastian and St. Rita occur at the same time as the TDSB has completed a successful Pupil

Accommodation Review involving Perth PS and Pauline PS, and has declared one of these two facilities surplus to their needs.”

3. In a recent memorandum dated November 14, 2016 (*Appendix ‘A’*), the Ministry of Education has indicated its support for the Board’s consolidation strategy for Wards 6, 9 and 10 and is prepared to lift the condition of funding for St. Raymond:

“The ministry has now completed its review of the board’s proposal and we are pleased to see that the Accommodation Plan proposes to reduce excess capacity by over 3,700 pupil places and raise the overall utilization rate to 75% at these schools.

I am pleased to inform you that at this time the ministry will remove the condition on the funding for the replacement St. Raymond CS to support the closure and consolidation of St. Bruno.”

4. The memorandum, however, further indicates concern over a PAR planned for 2025, involving St. Alphonsus and Holy Rosary, which the Ministry believes is too far into the future to effectively deal with existing underutilization challenges in the larger discussion area:

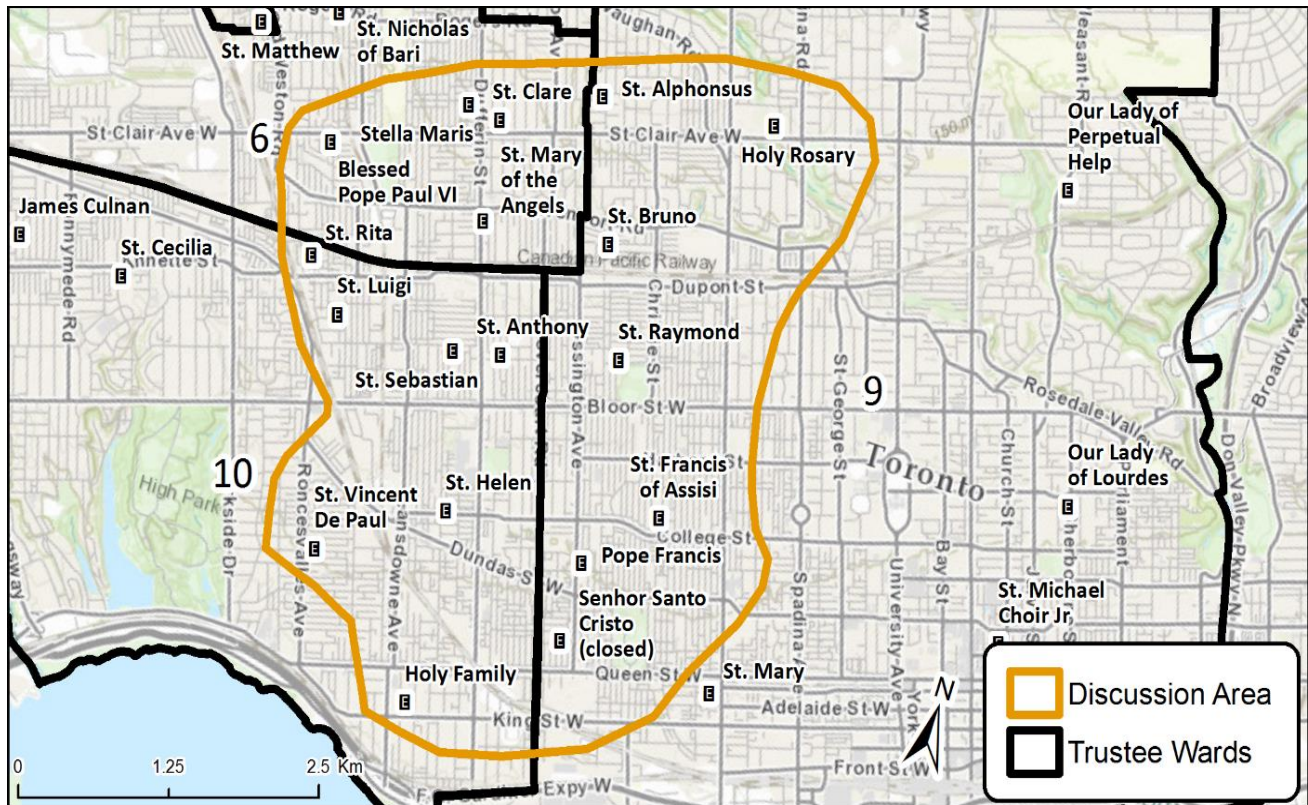
*“While the ministry is pleased that the board’s proposal includes positive steps towards reducing excess capacity at area schools, we are concerned about the fact that the Accommodation Plan’s timeline includes a planned pupil accommodation review initiation date of 2025 for St. Alphonsus CS and Holy Rosary CS. The ministry considers this planned initiation date to be too far into the future to effectively deal with the existing challenges facing the board around underutilization in this area of schools. **As such, the ministry is requesting the board to amend its Accommodation Plan in order to initiate the pupil accommodation review for these schools within the next five to six years.** The board is asked to submit to the ministry the trustee-approved Accommodation Plan for the 18 schools in this area, reflecting this amendment, before the ministry will issue an Approval to Proceed to tender the construction of the new St. Raymond CS.”*

