



REPORT TO

CORPORATE SERVICES, STRATEGIC PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

ST. RAYMOND & ST. BRUNO: RELOCATION OF STUDENTS

According to the Grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. 1 Corinthians 3:10

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INFORMATION 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

On November 14, 2016 the Ministry of Education approved funding of \$9.49M for a 350 pupil place Replacement School with a Child Care for the consolidated St. Raymond/St. Bruno school communities.

This report summarizes the outcomes of the decision to consolidate St. Raymond into St. Bruno in September 2017, particularly regarding potential cost savings and enhanced academic programming.

A Transition Planning Committee will be established, as per *Pupil Accommodation Review Policy (S.A.09)* and Pupil Accommodation Review operational procedures to facilitate a consolidation including timelines and the organization of student transfer, and the relocation of program materials, equipment and school memorabilia to the receiving school. The Transition Plan will be formulated in consultation with affected school communities, including parents/guardians and school staff.

The cumulative staff time dedicated to developing this report was 25 hours.

B. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to inform the Board of issues to be addressed during the consolidation of St. Raymond to St. Bruno in September 2017.

C. BACKGROUND

1. On January 21, 2016, the Corporate Services, Strategic Planning and Property Committee approved the following recommendations of the *Report regarding Final Recommendation School Accommodation Review St. Bruno/St. Raymond*:
 - a) *A business case be developed for submission to the Ministry of Education at the next available opportunity for funding of a replacement school at St Raymond.*
 - b) *After submission of the business case, that St Bruno be closed and consolidated with the St Raymond school community no earlier September, 2017. St Bruno will act as the temporary consolidated school site once facility work is*

ready to commence at the current St Raymond site and until such time as the students are able to be accommodated there.

- c) The enhanced programming for the consolidated school community will be assessed by staff in consultation with the local community.*
 - d) The attendance boundaries of St Bruno and St Raymond be combined to form the new boundary for the consolidated school.*
 - e) The Director of Education develop a Transition Plan including timelines to facilitate a consolidation, and the process for the naming of the new consolidated school.*
- 2. On November 14, 2016, the Ministry of Education approved funding of \$9.49M for a 350 pupil place replacement school with a child care for the consolidated St. Raymond and St. Bruno school communities.
 - 3. It is estimated that after Ministry and City approvals, construction may begin by September 2018, with the school opening anticipated in 2020. However, demolition of the existing St. Raymond facility may be scheduled earlier during the 2017/18 school year.

D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

- 1. Below are the benefits of consolidating St. Raymond into St. Bruno in September 2017 vs. September 2018:
 - a) **Cost Savings:** With the demolition of St. Raymond and the consolidation of St. Raymond and St. Bruno there would be an estimated annual savings of \$515,000 related to operations and maintenance. A further \$561,681 in staff cost savings could be realized through consolidation. There would be additional Transportation costs of approximately \$100,000 (representing 2 additional buses) for the combined facility.

- b) Facility work such as demolition on the St. Raymond site could begin earlier and avoid a mid-academic year relocation.
 - c) The students would benefit one year earlier from enhanced programming due to larger enrolment.
 - d) The school communities would have additional time to adjust to new surroundings/new school name before moving to a new replacement facility.
 - e) The capacity of St. Raymond (576 pupil places) would be removed from the TCDSB excess capacity. The Deferred Maintenance backlog of \$10M would also be removed.
 - f) The move would demonstrate to the Ministry of Education TCDSB's commitment to its draft Long-Term Accommodation and Program Plan by making more efficient use of under-utilized space.
2. A letter, dated December 20, 2016, (*Appendix 'A'*) has been distributed to the communities of both schools informing them of the upcoming construction timelines and next steps.
 3. A Transition Plan will be developed immediately, inclusive of a new attendance boundary encompassing the areas of both schools. As Kindergarten registration begins January 18, 2017, SOAR and School Locator have been updated to reflect a move by September 2017. The Transition Plan will be formulated in consultation with affected school communities, including parents/guardians and school staff. In addition a name will be considered for the new school in accordance with the *School Names* (S.07) policy.

E. CONCLUSION

This report is presented for the information of the Board.