



ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
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REPORT

SUBJECT: **ST. HELEN SCHOOL ACCOMMODATION REVIEW**
PROPOSED BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENTS
- ALTERNATE OPTION A

SUBMITTED TO: **ST. HELEN SCHOOL REVIEW COMMITTEE**

PREPARED BY: **Karen Dolson, Planning and Admissions Officer**

PRESENTED BY: **Karen Dolson, Planning and Admissions Officer**

October 23, 2002

Dear Parent/Guardian,

In accordance with Board Policy 7.4, the Board is responsible to communicate with parents and community concerning possible changes in the status of a school or of school boundaries. In response to recommendations arising from previous accommodation reviews, boundary changes are now being reviewed concurrently with the review for possible closure.

Should the Board decide to close St. Helen School, it is anticipated that boundary revisions will be approved by the trustees at the same meeting, based on recommendations from administration.

An initial boundary proposal was presented at the October 1st Accommodation Review Committee Meeting. Administration continues to review other possible boundary options and welcomes comments from families who will be affected by these changes, should St. Helen School close. An alternate boundary option has been drafted to address comments and concerns received to date, and is attached for your review. A complete record of all reports presented at the accommodation review meetings is also posted on the Board website at www.st-clair.net for your information.

Karen Dolson, Planning & Admissions Officer, will be available at St. Helen School on Thursday, November 7th from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. to informally review boundaries and receive input regarding boundaries from concerned parents on a one-to-one basis, before a final boundary recommendation is made to the Board. Your comments are appreciated, and if this time is not convenient, written concerns can be dropped off at St. Helen School any time prior to November 7th, or e-mailed directly to:

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Sincerely,

Margaret Nelson
Director of Education

ST. HELEN SCHOOL ACCOMMODATION REVIEW

PROPOSED BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENTS

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INTRODUCTION:

When reviewing a school for potential closure, Board policy 7.4 requires the following:

- A report outlining boundary changes that would be required if the school is closed.

BACKGROUND:

Statistical information is based on the current area for St. Helen School being divided into two segments:

- All students who reside in the St. Helen boundary, north of Michigan Avenue would be directed to Sacred Heart School.
- All student who reside in the St. Helen boundary, south of Michigan Avenue, and west of Indian Road (including the west side of Indian Road) would also be directed to Sacred Heart School.
- All current JK to grade 6 student who reside in the St. Helen boundary, south of Michigan Avenue, and east of Indian Road (including the east side of Indian Road) would be directed to St. Anne School.
- All current grade 7 students at St. Helen School would be directed to Sacred Heart School for grade 8, with the option of attending St. Christopher Secondary School.

Current enrolment has been adjusted to include only students who reside within the boundary for each school. All out of boundary students would be redirected to their home schools.

Enrolment projections using current boundaries, have been adjusted to include only students who reside within the boundary for each school.

Students from St. Helen boundary area are redistributed in accordance with proposed boundaries.

Enrolment projections are provided for proposed boundary areas.

Sample school organization charts for 2003-04 are provided for Gregory Hogan, Sacred Heart and St. Anne Schools to demonstrate the number of classrooms required.

SUMMARY:

