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ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
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REPORT TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES
February 26, 2019

Deb Crawford, Director of Education

SUBJECT: **St. Anne (Sarnia) and St. Michael Catholic Schools (Bright's Grove) Boundary**

PREPARED BY: Amy Janssens, Associate Director – Corporate Services & Treasurer
Lisa Demers, Superintendent of Education

BACKGROUND:

On September 28, 2011, the Board of Trustees initiated a boundary review for St. Anne, Sarnia and St. Michael, Bright's Grove Catholic Schools. Final reports were presented to the Board on March 27, 2012. The reports from staff and the Board motions are attached as Appendix A, B and C.

The Capital Plan 2018-2022 identifies that the Board will revisit the 2011-2012 boundary review for St. Anne and St. Michael given current demographic trends. As noted in the Capital Plan there continues to be vacant space at St Michael, while St. Anne is over capacity.

The 2018-19 enrolment versus capacity is as follows:

School	Capacity	Enrolment Oct 31, 2018	Difference
St. Anne (Sarnia)	308	351	(43)
St. Michael (Bright's Grove)	236	159	77
Sacred Heart (Sarnia)	374	359	(15)

Appendix D provides a map of boundaries for all Sarnia schools.

Appendix E and F provide maps of St. Michael boundaries and the Bright's Grove public school boundaries.

Appendix G provides a map of St. Anne boundaries.

Today there are 16 students attending St. Anne that reside east of Modeland Rd and north of Highway 402. 53 students attend St. Anne that reside east of Modeland Rd and south of Highway 402.

Staff have reviewed the 2011-2012 boundary review including: the demographics of the students attending Sarnia schools, Sarnia housing development and the options for further boundary review changes. Staff have made the following observations:

1) The shifts in enrolment after building a new school are unknown at this time. Transferring the students residing east of Modeland and north of Highway 402 to St. Michael that are currently attending St. Anne, would not alone resolve the capacity issues.

2) New housing starts are expected in Bright's Grove. As noted in the City of Sarnia's 2017-2020 Corporate Strategic Plan, rezoning and official plan amendment for Bright's Grove Golf Club redevelopment to an executive golf course community with 60 detached dwellings and 17 townhouses is expected. The effect of this new housing on enrolment at St. Michael is unknown at this time.

3) Development south of Highway 402 in the Heritage Park area is expected to continue as Rapids Parkway Development begins to comes to a conclusion over the next few years.

Staff will continue to monitor demographic trends and options through the normal course of capital planning, however at this time are not able to recommend the initiation of a boundary review that would provide options to resolve the capacity issues for St. Michael and St. Anne. It is not unusual to see portables as a temporary solution to capacity issues. Currently there are 2 portables at St. Anne that are being used successfully until an optimal solution can be recommended.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board receive the report: *St. Anne (Sarnia) and St. Michael (Bright's Grove) Catholic Schools Boundary*, **for information.**

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REPORT TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES
March 27, 2012

Paul Wubben, Director of Education

SUBJECT:	**Director's Report: St. Anne (Sarnia) and St. Michael (Bright's Grove) Boundary Review**
PREPARED BY:	Paul Wubben, Director of Education

BACKGROUND:

On September 27, 2011 the Board of Trustees, on the advice of the Director of Education, initiated a boundary review for St. Michael (Bright's Grove) and St. Anne (Sarnia) Catholic schools. Both schools are JK to Grade 8, with strong community support. However, each school faces significant accommodation issues that must be addressed.

St. Michael is located in the community of Bright's Grove and, at its peak enrolment, was a booming elementary school of more than 500 students. The school is situated on a large property beside St. Michael Church. The two buildings share a large parking lot, to the benefit of both. The original building was constructed in 1985, with an addition in 2000. An extremely low turnover in the ownership of the residences in "The Grove" has resulted in St. Michael's experiencing a steady decline in enrolment. It is now a school of fewer than 200 students and is predicted to fall to the 130-140 mark in the next five years.

St. Anne is located just off Modeland Road, visible from highway 402 and across The Rapids Parkway from St. Christopher Catholic Secondary School. St. Anne is just 16 years old and is located in a community that has seen continuous growth in recent years. The school offers a Best Start program and has an Early Years facility attached. The current growth rate has brought enrolment to capacity, with class sizes that reach or exceed ministry caps. With continued housing development in the area and the planned implementation of full day kindergarten at St. Anne in September 2014, the school will not have enough classroom space to accommodate its students.

