

ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD



REPORT TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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SUBJECT: Opening Enrolments – Elementary Schools

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BACKGROUND:

As part of the school opening process Planning and School Business Support Services has worked closely with Principals, the Director and the Superintendents to ensure schools are properly organized and staffed in compliance with the Ministry of Education's class-size regulations. The purpose of this report is to provide the Board of Trustees with an overview of our elementary school opening enrolments, elementary teacher staffing and average class sizes.

Appendix A: 2020-21 Enrolment by Grade

Appendix A reflects the opening enrolment by grade for each of our elementary schools for students in attendance for the Ministry Reporting date, September 17, 2020 and compares the school's total enrolment at this time to that of the previous year at October 31, 2019. Total elementary enrolment has ***decreased by 202 pupils***.

The elementary enrolment figure used for grant calculation purposes in the budget was 6,218.0 F.T.E., a difference of 232.0 F.T.E. pupils from the 5,986 F.T.E. currently reported. Due to the staggered entry for our K1/K2 students, the Virtual School students first date of classes starting on September 14, 2020 and students who had requested a change in learning method after the August 28, 2020 date and were not attending, the enrolment as at September 17, 2020 appears to be much lower. Over 100 more students have since been engaged in learning with additional registrations continuing to be received.

Appendix B: 2020-21 Classroom Teacher Staffing and Average Class Size

Appendix B reflects the full-time equivalent (F.T.E.) enrolment and average class size by Ministry class size reporting category for each of the Board's elementary schools as well as each school's total enrolment and overall average class size. It also reflects the number of F.T.E. classroom teachers assigned by reporting category and in total for each school.

The total number of elementary classroom teachers initially assigned for the current school year, 293.0 F.T.E., is an increase of 27.0 FTE to the 266.0 FTE classroom teachers staffed during the 2019-20 school year. The increase in staff FTE reflects the additional 30 classroom teachers staffed at the Virtual School for September school start-up.

Full-Day Kindergarten (FDK) - The Board's funding allocation for FDK is calculated using the total number of pupils in FDK, including students in an FDK/1 class. The average class size for

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the FDK program with an F.T.E. of 1067 students and pro-rated F.T.E. of teachers of 54.0 is **19.76 F.T.E. pupils**. The percentage of FDK classes with 26 students or less is 100.00%.

Primary Class Size - The Board's funding allocation for primary classes includes classes with combined FDK/1 students, and grades 1 to 3. The primary average class size for the Board based of 1656 pupils and F.T.E. of 93 teachers is **17.81 F.T.E. pupils**. The Ministry's primary class size regulations require that all school boards have a minimum of 90% of their primary classes with 20 or fewer students and the remaining classes are not to exceed 23 students. As of September 17, 2020, the Board has 94.62% of its primary classes with 20 or fewer students. No primary class sizes exceed 23 students.

Grades 4 to 8 Class Size – The Board's funding allocation for junior / intermediate classes includes classes in combined grade 3 /4 classes and grades 4 to 8. The junior intermediate average class size for the Board with an F.T.E. of 3382 pupils and F.T.E. of 153 teachers is **22.10 F.T.E. pupils**. The Ministry requires all grade 3/4 combined classes have 23 or fewer pupils and requires the average class size for grades 4 to 8 not to exceed 24.5 students. The Board complies with the requirement for grade 3/4 combined class size and meets the average class size of 24.5 pupils.

The Board is compliant with all provisions of the class size regulation (O. Reg. 132/12).

RECOMMENDATION:

That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board receive the report: *Opening Enrolments – Elementary Schools* for information.