5. Lastly, the Ministry of Education has expressed concern that the consolidation plan does not adequately address a large portion of the *“collective excess capacity at St. Helen CS, Holy Family CS, and St. Vincent de Paul CS.”* The Ministry is therefore encouraging the Board to consider other opportunities to reduce excess OTG capacity in the larger discussion area. Although this is not a condition to

proceeding with the construction of a replacement school at St. Raymond, it is a clear indication that future Capital requests will require the Board to make effective use of available surplus school capacity.

Discussion Area as Defined by the Ministry

- 18 schools that form the study area for consolidation efforts in the downtown area were identified by Ministry of Education staff, as shown in the map below:



Consolidation Strategy for Wards 6, 9 and 10

- At the Corporate Services, Strategic Planning and Property Committee of October 13, 2016, the Board of Trustees approved the following OTG capacity reduction strategy involving the aforementioned 18 schools, including proposed initiation years:

Discussion Area School (Ward)	Current OTG Capacity	Proposed OTG Capacity	Proposed OTG Capacity Difference	Proposed Action	Proposed Year to Initiate Study/Action
Holy Family (10)	688	300	-388	Community Hub	2017
Pope Francis (9)	571	300	-271	Community Hub	2017
Senhor Santo Cristo (9)	507	0	-507	Consolidation completed	2016
St. Bruno (9)	380	0	-380	Consolidation	2019
St. Clare (6)	586	350	-236	Right-Size Replacement School	2018
St. Francis of Assisi (9)	357	300	-57	Community Hub	2017
St. Mary of the Angels (6)	480	0	-480	Consolidation pending PAR	2019
St. Raymond (9)	584	350	-234	Right-Size Replacement School	2019
Blessed Pope Paul VI (6)	400	400	no change		
St. Anthony (10)	530	530	no change		
St. Helen (10)	858	858	no change		
St. Vincent de Paul (10)	547	547	no change		
Stella Maris (6)	675	675	no change		
Holy Rosary (9)	317			Consolidation and Right-Size Replacement School pending PAR	2025
St. Alphonsus (9)	525				
Subtotal:	842	650	-192		
St. Luigi (10)	424			Board approved PAR	2017
St. Rita (10)	421				
St. Sebastian (10)	550				
Subtotal:	1395	424	-971		
Total:	9400	5684	3716		

8. In summary of the above table, the Board approved the following OTG capacity reduction target involving the aforementioned 18 schools:

Summary of Proposed OTG Capacity Change for the 18 Schools	Total Pupil Places
OTG Reduction through Consolidation	-4350
OTG Reduction through Hubs	-716
OTG Increase through New Capital Investments	1350
NET OTG Capacity Reduction Target by 2029:	-3716

9. Staff recommend amending the initiation date for the proposed PAR involving St. Alphonsus and Holy Rosary from 2025 to 2022, to be consistent with the Ministry request.

C. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Trustees revise the initiation date for the proposed PAR involving Holy Rosary and St. Alphonsus from 2025 to 2022.