Simply stated, the problem is that there is too much vacant space at St. Michael, while St. Anne is reaching capacity. Projections show slow but steady growth for St. Anne and continued decline at St. Michael. The present situation at St. Anne could be resolved by adding portables; however, that is only a temporary solution to a problem that will be longer-term. If not addressed, the continued growth in student population would also impact the playground, which will become overcrowded.

The construction of an addition, although more permanent and long-lasting than portables, still does not address the playground issue; nor would it be economically feasible. Although growth is expected in the foreseeable future, at some point enrolment will peak and then begin a slow decline, as St. Anne runs through its demographic life cycle. The Board would essentially be creating a larger school that will someday be under-utilized.

Since there is classroom space available at neighbouring schools, St. Michael (Bright's Grove) and Sacred Heart (Sarnia), permanent additions or portables at St. Anne would be an unnecessary cost. The alteration of the boundaries to shift student populations with a more equitable distribution of students among the three schools is a low cost solution, which meets the needs of the Board and the schools.

The concept of fairness has been raised and presents a reasonable argument which deserves consideration. Obviously, parents who are in the affected areas do not want to see their children move schools. However, boundaries are dynamic and are subject to change as school enrolments increase or decline. The Board has a responsibility to the taxpayers – some of whom are parents and many of whom are not. We must ensure that our facilities are used wisely. Changing the boundaries of the three schools to alleviate the space problem at St. Anne and make better use of the facilities at St. Michael and Sacred Heart is the clearly the best option.

The Boundary Review Committee (BRC) composed of parents from both St. Michael and St. Anne and led by Superintendent Frank Leddy met on three occasions to examine options that would address this multi-pronged issue. Parent input was sought and presentations were made by parents from the Sacred Heart and St. John Fisher school communities. The BRC concluded by the end of the second meeting that the problem that they had been given to consider could best be addressed by utilizing the space at both St. Michael and Sacred Heart Catholic schools. This change requires an adjustment to the boundaries of St. Anne, St. Michael and Sacred Heart. The boundaries that are contained in the BRC report are supported by the staff.

The BRC recommended that the current Grade six and seven students in the affected areas be grandfathered at St. Anne, which allows them to graduate from the elementary school they have attended, in many cases, since Junior Kindergarten. There is also agreement with the BRC recommendation that the siblings of those grade six and seven students in lower grades should be permitted to remain at St. Anne.

In addition to the recommendations of the BRC, I will direct the schools, through the Superintendent of Education, to jointly develop transition plans that include parent visits, letters of welcome, student visits to the schools for Mass or for special events. I am confident that the concerns and anxiety of parents whose children will be changing schools, will be alleviated with meaningful supports as they transition to new schools and meet new friends.

I wish to thank the members of the BRC for their work in helping the Board to come to a resolution of this matter, and for their unanimous support for their recommendations, which are in the best interests of the Board and the school communities. Thus, the staff supports the recommendations as made by the BRC.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board receive the report: *Director's Report: St. Anne (Sarnia) and St. Michael (Bright's Grove) Boundary Review,* **for information.**

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REPORT TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES
March 27, 2012

Paul Wubben, Director of Education

SUBJECT:	**Boundary Review Committee Report: St. Anne, Sarnia and St. Michael, Bright's Grove**
PREPARED BY:	Dr. Frank Leddy, Superintendent of Education

BACKGROUND:

At the September 27, 2011 Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees approved a motion to initiate a boundary review of St. Anne Catholic School in Sarnia and St. Michael Catholic School in Bright's Grove.

In accordance with Board Policy 7.4 – Student Accommodation and Boundary Review – a Boundary Review Committee (BRC) was formed to make recommendations to the Director of Education.

The BRC was chaired by Superintendent of Education Dr. Frank Leddy with members as follows:

Crystal Adamo, representing St. Michael
Heather Bell, representing St. Anne
Deb Hoek, representing St. Michael
Sarah McCann, representing St. Anne
Stacey Sandrin, representing St. Anne
Diana Suglio, representing St. Michael

Maureen Cecile, Principal, St. Anne and Anna Giuliani, Principal, St. Michael, were resources to the BRC.

The BRC met three times: November 15, 2011; January 17, 2012; and March 6, 2012.

BRC MEETING SYNOPSES:

November 15, 2011

The BRC heard that the present situation was as follows:

- St. Anne is currently operating at capacity with classes that are larger than the average class sizes for the Board. Expected growth in the area may further exacerbate the problem.
- Implementation of the full-day kindergarten in 2014 will further increase the classroom requirements at St. Anne.
- Due to declining enrolment and decreased participation rates at St. Michael, there are several empty classrooms at St. Michael.

