



REPORT TO

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND WELL BEING, CATHOLIC EDUCATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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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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*.

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.

An Interim report was submitted to the January 26, 2017 Regular Board meeting and recommended 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 (unchanged).*
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 Board approved deferral of the report as follows:

“Deferred to March 2017 Board meeting and that staff bring back the report to include the following items:

- *Traffic report on personal injuries for the intersections of the East Mall and West Mall at Rathburn Rd, on the bridge over 427 and the intersection of Kipling and Rathburn.*
- *Traffic numbers at Kipling and Rathburn. Rationale for the report is the safety of students to travel by car or walk to school.*
- *Review of enrolment caps at Saint Gregory's to control over subscription at school.*

- *Report on the number of portables required as students move through the grades. Include growth numbers of portables if admission goes unchecked. What is the maximum number of students that can be placed in the school?*
- *Include all Boundary scenarios including all updated figures. List area residential developments where available.*

The cumulative staff time dedicated to this endeavour was 130 hours.

B. PURPOSE

To provide a summary of the process undertaken in proposing a boundary solution in an attempt to balance 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.

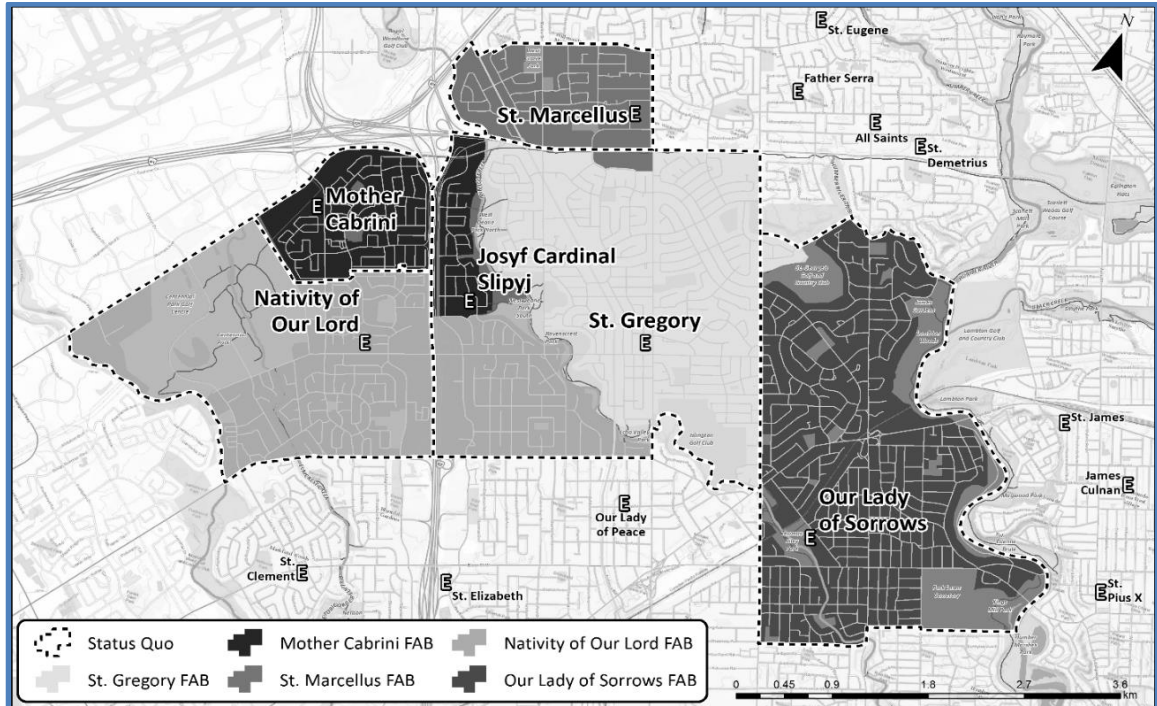
C. BACKGROUND

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 'A'*. 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 assessed and discussed all boundary options including status quo, the staff option, and additional options discussed during the BRC meetings (*Appendix 'B'*). 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 (unchanged). Additionally, staff will continue to investigate possible locations in the South/ Central Etobicoke area to accommodate a new elementary school is consistent with the direction of the LTAPP. A new school in the area will alleviate enrolment pressures. In order to admit approximately 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 which is expected at Board in March 2017.
2. 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.
3. 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%.
4. Mother Cabrini is a small school with an enrolment of 178 students and a utilization rate of 81%.
5. St. Marcellus is operating slightly above capacity with an enrolment of 414 students and a utilization rate of 102%.
6. 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.
7. 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 map and table below 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%

8. Development

Central Etobicoke is an area experiencing significant growth in the City of Toronto. The table below provides forecasted residential development units and associated projected student yields for each school under review. For further detail, refer to *Appendix 'C'*.

School	Total Units	Projected Student Yield
St. Gregory	1,305	83.7
Nativity of Our Lord	196	35
Mother Cabrini	38	12.7
St. Marcellus	152	29.1
Our Lady of Sorrows	1,941	102.8
Total	3,623	263.3

9. **BRC Comments and Feedback**

The BRC conducted an 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.

10. **Traffic Report**

The following is a summary of the traffic reports from the period of January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2016. The full reports are available as *Appendix 'D'* and *'E'*.

Intersections of the East Mall and West Mall at Rathburn Rd, on the bridge over 427 and the intersection of Kipling and Rathburn.