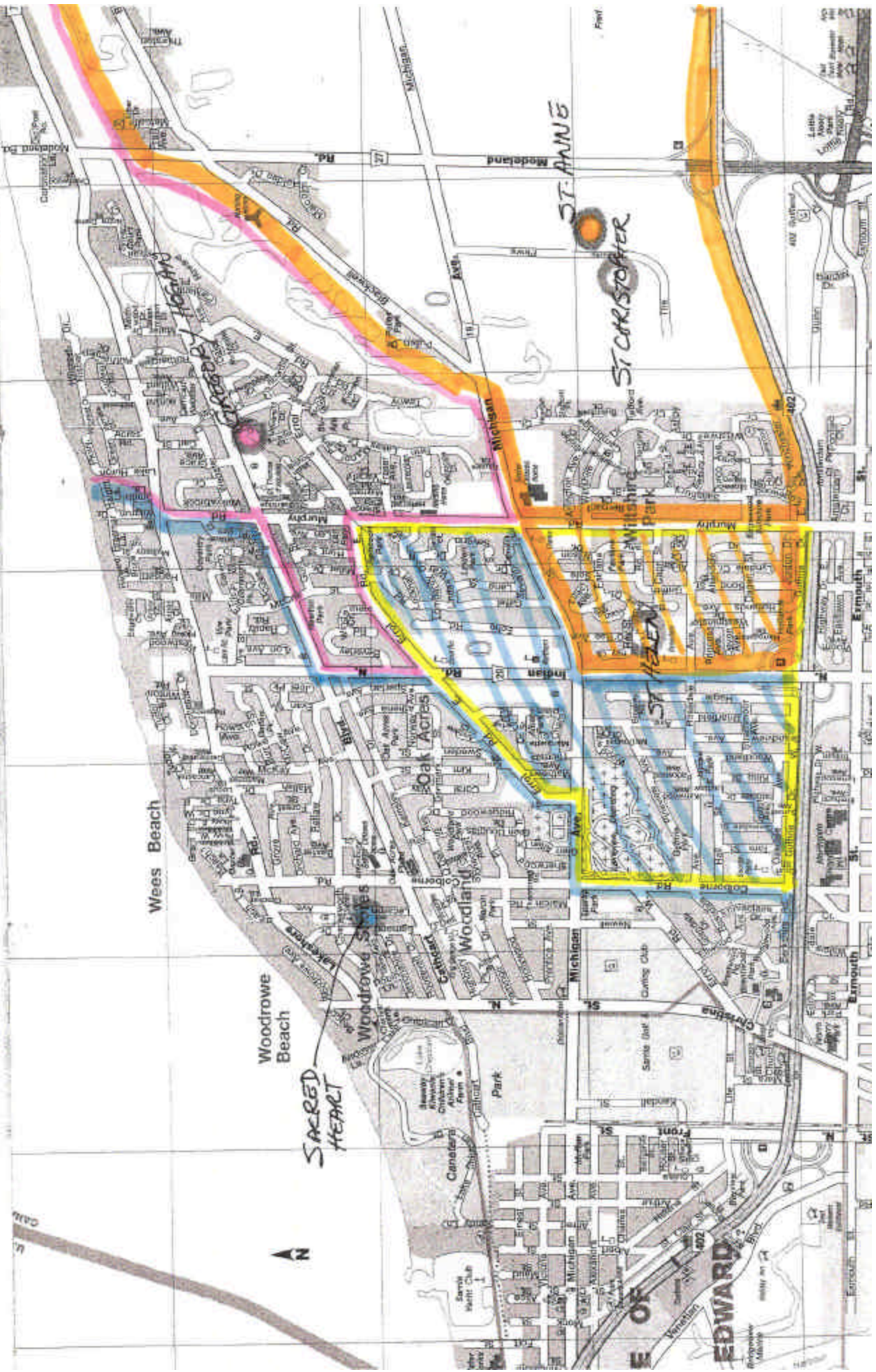
The Ministry OTG Capacity for Gregory Hogan School is 229.00, however the Potential Board Capacity is 269.00. The proposed boundaries for Gregory Hogan School would result in a full-time equivalent enrolment of 204.50 for September 2003. Students can be adequately accommodated using only eight of the eleven classrooms available at Gregory Hogan School.

The Ministry OTG Capacity for Sacred Heart School is 387.50, however the Potential Board Capacity is 403.00. The proposed boundaries for Sacred Heart School would result in a full-time equivalent enrolment of 417.50 for September 2003. Students can be accommodated using the sixteen classrooms available at Sacred Heart School.

The Ministry OTG Capacity for St. Anne School is 302.00. The Potential Board Capacity is 342.00. The proposed boundaries for St. Anne School would result in a full-time equivalent enrolment of 343.00 for September 2003. Students can be accommodated using the fourteen available classrooms.