Enrolment Projections:

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Change
St. Anne	303.5	289.5	313.0	327.0	332.0	+ 28.5
St. Michael	187.0	182.0	173.0	150.0	138.0	- 49.0

Discussion:

With St. Anne already at capacity, further growth in the area imminent, and the implementation of full-day kindergarten on the horizon, there is insufficient space at St. Anne. Meanwhile, there is plenty of classroom space at St. Michael.

Catchment area 2 defined by Modeland (W), Michigan (S), Mandaumin (E) and Lakeshore (N) until Bridgen and then to the Lake, would provide approximately 29 students.

The BRC recognized that this number of students would not alleviate the capacity problem at St. Anne given the onset of full-day kindergarten and the new subdivisions which are currently being developed next to the school.

The BRC examined another catchment area within the St. Anne boundary. Catchment area 3 can be defined by Indian Rd (W), Highway 402 (S), Murphy (E), Michigan (N). The number of students within this area is approximately 26 students. These students would attend Sacred Heart, Sarnia, where there are several vacant classrooms.

Consideration of these catchment areas would provide for sufficient space at St. Anne for the foreseeable future.

<u>January 17, 2012</u>

Several suggestions from the first meeting were discussed. They are as follows:

- Declining participation rates at St. Michael: The School Council conducted a survey to determine why the school had a lower participation rate than in previous years. Several ideas were discussed for follow-up by the School Council.
- A suggestion was raised that students who live in the Blue Point – Camlachie area, who currently go to St. John Fisher in Forest, could attend St. Michael. Margarita Weaver, representing the School Council of St. John Fisher, and a resident of the area, attended the meeting to provide information to the BRC. Mrs. Weaver indicated that the majority of parents living in the area associate with the parish of St. Christopher and the community of Forest.
- Marion Dunn representing the school council of Sacred Heart, Sarnia, also attended the meeting to provide information to the BRC with respect to the Sacred Heart community. She spoke to the manner in which students from other schools have been welcomed to their new school community.

The information from the first meeting was reviewed. The two catchment areas were reviewed. It was the view of the BRC that the boundary between St. Anne and St. Michael, as described previously, and that the boundary between St. Anne and Sacred Heart, as described previously, be changed so that sufficient space be available at St. Anne.

March 6, 2012

The BRC met for a final time and approved this report with its recommendations respectfully submitted to the Director of Education.

Boundary Review Committee Recommendations:

1. That, effective September 1, 2012 the boundary for St. Anne be as follows:
   From the corner of Murphy Road and Highway 402 east along Highway 402 to Highway 40 (Modeland Road); south along Highway 40 (inclusive) to Churchill Line; east along Churchill Line (inclusive) to Mandaumin Road; north along Mandaumin Road (inclusive) to Michigan Line; west along Michigan Line (exclusive) to Modeland Road; north along Modeland Road(exclusive) to Blackwell Road; southwest along Blackwell Road (inclusive) to Michigan Avenue; west along Michigan Avenue (inclusive) to Murphy Road; south on Murphy Road (exclusive) to Highway 402.

2. That, effective September 1, 2012 the boundary for St. Michael Bright's Grove be as follows:
   From the corner of Modeland Road and Michigan Avenue east along Michigan Avenue (inclusive) to Mandaumin Road; north along Mandaumin Road (inclusive) to Lakeshore Road; east along Lakeshore Road (split) to Aberarder Line/Queen Street; west on Queen Street (inclusive) to Lake Huron (inclusive of Santa Monica Boulevard and streets west of this); continuing west along the Lake Huron shoreline to Modeland Road (inclusive of Coronation Lane and Crestwood Place); south along Modeland Road (inclusive) to Michigan Avenue.

3. That, effective September 1, 2012 the boundary for Sacred Heart Sarnia be as follows:
   From the corner of Murphy Road and Highway 402 west along Highway 402 to Front Street; South on Front Street between Highway 402 and Exmouth Street; along Exmouth Street between Front Street and the St. Clair River; north along the St. Clair River between Exmouth Street and the Blue Water Bridge; east along Lake Huron from the Blue Water Bridge to the corner of Lakeshore Road and Modeland Road; southwest to Michigan Avenue exclusive of Blackwell Rd.; west along Michigan Avenue (exclusive) to Murphy Road; south on Murphy Road (inclusive) to Highway 402.

