



REPORT TO

CORPORATE SERVICES, STRATEGIC PLANNING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

ELEMENTARY BOUNDARY REVIEW – JOSYF CARDINAL SLIPYJ, ST. DEMETRIUS AND ST. JOSAPHAT

"Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind.", 1 Peter 3:8

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RECOMMENDATION REPORT

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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. This report provides information and a recommendation that a boundary review for the Josyf Cardinal Slipyj, St. Demetrius and St. Josaphat school communities be approved for initiation, and implemented in accordance with the *Elementary School Attendance Boundary Review Policy (S.A. 03) (Appendix 'A')*.
2. Recent evidence has revealed that Eastern Rite School boundaries have resulted in greater transportation operating efficiencies and associated cost savings. Staff have determined that a further review of boundaries may yield additional transportation efficiencies and provide for more optimal use of available facility space.

The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 3 hours

B. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to gain approval to initiate a boundary review for the Josyf Cardinal Slipyj, St. Demetrius and St. Josaphat school communities.

C. BACKGROUND

1. Josyf Cardinal Slipyj, St. Demetrius and St. Josaphat deliver programming to students of an Eastern Rite heritage. For this reason school boundaries for these three schools are considerably larger than for elementary schools that deliver regular programming for the TCDSB.
2. Approved boundary alignments (*Appendix 'B'*) were implemented for the three schools for the 2015-2016 school year and have been in effect since that time.
3. St. Josaphat students relocated to their permanent location at the former St. Teresa school in the area of south Etobicoke as of September 2017. Prior to this relocation St. Josaphat students had been temporarily located in three (3) different locations over a period of approximately 15 years.
4. Although the boundary adjustments effected in 2015-2016 accounted for the future relocation of St. Josaphat students to their permanent location further review of the impact of the boundary changes for all three (3) schools is

required. This review is intended to further balance the enrolment of the three schools to make better use of available capacity.

5. Presently transportation services to Eastern Rite schools consists of 33 busses at an estimated annual cost of \$1.5M. It is anticipated that a further realignment of boundaries will be more efficient with reduced duplication of service and a reduction in cost.

D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

1. St. Josaphat students are currently housed in a facility with a Ministry rated capacity of 291 pupil places. If there is no adjustment to the existing attendance boundary, enrolment will increase only slightly over the next 10 years to 138 students or a Utilization Rate of 47.5%. The goal of this review to increase the current student population in order to make more effective use of available capacity.
2. Josyf Cardinal Slipyj is a fairly large facility with a child care on site. There has been a large addition made to the school, completed in 2012, bringing the Ministry rated capacity to 562 pupil places. The current enrolment of 588 pupils in 2017-18 is anticipated to be sustainable over the next 10 years. There are five (5) portable classrooms on site to accommodate the program.
3. St. Demetrius has a current enrolment of approximately 265 students however there is a significant development planned directly adjacent to the property which could have an impact on future enrolment. Current projections indicate a slight decline as it is difficult to anticipate the number of students that would come from this development that would be eligible for the Ukrainian language program.

School	OTG Cap	Port		2017	2021	2025	2029
JOSYF CARDINAL SLIPYJ	562	5	Enrol. Util. %	588 104.6%	588 104.6%	594 105.7%	586 104.2%
ST. DEMETRIUS	245	0	Enrol. Util. %	265 108.2%	243 99.0%	242 98.8%	245 100.0%
ST. JOSAPHAT	291	0	Enrol. Util. %	127 43.6%	128 44.0%	135 46.4%	138 47.5%

E. ACTION PLAN

4. Subject to Board approval of the initiation of an attendance boundary review for the Josyf Cardinal Slipyj, St. Demetrius and St. Josaphat, the school communities will be informed of the initiation of the review process and the timelines and procedures involved (*Appendix 'B'*).
5. Pursuant to the *Elementary School Attendance Boundary Review Policy (S.A. 03) (Appendix 'A')*, the community must receive written notification of a Public Meeting at least 30 days prior to the actual meeting date. Provided notice of the initiation of a review in this area is distributed on **March 9, 2018** the **earliest** possible date for a public meeting will be **April 23, 2018**. A minimum of **one (1)** public meeting is required by policy.
6. If the Boundary Review Committee reaches a consensus decision, the communities will be notified of the boundary changes and dates of implementation. No further reporting will be necessary and the review will be deemed complete.
7. If the Boundary Review Committee does not reach a consensus, recommendations of staff and those of the Committee will be brought to the Board for a final decision. The reporting cycle will require 1 to 3 months for completion dependent on the Committee and community input and scheduling of Board meetings. Reporting stages are as follows:
 - Committee or Board meeting
 - Director's report inclusive of BRC report is considered.
 - Committee or Board meeting
 - Opportunity for Public delegations and written submissions in response to the Director's and the BRC's reports.
 - Committee or Board meeting
 - Final Report from the Director is considered, which takes into account the results of the public input provided at the previous meetings. The Board will make a final decision.

F. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That a boundary review for the Josyf Cardinal Slipyj, St. Demetrius and St. Josaphat school communities be approved for initiation and implementation in accordance with the *Elementary School Attendance Boundary Review Policy (S.A. 03)*.