TO: NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 27, 2018** 

**PUBLIC SESSION** 

TITLE: PROPOSED JOINT USE SCHOOL WAINFLEET – INITIAL

**STAFF REPORT** 

## RECOMMENDATION

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Date: February 27, 2018



# REPORT TO THE BOARD FEBRUARY 27, 2018

# PROPOSED JOINT USE SCHOOL WAINFLEET INITIAL STAFF REPORT

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Niagara Catholic Long-Term Accommodation Plan was approved by the Niagara Catholic District School Board to assist with facility planning through to 2020-2021. The Plan recommended strategies which included as partnerships, attendance area reviews and accommodation reviews to balance enrollment throughout the system to minimize the impact of a declining population.

The Long-Term Accommodation Plan identified the strategy of pursuing partnerships for St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School to maximize the use of under-utilized space. Should that short-term strategy not be successful it was suggested that a pupil accommodation review may be necessary. (Reference Niagara Catholic Long-Term Accommodation Plan – Page 158)

As required by the Niagara Catholic Community Planning and Partnerships Policy, the Annual Community Partnerships meeting was held on November 30, 2016 and again on December 13, 2017. Advertising for the meeting was placed on the board website, in local newspapers and direct-mail to potential community partners. There has been no interest generated for St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School as a result of either of these meetings.

On November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017, the Board received a letter from the Trustees of the District School Board of Niagara to consider supporting a proposed joint-use elementary school between St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School, Winger and William E. Brown Public Schools all located in Wainfleet.

At the December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, the Board approved the following motion:

"THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board will engage in initial staff level discussions in the new year on a proposed joint-use school in Wainfleet with the District School Board of Niagara; will notify the community of St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School of the proposal, and that an initial staff report will be brought to a future Board Meeting for the information and consideration of the Board."

A letter was sent to the parents / guardians of students at St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School students on December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017, advising that the community would be invited to participate in the consultation as the board considers whether to move forward in investigating the possibility of a joint-use school in Wainfleet.

On January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 staff from the Niagara Catholic District School Board met with the Superintendent of Business from the District School Board of Niagara to begin initial discussions on a

proposed joint-use school. An update on this meeting was reported to the Board at the January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

In a letter dated February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018, parents / guardians were invited to provide input on the proposed joint-use school for the Board to consider at a Community Consultation Meeting at St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Parents / guardians who were unable to attend the meeting were invited to provide input online through the Board website under the Accommodation Planning tab – St. Elizabeth Consultation until Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

The community meeting was held at St. Elizabeth Catholic school as planned on February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018. There were 24 guests in attendance, 10 of whom were parents.

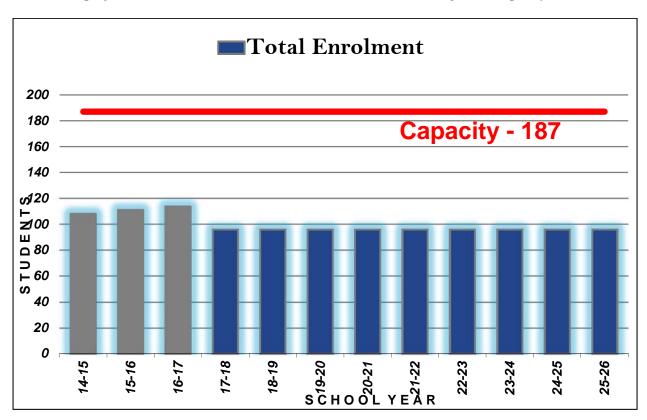
The visual presentation and input received at the meeting is included in the Community Consultation Minutes attached as Appendix 1.

Comments received through the online form from the board's website is included as Appendix 2.

Those in attendance were advised that input from the St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School community will be provided by Board staff for Trustee consideration at the Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Board Meeting at the Catholic Education Centre at 7:00 p.m.