4. That current St. Anne students, who will be in Grade 7 or 8 commencing September 1, 2012 and who are affected by the boundary changes, will be permitted to continue at St. Anne with transportation provided. Siblings in lower grades will also be permitted to remain, on a year-to-year basis, subject to an out-of-boundary application and provided there is space. Transportation will be the responsibility of parents. A courtesy bus seat would be available for as long as the older (Grade 7 or 8) sibling attends St. Anne.

5. That the St. Michael administration and School Council further study the declining participation rate and make recommendations to increase the enrolment of Catholic students at St. Michael.

6. That, should there be other families affected by the boundary changes, who do not qualify under previous recommendations, and who also wish to have their children remain at St. Anne, they will be given priority in the normal out-of-boundary application process.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board receive the report: *Boundary Review Committee Report: St. Anne, Sarnia and St. Michael, Bright's Grove* **for information.**

That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board approve the recommendations of the Boundary Review Committee contained in the report: *Boundary Review Committee Report: St. Anne, Sarnia and St. Michael, Bright's Grove.*

Encl. 13. Report: Director's Report – St. Anne (Sarnia) and St. Michael (Bright's Grove) Boundary Review – P. Wubben

Motion O-039-2012: (John Van Heck and John Fontaine) That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board receive the report: *Director's Report: St. Anne (Sarnia) and St. Michael (Bright's Grove) Boundary Review,* **for information.** *Carried.*

Encl. 14. Report: Boundary Review Committee Report – St. Anne, Sarnia and St. Michael, Bright's Grove – F. Leddy

Motion O-040-2012: (John Fontaine and Michelle Parks) That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board receive the report: *Boundary Review Committee Report: St. Anne, Sarnia and St. Michael, Bright's Grove*, **for information.** *Carried.*

Motion O-041-2012: (Anita Labadie and John Van Heck) That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board approve the recommendations of the Boundary Review Committee contained in the report: *Boundary Review Committee Report: St. Anne, Sarnia and St. Michael, Bright's Grove*, with the **following amendments:**

<u>First Amendment to the Motion</u> (Michelle Parks and Brenda Rumble) that the western boundary of St. Michael/eastern boundary of St. Anne be moved from Modeland Road to Blackwell Sideroad.

<u>Amended Boundary for St. Anne Sarnia</u>
The boundary for St. Anne Sarnia is from the corner of Murphy Road and Highway 402 east along Highway 402 to Highway 40 (Modeland Road); south along Highway 40 (inclusive) to Churchill Line; east along Churchill Line (inclusive) to Mandaumin Road; north along Mandaumin Road (inclusive) to Michigan Line; west along Michigan Line (exclusive) to Blackwell Sideroad; north along Blackwell Sideroad(exclusive) to Lakeshore Road; west along Lakeshore Road to Modeland Road; south along Modeland Road (inclusive of Coronation Lane and Crestwood Place) to Blackwell Road; southwest along Blackwell Road (inclusive) to Michigan Avenue; west along Michigan Avenue (inclusive) to Murphy Road; south on Murphy Road (exclusive) to Highway 402.

<u>Amended Boundary for St. Michael Bright's Grove</u>
The boundary for St. Michael Bright's Grove is from the corner of Blackwell Sideroad and Michigan Line east along Michigan Line (inclusive) to Mandaumin Road; north along Mandaumin Road (inclusive) to Lakeshore Road; east along Lakeshore Road (split) to Aberarder Line/Queen Street; west on Queen Street (inclusive) to Lake Huron (inclusive of Santa Monica Boulevard and streets west of this); continuing west along the Lake Huron shoreline to Blackwell Sideroad; south along Blackwell Sideroad (inclusive) to

Michigan Line.

<u>Second Amendment to the Motion</u> (John Fontaine and John Van Heck) that a Full Day Kindergarten program be established at St. Michael Catholic School, Bright's Grove commencing September 2012. *Carried.*

Encl. 15. Report: Principal and Vice Principal Assignments – School Year 2012-2013 – P. Wubben

Motion O-042-2012: (Brenda Rumble and Michelle Parks) That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board receive the report: *Principal and Vice Principal Assignments – School Year 2012-2013*, **as presented.** *Carried.*

D. <u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS/BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES</u>

16. Items from Committee of the Whole – L. Ward

a) Discussion Items – Linda Ward reported that legal and personnel issues were discussed at the March 27, 2012 Committee of the Whole In-Camera Meeting.

b) Action Items

MotionO-043-2012: (Linda Ward and Michelle Parks) That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board receive the report: *Vice Principal Leadership Pool – March 2012*, **for information.** *Carried.*

17. Committee Reports

Encl. a) Special Education Advisory Committee – J. Van Heck

Motion O-044-2012: (John Van Heck and Brenda Rumble) That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board receive the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee meeting of February 6, 2012. *Carried.*

E. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

F. <u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u>

From Student Trustee Nick Burger (St. Patrick's Catholic High School).