There are a total of 44 classrooms currently being used in North Sarnia (2002-03). If St. Helen School closes, the projected organizations for 2003-04 will utilize only 38 classrooms of the available 41 classrooms in north Sarnia (Appendix 9), but still maintain average class sizes of 25.56, 26.94, and 25.41 at Gregory Hogan, Sacred Heart and St. Anne Schools respectively.

ALTERNATE OPTION A



PROPOSED BOUNDARY REALIGNMENT FOR NORTH SARNIA - ALTERNATE OPTION A

(as per attached map - Appendix 1 St. Helen students are divided between Sacred Heart and St. Anne Schools)

(All current grade 7 students at St. Helen School are transferred to Sacred Heart School, but will have the option of attending St. Christopher Secondary School)

IN-BOUNDARY DISTRIBUTION OF CURRENT NORTH SARNIA STUDENTS

(as at September 16, 2002)

CURRENT GRADE	GREGORY A. HOGAN		SACRED HEART		ST. ANNE		ST. HELEN			
	Boundary	From St. Helen	Boundary	From St. Helen	Boundary	From St. Helen	Boundary	To SHS	To St. Anne	To GAH
JK	19		20	14	15	8	22	-14	-8	
K	14		20	19	17	6	25	-19	-6	
1	19		22	13	30	4	17	-13	-4	
2	25		23	14	26	16	30	-14	-16	
3	29		29	17	20	11	28	-17	-11	
4	24		33	12	33	16	28	-12	-16	
5	25		39	13	37	20	33	-13	-20	
6	30		41	21	47	9	30	-21	-9	
7	20		35	33	24		33	-33		
8										
TOTAL	205	0	262	156	249	90	246	-156	-90	0
GRAND TOTAL	205		418		339		0			

PROPOSED BOUNDARIES ALTERNATE OPTION A ENROLMENT PROJECTIONS

(Projections use only in boundary students)

NOTE: September 16 enrolment has been adjusted to show only in boundary students for grades JK to 7.

GREGORY HOGAN

PROJECTED	JK	SK	GR 1	GR 2	GR 3	GR 4	GR 5	GR 6	GR 7	GR 8	TOTAL	* FTE
October 31, 2003	17	20	14	19	25	29	24	25	30	20	223	204.50
October 31, 2004	17	18	20	14	19	25	29	24	25	30	221	203.50
October 31, 2005	17	18	18	20	14	19	25	29	24	25	209	191.50
October 31, 2006	17	18	18	18	20	14	19	25	29	24	202	184.50
October 31, 2007	17	18	18	18	18	20	14	19	25	29	196	178.50

CURRENT

** MINISTRY OTG CAPACITY

*** POTENTIAL BOARD CAPACITY

CAPACITY:	229.00	269.00
PROJECTED FTE SEPT/03:	204.50	204.50
% OCCUPIED:	89.3%	76.0%

SACRED HEART

PROJECTED	JK	SK	GR 1	GR 2	GR 3	GR 4	GR 5	GR 6	GR 7	GR 8	TOTAL	* FTE
October 31, 2003	32	35	39	35	37	46	45	52	62	68	451	417.50
October 31, 2004	32	33	35	39	35	37	46	45	52	62	416	383.50
October 31, 2005	32	33	33	35	39	35	37	46	45	52	387	354.50
October 31, 2006	32	33	33	33	35	39	35	37	46	45	368	335.50
October 31, 2007	32	33	33	33	33	35	39	35	37	46	356	323.50