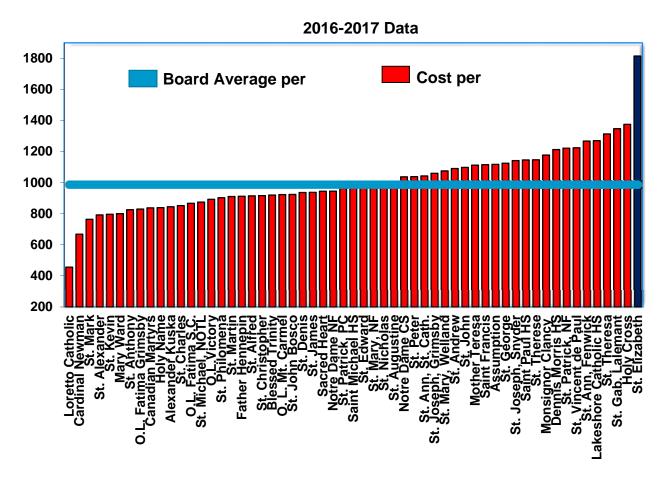
## **ENROLMENT PRESSURE**

St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School is currently operating at 51% of its on-the-ground capacity, with 96 students. When the Niagara Catholic Long-Term Accommodation Plan was developed the school was projected to have 120 students and be at 64% of it's on-the ground capacity of 187.



## **COST PRESSURE**

In the 2016-2017 school year, St. Elizabeth Catholic had the highest average operating costs of all schools in the system. The operations and maintenance costs include, cleaning, insurance, utilities (hydro, gas, water), maintenance repairs.



The cost for operations and maintenance at St. Elizabeth Catholic was over \$192,000 for 2016-2017.

The average board cost per student was \$988. The average cost at St. Elizabeth per student was \$1815, almost double the average.

The cost of utilities at the school was \$50,000. The average cost per pupil is \$503 per student which is more than double the board average of \$213/student.

The cost of operating the surplus space at St. Elizabeth Catholic in 2016-2017 was approximately \$64,000. Assuming identical costs with the lower enrolment this year, the cost of the surplus space rises to \$88,000 based on 91 surplus pupil spaces.

In 2017-2018, we received \$118,715 for Rural and Northern Education Fund. St Elizabeth Catholic's portion of that would be approx. \$7,000. This \$7,000 does not cover the cost of the excess capacity.

#### POTENTIAL ENROLMENT STRATEGIES

There are a variety of strategies to deal with the challenges that the school is facing due to declining enrolment.

- 1. Status Quo.
- 2. Reduce the footprint of St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School
- 3. Pursue an Attendance Area Review involving the nearest local schools. These could include St. Martin Catholic Elementary School, St. John Bosco and/or St. Ann Catholic Elementary School.
- 4. Conduct a Pupil Accommodation Review and consolidate St. Elizabeth with a neighbouring school conditional upon Ministry funding.
- 5. Pursue a partnership with our co-terminus board conditional upon successful completion of a pupil accommodation review for their two Wainfleet schools and Niagara Catholic receiving Ministry funding for the project.

# MINISTRY AND JOINT USE SCHOOLS

In an effort to encourage efficient use of school space the Ministry of Education is encouraging school boards to consider joint-use schools, where possible. The Ministry of Education has issued two memorandums to Directors of Education and Senior Business Officials on joint-use schools. These memos have been attached as Appendix 3 and Appendix 4.

The Ministry recognizes the significant planning and cooperation required between school boards to develop these projects. At times the extensive effort involved on such projects may act as a barrier. Effective planning can lead to the development of formalized agreements that can greatly increase the long term success of joint-use school arrangements. The Joint-Use Schools Seed Funding Program has been created by the Ministry of Education to encourage the creating of more joint-use schools.

## RECOMMENDATION

To continue to maintain a Catholic presence in the rural Wainfleet community a partnership with the District School Board of Niagara should be pursued.

The location of a joint-use school was a priority among those attending the Community Consultation Meeting at St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School. In particular, the strong connection between St. Elizabeth Roman Catholic Church and the school should be an important consideration. Attendees would like the current location to be strongly considered for the proposed joint-use school.

A joint-use school project with the District School Board of Niagara in Wainfleet will require extensive planning and cooperation between the two school boards. To continue to explore the potential of a joint-use school, an application should be made for funding from the Joint-Use Seed Funding Program to provide further support for a joint-use school.

To be eligible for consideration, the ministry requires evidence of trustee-level approval to make an application to the Joint-Use Seed Funding Program with the District School Board of Niagara be submitted to the Ministry of Education. If successful, steps will be taken to further develop the joint-use school project and report back to the Board for further approvals as required.