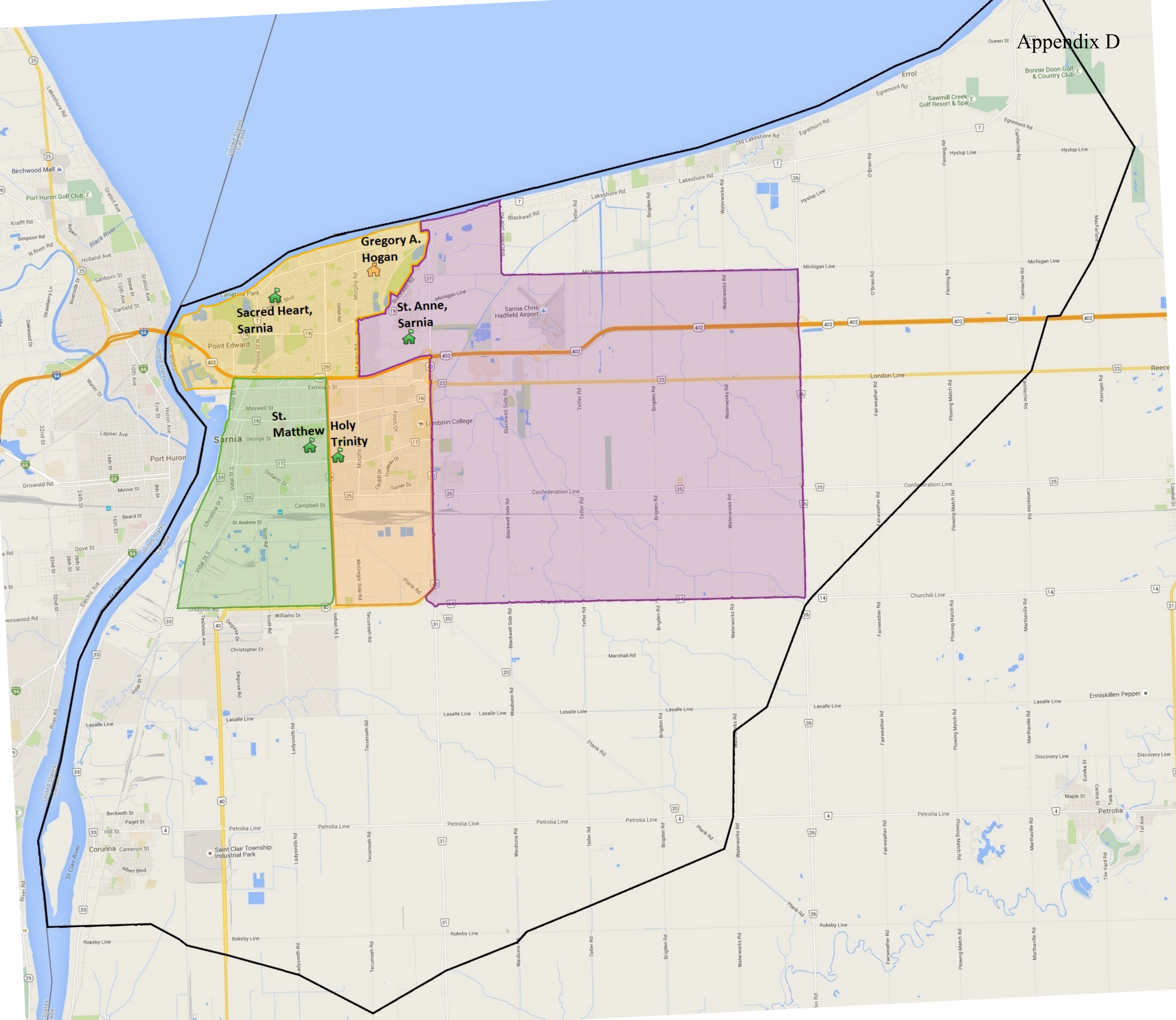
G. <u>FUTURE BUSINESS</u>

18. Special Education Advisory Committee – April 2, 2012, 7:00 p.m., St. Louis Conference Room, Catholic Education Centre

