



REPORT TO

REGULAR BOARD

## PUPIL ACCOMMODATION REVIEW DON BOSCO CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL WARD 1 – INTERIM STAFF REPORT

*May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you.*

*Psalm 33:22 | 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 uniting home, parish and school and rooted in the love of Christ.*

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



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## **A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

A modified Pupil Accommodation Review for Don Bosco Catholic Secondary School was approved by the Board on June 9, 2016. (*Appendix 'A'*).

The modified Pupil Accommodation Review, was undertaken in accordance with Policy (S.09), spanned approximately two months, with a public meeting held on October 25, 2016.

A Special Board meeting will be held January 12, 2017, for public feedback with respect to the following staff recommendations:

- i. That Don Bosco be closed effective September 2017.
- ii. That grade 11 students attending Don Bosco be accommodated in neighbouring Catholic Secondary Schools for February 2017.
- iii. That the Director of Education develop a Transition Plan with timelines to facilitate a consolidation; and
- iv. That opportunities for continued programming at the consolidated schools be assessed.

*The cumulative staff time dedicated to this endeavour was 120 hours.*

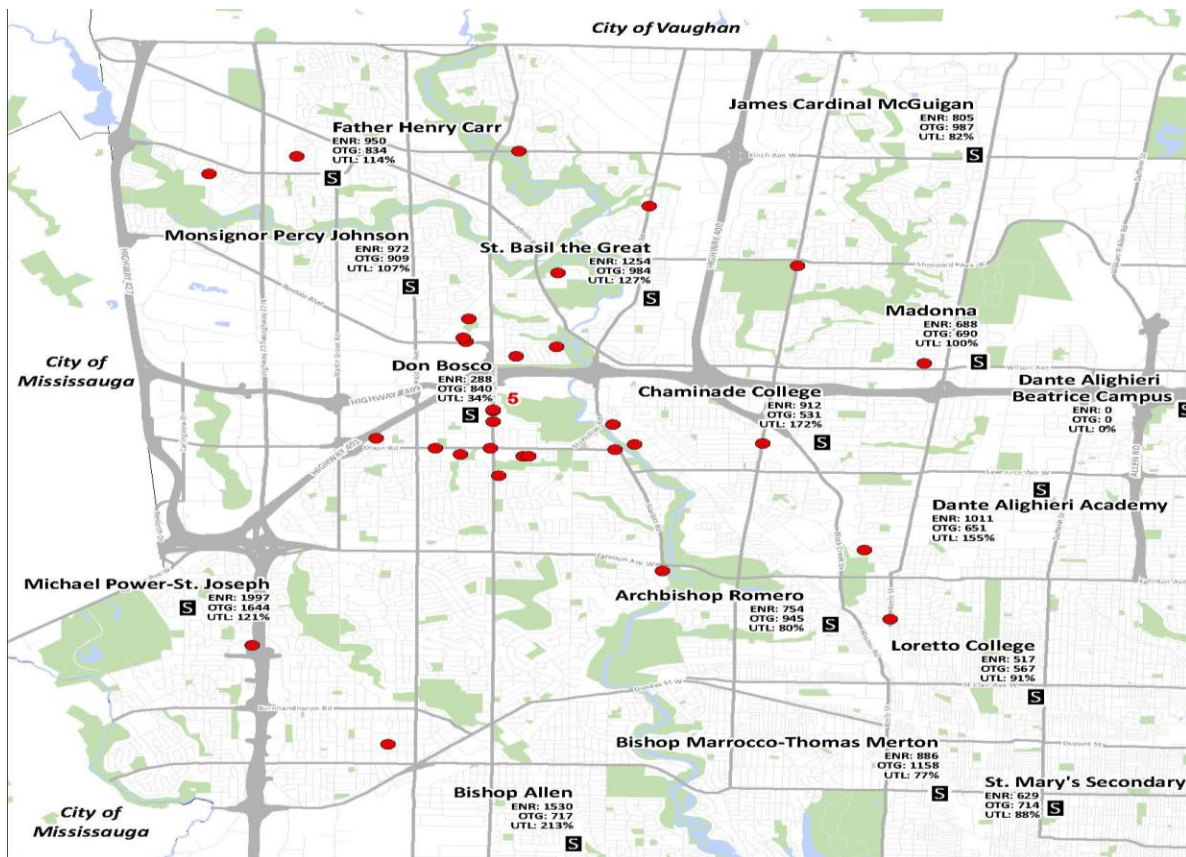
## **B. PURPOSE**

This report is for the consideration of Trustees regarding the consolidation of Don Bosco into nearby community schools, arising out of the modified Pupil Accommodation Review process.