CURRENT

** MINISTRY OTG CAPACITY

*** POTENTIAL BOARD CAPACITY

CAPACITY:	387.50	403.00
PROJECTED FTE SEPT/03:	417.50	417.50
% OCCUPIED:	107.7%	103.6%

ST. ANNE, SARNIA

PROJECTED	JK	SK	GR 1	GR 2	GR 3	GR 4	GR 5	GR 6	GR 7	GR 8	TOTAL	* FTE
October 31, 2003	29	25	23	34	42	31	49	57	56	24	370	343.00
October 31, 2004	29	31	25	23	34	42	31	49	57	56	377	347.00
October 31, 2005	29	31	31	25	23	34	42	31	49	57	352	322.00
October 31, 2006	29	31	31	31	25	23	34	42	31	49	326	296.00
October 31, 2007	29	31	31	31	31	25	23	34	42	31	308	278.00

CURRENT

** MINISTRY OTG CAPACITY

*** POTENTIAL BOARD CAPACITY

CAPACITY:	302.00	342.00
PROJECTED FTE SEPT/03:	343.00	343.00
% OCCUPIED:	113.6%	100.3%

* FTE is the full-time equivalent enrolment, which is the count of students based on the percentage of time they attend school. A pupil enrolled in junior kindergarten or kindergarten is therefore counted as .5. Ministry grant calculations and the assign

** MINISTRY OTG (On the Ground) CAPACITY is the number of full-time equivalent pupil places currently identified by the Ministry of Education for classroom use, exclusive of portables.

*** POTENTIAL BOARD CAPACITY represents the Ministry OTG Capacity adjusted for available classroom spaces in the school that are currently loaded differently in the Ministry's facilities inventory system that is updated annually (eg.- Segregated Special Education Classes, Computer Labs, Music Rooms, etc.).

**COMPARISON OF NUMBER OF TEACHERS AND CLASSROOMS
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SCHOOL	CURRENT #			PROPOSED			AVAILABLE CLASSROOMS (Based on Potential Board Capacity) September 2003
	FTE Teacher JK / K	FTE Teacher Gr. 1 - 8	# Classrooms Being Used	FTE Teacher JK / K	FTE Teacher Gr. 1 - 8	# Classrooms Required	
GREGORY HOGAN	1.0	8.0	9	1.0	7.0	8	11
SACRED HEART SARNIA	1.0	11.0	12	1.5	14.0	16	16
ST. ANNE, SARNIA	1.0	11.0	12	1.5	12.0	14	14
ST. HELEN	1.0	10.0	11				
TOTAL	4.0	40.0	44	4.0	33.0	38	41

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PROPOSED BOUNDARIES - COMPARISON OF ENROLMENT AND PERCENTAGE OCCUPIED

SCHOOL	CAPACITY						2003	2007
		2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	EXCESS CAPACITY	EXCESS CAPACITY
GREGORY HOGAN								
Enrolment		204.50	203.50	191.50	184.50	178.50		
Ministry OTG Capacity	229.00	89.3%	88.9%	83.6%	80.6%	77.9%	24.50	50.50
Potential Board Capacity	269.00	76.0%	75.7%	71.2%	68.6%	66.4%	64.50	90.50
SACRED HEART								
Enrolment		417.50	383.50	354.50	335.50	323.50		
Ministry OTG Capacity	387.50	107.7%	99.0%	91.5%	86.6%	83.5%	(30.00)	64.00
Potential Board Capacity	403.00	103.6%	95.2%	88.0%	83.3%	80.3%	(14.50)	79.50
ST. ANNE								
Enrolment		343.00	347.00	322.00	296.00	278.00		
Ministry OTG Capacity	302.00	113.6%	114.9%	106.6%	98.0%	92.1%	(41.00)	24.00
Potential Board Capacity	342.00	100.3%	101.5%	94.2%	86.5%	81.3%	(1.00)	64.00
TOTALS								
Enrolment		965.00	934.00	868.00	816.00	780.00		
Ministry OTG Capacity	918.50	105.1%	101.7%	94.5%	88.8%	84.9%	(46.50)	138.50
Potential Board Capacity	1014.00	95.2%	92.1%	85.6%	80.5%	76.9%	49.00	234.00
Excess Pupil Places		49.00	80.00	146.00	198.00	234.00		