



REPORT TO

REGULAR BOARD

ATTENDANCE BOUNDARY REVIEW – ST. GREGORY, NATIVITY OF OUR LORD, MOTHER CABRINI, ST. MARCELLUS, OUR LADY OF SORROWS – INTERIM REPORT (TRUSTEE WARDS 1 AND 2)

“Eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”, Ephesians 4:3

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RECOMMENDATION REPORT

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The Toronto Catholic District School Board is an inclusive learning community uniting home, parish and school and rooted in the love of Christ.

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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At its Corporate Affairs, Strategic Planning and Property Committee meeting held on January 21, 2016, the Board considered the report ‘Elementary Boundary Review Ranking – All Wards, and approved the initiation of a boundary review for St. Gregory, Nativity of Our Lord, Mother Cabrini, St. Marcellus, in accordance with Board Policy *Elementary School Attendance Boundary Review S.A.03 (Appendix ‘A’)*.

Subsequently, at its meeting of February 9, 2016, the Board approved limited representation from Our Lady of Sorrows for the purpose of reviewing the shared attendance boundary between St. Gregory and Our Lady of Sorrows.

This report recommends that the following be considered for approval at the meeting of the Board of Trustees on February 23, 2017:

1. The attendance boundaries for St. Gregory, Nativity of Our Lord, Mother Cabrini, St. Marcellus and Our Lady of Sorrows remain status quo.
2. That, in accordance with the Long-Term Accommodation Program Plan (LTAPP), staff investigate and assess possible locations in the South /Central Etobicoke area for a new elementary school to alleviate enrolment pressures in this area.

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

B. PURPOSE

To provide a summary of the process undertaken in proposing a boundary solution that balances school enrolment among the group of schools in the review. Additionally, this report will address outstanding community concerns and suggest accommodation options for future consideration.

C. BACKGROUND

1. The initiation of a Boundary Review for St. Gregory, Nativity of Our Lord, Mother Cabrini, St. Marcellus and Our Lady of Sorrows elementary schools was approved by the Board on January 21, 2016 and February 9, 2016.

2. The Boundary Review, undertaken in accordance with Elementary School Attendance Boundary Review Policy (S.A.03), spanned approximately six months, with public meetings held on November 15, 2016 and December 12, 2016. Members of the Boundary Review Committee (BRC) also met on several occasions as a group for further discussion as is required under the policy.
3. Minutes from the public meetings are included in *Appendix 'B'*. All information discussed as part of the Boundary Review process, materials provided to the BRC for consideration, and all notes from public meetings have been made available on the Board's website.
4. The BRC thoroughly assessed and discussed all boundary options including status quo, the staff option, and additional options discussed during the BRC meetings. The BRC concluded that consensus could not be reached.

D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

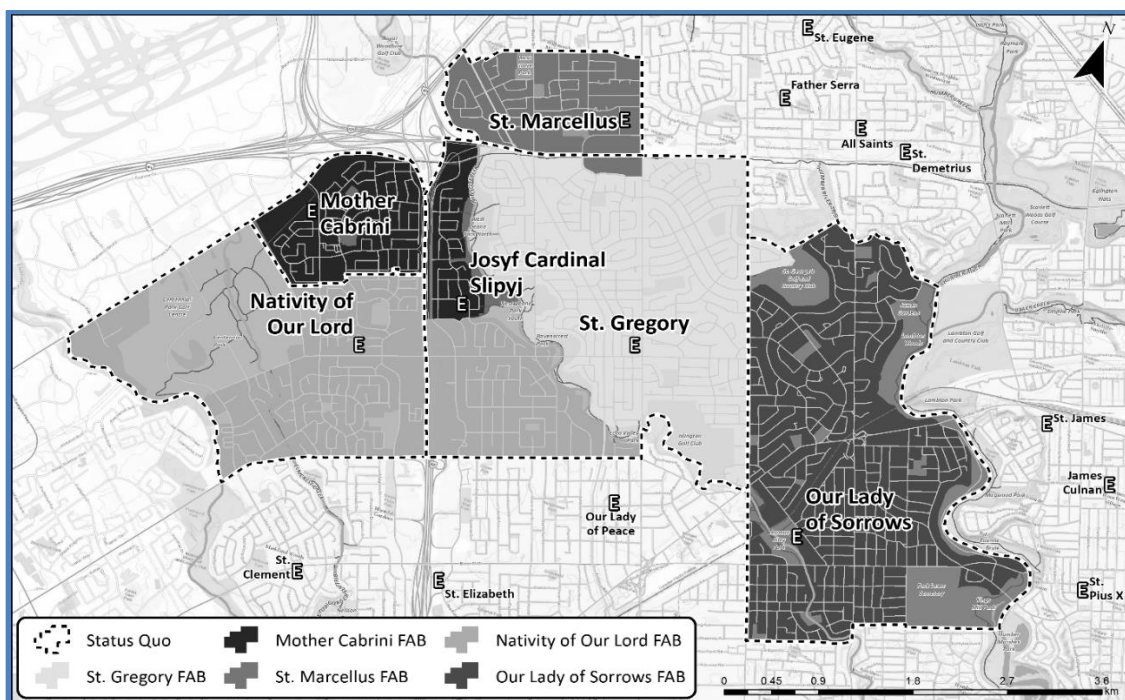
1. Resulting from BRC discussions and community feedback, staff recommend that the attendance boundaries for St. Gregory, Nativity of Our Lord, Mother Cabrini, St. Marcellus and Our Lady of Sorrows remain status quo. Additionally, staff will continue to investigate possible locations in the South/ Central Etobicoke area to accommodate a new elementary school following the direction of the LTAPP. A new school in the area will alleviate enrolment pressures. In order to admit upwards of approx. 150 FDK students for September 2017, up to 3 portables may be required at St. Gregory. Staff will fully assess portable requirements as part of the annual portable plan. This report is expected in March.