## **C. BACKGROUND**

1. Don Bosco has seen significant enrolment decline over the past decade. Currently, there are thirty four (34) grade 11 students, and sixty three (63) grade 12 students, totalling only 97 students. Don Bosco did not accept any new grade 9 student registrations for the 2016-17 school year.
2. At its Regular Board meeting held on June 9, 2016, the Board of Trustees approved the initiation of a modified Pupil Accommodation Review for Don Bosco Catholic Secondary School, in accordance with Board Policy S.09 Pupil Accommodation Review (*Appendix 'B'*).

3. On October 25, 2016, a public meeting was held at Don Bosco. Minutes (*Appendix 'C'*) from the public meeting and comments from the City of Toronto (*Appendix 'D'*) have been collected and are included in this report. All information discussed as part of the modified Pupil Accommodation Review process, including the minutes from the public meeting, have been made available on the Board's website.
4. Following a community stakeholder consultation process, staff will provide final recommendations at the meeting of Regular Board on January 26, 2017.
5. Staff have conducted a thorough space assessment of the neighbouring Catholic secondary schools, and have concluded that all 34 Grade 11 Don Bosco students can be accommodated in their respective community schools. Principals have been fully consulted, are supportive, and have made arrangements for the transfer of all Grade 11 students to commence studies in Semester 2. Catholic Secondary Schools include: Archbishop Romero, Chaminade, Michael Power/St. Joseph, Father Henry Carr, Monsignor Percy Johnson, and St. Basil The Great. Refer to the following map for the location of current Grade 11 students.



## D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

6. Over the past decade, Don Bosco Catholic Secondary School has experienced a steady decline in enrolment, and further decline is projected well into the future. Due to significant enrolment decline Don Bosco was identified for a modified Pupil Accommodation Review.
7. Assuming a continuance of no Grade 9 registrations for the 2017-18 school year, projected Don Bosco enrolment will be equal to or less than 34 Grade 12 students.
8. The following table highlights historical Don Bosco enrolment:

DON BOSCO - HISTORICAL ENROLMENT AND UTILIZATION												
OTG		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
840	Enrol. #	968	948	854	756	709	654	568	552	434	287	97
	Utiliz. %	115%	113%	102%	90%	84%	78%	68%	66%	52%	34%	11%

9. As part of the review process, Planning staff submitted the following recommendations for consideration:
  - i. That Grade 12 students continue their academic program and graduate in June 2017.
  - ii. That Grade 11 students be consolidated in neighbouring Catholic Secondary Schools for February 2017. Background information and analysis for Don Bosco can be found at the following web link.  
<https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/PlanningandFacilities/PlanningServices/SARC/Documents/SARC%20BINDER%205%20-%20Don%20Bosco.pdf>
10. There is general agreement and consensus among senior academic staff that consolidation into neighbouring Catholic Secondary Schools will provide program-related benefits for Don Bosco students, including:
  - i. Proactive exposure to a full breadth of course options.
  - ii. Access to more programs and services.
  - iii. Deliberate sensitivity to transition for Grade 11 students (participation in the course selection process in February 2017 for the 2017-2018 academic year).

11. The future use of the Don Bosco facility has not been determined. Further study of the long-term need and potential uses for the facility will be undertaken, including consideration of a Community Hub, facility partnerships, or possible disposition. Options will be prepared for Board consideration in a future report.
12. A Transition Plan will be recommended to facilitate a consolidation that is student friendly and as seamless as possible. The Transition Plan will be undertaken in consultation with Don Bosco and neighbouring Catholic Secondary Schools, including students, parents/guardians and school staff.

## **E. ACTION PLAN**

In accordance with the modified Pupil Accommodation Review Policy (S.09), the following sequence of Special Board meetings will be required prior to final approval of recommendations.

### **January 12, 2017, Special Board Meeting**

- Opportunity for public input through delegations and written submissions in response to the Director's Report, which will contain the following recommendations:
  1. That Don Bosco be closed effective September 2017.
  2. That Grade 11 students attending Don Bosco be accommodated in neighbouring Catholic Secondary Schools for February 2017.
  3. That the Director of Education develop a Transition Plan with timelines to facilitate a consolidation.
  4. That opportunities for continued programming at the consolidated schools be assessed.

### **January 26, 2017 –Board Meeting**

- Final report from Director of Education will be considered, which takes into the results of public input provided at the previous public meeting and Board meetings.
- Trustees to make a final decision on the modified Pupil Accommodation Review recommendations.

## **F. CONCLUSION**

This report is presented for the consideration of the Board.