19. Joint Health & Safety Committee – April 13, 2012, 9:00 a.m., St. Louis Conference Room, Catholic Education Centre

20. Catholic Faith Advisory Committee – April 23, 2012, 5:00 p.m., St. Louis Meeting

Appendix D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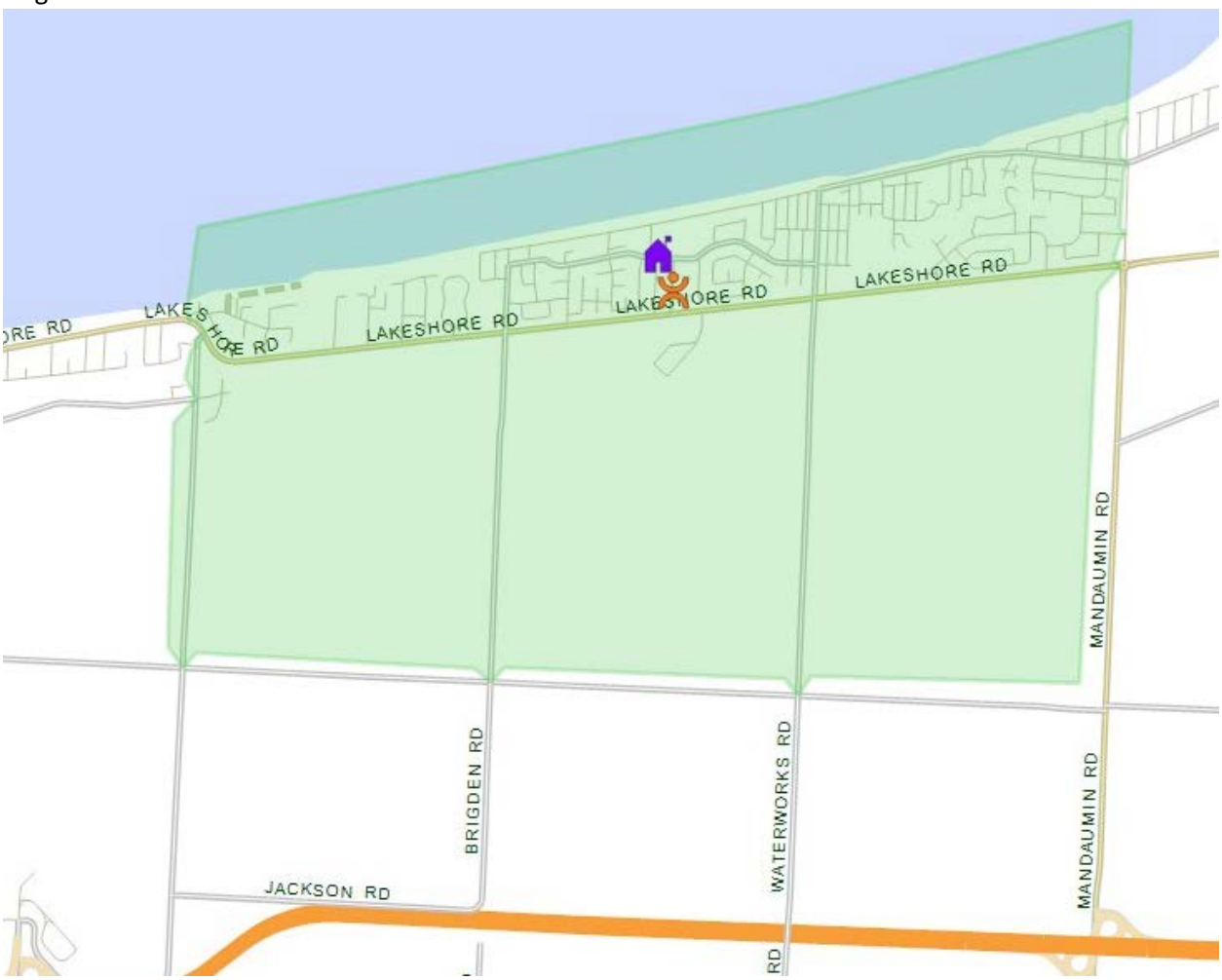
St. Michael, Bright's Grove

Bright's Grove Public School



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