2. Demographics

St. Gregory is oversubscribed with an enrolment of 700 students and a utilization rate of 121%. St. Gregory's enrolment is projected to steadily increase into the future. Nativity of Our Lord has capacity to allow for some degree of boundary alignment in this area with an enrolment of 433 students and a utilization rate of 80%. Mother Cabrini is a small school with an enrolment of 178 students and a utilization rate of 81%. St. Marcellus is operating slightly above capacity with an enrolment of 414 students and a utilization rate of 102%. Our Lady of Sorrows is operating above capacity with an enrolment of 783 students and a utilization rate of 138%, and was added to the review for the limited purpose of reviewing the boundary shared with St. Gregory.

3. To assist the BRC with its discussion on boundary solutions, Planning staff submitted the following option for consideration as part of the review process and in accordance with *Elementary School Attendance Boundary Review Policy (S.A.03)*. The following map and table demonstrates status quo projections, as well as, the impact on enrolment following the boundary adjustment originally presented by staff.

Staff Option



St. Gregory	OTG Cap.	2016 Current	2017 Proj.	2020 Proj.	2024 Proj.	2028 Proj.
Status Quo	580	700	708	796	880	894
% Utilization		121%	122%	137%	152%	154%
After Proposed Boundary Adjustment		700	681	679	657	618
% Utilization		121%	117%	117%	113%	107%

Nativity of Our Lord	OTG Cap.	2016 Current	2017 Proj.	2020 Proj.	2024 Proj.	2028 Proj.
Status Quo	541	443	428	431	425	425
% Utilization		80%	79%	80%	79%	79%
After Proposed Boundary Adjustment		433	447	506	575	613
% Utilization		80%	83%	94%	106%	113%

Mother Cabrini	OTG Cap.	2016 Current	2017 Proj.	2020 Proj.	2024 Proj.	2028 Proj.
Status Quo	219	178	181	202	223	224
% Utilization		81%	83%	92%	102%	102%
After Proposed Boundary Adjustment		178	186	220	259	269
% Utilization		81%	85%	101%	118%	123%

St. Marcellus	OTG Cap.	2016 Current	2017 Proj.	2020 Proj.	2024 Proj.	2028 Proj.
Status Quo	407	414	427	430	428	426
% Utilization		102%	105%	106%	105%	105%
After Proposed Boundary Adjustment		414	436	455	466	471
% Utilization		102%	107%	112%	115%	116%

Our Lady of Sorrows	OTG Cap.	2016 Current	2017 Proj.	2020 Proj.	2024 Proj.	2028 Proj.
Status Quo	568	783	777	788	731	741
% Utilization		138%	137%	139%	129%	131%
After Proposed Boundary Adjustment		783	777	787	730	739
% Utilization		138%	137%	139%	128%	130%

