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2021-2022 Opening Enrolment – 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: 2021-2022 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 14, 2021 and compares the school's total enrolment at this time to that of the previous year at October 31, 2020. Total elementary enrolment has increased by 68 pupils.

The elementary enrolment figure used for grant calculation purposes in the budget was 6,148.0 F.T.E., a difference of 13.0 F.T.E. pupils from the 6,161.0 F.T.E. currently reported. The increase reflects additional enrolment in the FDK and primary divisions, and a decline in junior / intermediate enrolment.

Appendix B: 2021-2022 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 assigned for the current school year is, 270.0 F.T.E., a decrease of 13.0 FTE to the 293.0 FTE classroom teachers staffed for the 2020-2021 school year. The decrease in staff FTE reflects the reduction of classroom teachers staffed at the elementary Remote Learning School.

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 the FDK program with an F.T.E. of 1,131 students and pro-rated F.T.E. of teachers of 46.9 is 24.12 F.T.E. pupils. The percentage of FDK classes with 26 students or less is 70.20%.

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 1,647 pupils and F.T.E. of 85 teachers is 19.38 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 14, 2021, the Board has 80.62% 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 grade 3/4 combined classes and grades 4 to 8. The junior intermediate average class size for the Board with an F.T.E. of 3,496 pupils and F.T.E. of 144 teachers is 24.28 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).

Recommendations

That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board receive the report: 2021-2022 Opening Enrolment – Elementary Schools, for information.