- Between 2012 and 2016 there were zero fatalities and 26 personal injuries.
- Of the 26 personal injuries 6 were pedestrian collisions and 2 were cyclist collisions.
- Most collisions occurred between 8am to 9am as well as 3pm to 6pm.
- There were no school bus or school guard collisions.
- Collisions were categorized by minimal or minor and 1 major collision.
- 5 collisions occurred in the 0-4yr age range and 10 collisions occurred from the 5-14yr age range.

Intersection of Kipling and Rathburn.

- a) Between 2012 and 2016 there were zero fatalities and 7 personal injuries.
- b) Of the 7 personal injuries 1 was a pedestrian collision and 1 was a cyclist collision.
- c) Most collisions occurred at 8am as well as at 4pm.
- d) There were no school bus or school guard collisions.
- e) Collisions were categorized by minimal or minor, no major collision.
- f) 2 collisions occurred in the 0-4yr age range and 3 collisions occurred from the 5-14yr age range.

11. **Portable Needs**

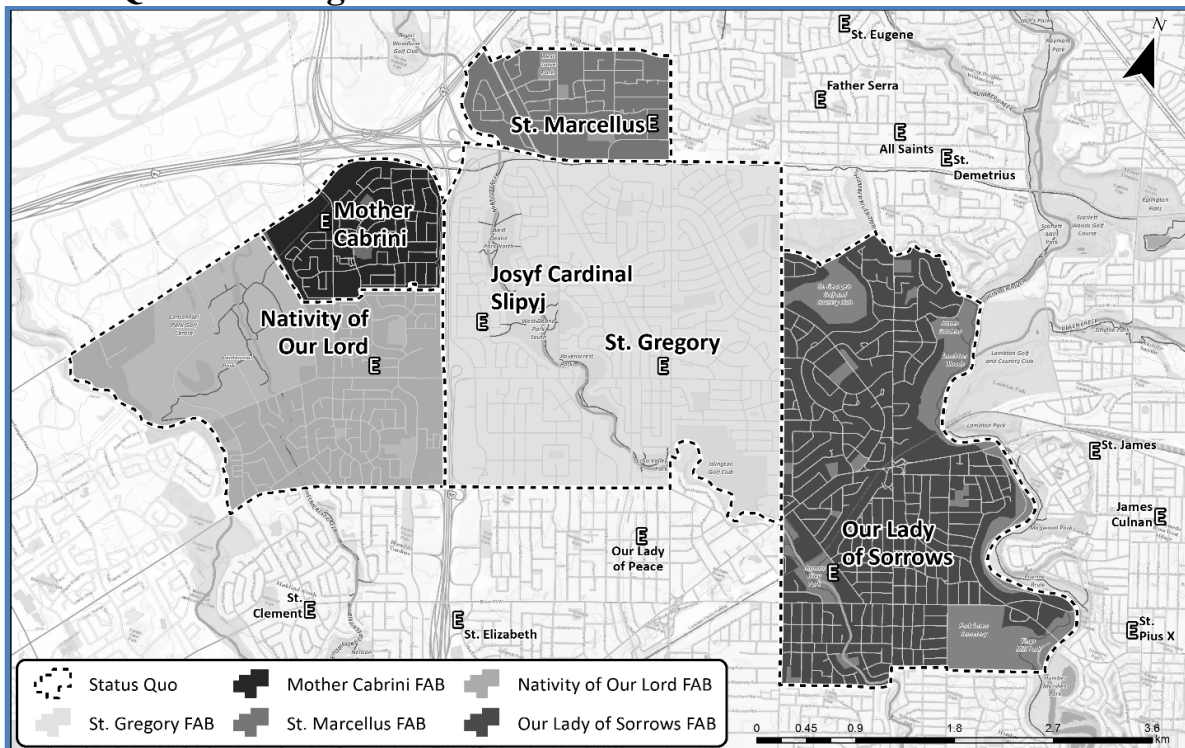
St Gregory currently has 5 purpose built FDK spaces. The projected September 2017 enrolment is approximately 734 students. In order to accommodate the projected enrolment staff have calculated the need for three (3) portables for 2017. However given the current 4.5 FDK allocation cap in place at St. Gregory there will be a requirement for two (2) portables for 2017.

With a cap of 5 FDK classes and added enrolment pressure from the Extended French program, enrolment could grow to over 960 students given current enrolment trends and accounting for residential growth in the area. Although the washroom capacity in the school allows for over 1200 students, the number of portable classrooms required to house this number of students would reach 11 to 12 portables on site. Portable needs are assessed annually based on enrolment projections and needs are confirmed and reported on in April of each year.

12. **Summary**

Resulting from Boundary Review Committee (BRC) discussions, a lack of consensus among the BRC members and community feedback received, 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 (unchanged) as shown in the map below. Additionally, staff will continue to investigate possible locations in the South/ Central Etobicoke area to accommodate enrolment growth. This direction is consistent with the recommendations of the Long-Term Accommodation Program Plan.

Status Quo - Existing Attendance Boundaries



13. 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.

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.

March 2, 2017 – INTERIM REPORT

Student Achievement and Well Being Committee

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

March 9, 2017– DELEGATIONS

Corporate Services, Strategic Planning and Property Committee

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

March 30, 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 March 30, 2017.

1. The attendance boundaries for St. Gregory, Nativity of Our Lord, Mother Cabrini, St. Marcellus and Our Lady of Sorrows remain status quo (unchanged).
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