4. **BRC Comments and Feedback**

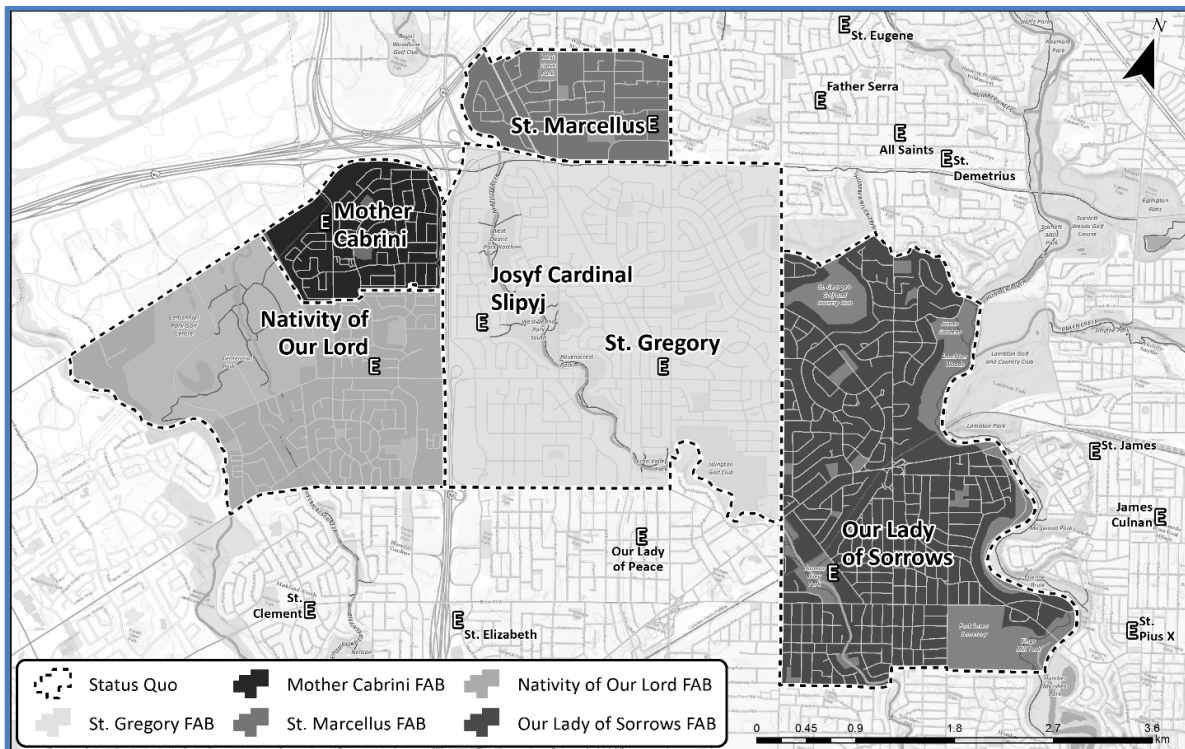
The BRC conducted a thorough assessment of all boundary options including status quo, the staff option, and additional options discussed through the course of the BRC meetings. The BRC concluded that consensus could not be reached for the following reasons:

- bussing across major highways was not acceptable
- moving special needs programs was perceived to be detrimental and disruptive to students
- opportunity for a new school in the area requires exploration and would be a better solution to the enrolment pressures

5. **Transportation**

As the BRC did not reach consensus, the existing attendance boundaries will remain in place as shown in the map below resulting in no additional transportation costs:

Existing Attendance Boundaries



E. ACTION PLAN

In accordance with the Elementary School Attendance Boundary Review Policy (S.A.03), the following sequence of Board meetings will be required prior to final approval of recommendations.

January 26, 2017 – INTERIM REPORT

Regular Board

- Interim Report including ARC recommendations is considered.
- Defer any final decisions on pupil accommodation recommendations.

February 1, 2017 – DELEGATIONS

Special Board

- Opportunity for public input through delegations and written submissions in response to the Interim Report.
- Defer any final decisions on school accommodation recommendations.

February 23, 2017 – FINAL REPORT

Regular Board

- Final report from Director of Education is considered, which takes into account the results of public input provided at the previous Board meetings.
- Board to make final decision on pupil accommodation recommendations.

F. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the following recommendations be considered for approval at the meeting of the Board of Trustees on February 23, 2017.

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