#### **Attachments**

Appendix 1 – Minutes from the Community Consultation Meeting, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 with attached appendices

Appendix 2 – Comments received via the online form from the board's website

Appendix 3 – Memorandum 2013:B18-Initiative to Encourage Joint Use In Collaboration Between School Boards On Capital Projects, July 31, 2013

Appendix 4 – Memorandum 2016:B17-Joint-Use Schools Seed Funding Program, October 12, 2016

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# MINUTES ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

# COMMUNITY CONSULTATION MEETING February 15, 2018 6:30 p.m.

Minutes of the St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School Community Consultation Meeting of February 15, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

The following staff members were in attendance:

Ted Farrell, Superintendent of Education; Yolanda Baldasaro, Family of Schools Superintendent of Education; Kathy Levinski, Administrator of Facilities Services; Scott Whitwell, Controller of Facilities Services; Kim Kuchar, Principal of St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School; and Mary Gallardi, Administrative Assistant, Recording Secretary.

There were 24 members of the public in attendance, 10 attendees have children enrolled in St. Elizabeth Catholic School, and Dino Sicoli, Trustee.

## A. WELCOME

Superintendent Baldasaro welcomed and thanked everyone for attending this evening at St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School

## **B.** OPENING PRAYER

Principal Kuchar opened with a prayer.

## C. PURPOSE

Superintendent Farrell welcomed and thanked everyone for attending and advised that the purpose of tonight's meeting was to provide information and receive input from the community in order to provide the Board of Trustees with an Initial Staff Report at the February 27, 2018 Board Meeting with respect to entering into a proposed joint-use school in Wainfleet with the District School Board of Niagara.

Superintendent Farrell reviewed the agenda and advised that there would be an opportunity for each and everyone present to provide input this evening.

#### D. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Superintendent Farrell and Kathy Levinski presented the slide deck, and advised that it would be posted on the Board website on February 16, 2018. The slide deck is attached as Appendix A.

#### **OUESTIONS & COMMENTS:**

What is the utilization and the number of students in the board?

Superintendent Farrell: There are approximately 21,000 total students with just over 14,000 elementary students. There are over 17,000 pupil spaces available.

The 3 Wainfleet schools have over 600 pupils total does that mean they fill up this school then the rest of the kids go to the public schools?

Superintendent Farrell: If the Niagara Catholic District School Board indicates an interest in a proposed joint-use school, the District School Board of Niagara with Trustee approval would then conduct a pupil accommodation review involving their two local schools. If their recommendation was approved, the two boards would then need to submit a business case, based on a partnership between the two boards that would consolidate the three local schools into a new build.

So you are saying this building will be torn down or kept?

Superintendent Farrell: Any discussion on that is premature. There are many steps to go through before a decision on that would be made.

#### E. FACILITATED SESSION FOR PUBLIC INPUT

Superintendent Farrell presented the Interview Matrix Process for soliciting public feedback. He indicated that the session is unfiltered and asked that everyone provide honest and open feedback. All in attendance were directed to form groups and provide feedback to each of the four to answer four questions provided. The individual responses returned, 19 of 24, are included in Appendix B.

Individual responses to each of the four questions were shared with the entire group, using table interviews. Interviewers recorded responses on the question sheets provided and are provided in Appendix C.

Attendees were then divided into groups with similar questions and asked to discuss their responses and place them on a flipchart.

Once completed, one representative from each group presented the group's response. Following the group presentation there was an opportunity to ask questions to seek clarity and provide comments.

Superintendent Farrell then asked those in attendance if the comments listed on the flipchart accurately captured the feedback provided. Each of the flipcharts has been provided in Appendix D.

#### F. REVIEW OF TIMELINES

Superintendent Farrell reviewed the timelines and indicated that the input from this meeting would be provided to Trustees at the upcoming Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The community would then be informed of any Trustee decision to continue to investigate the joint-use proposal.

## G. OTHER OPPORTUNITES FOR INPUT

Superintendent Farrell advised that under the Accommodation Planning tab on Niagara Catholic's website there is opportunity to provide further feedback, for those in attendance this evening and for those who were unable to attend. The contact information, for Kathy Levinski, Administrator of Facilities Services was also provided.

# H. QUESTIONS

Superintendent Farrell opened the floor for questions.

Has the government cut off small school rural funding?

Superintendent Farrell: We do receive some funding, but not enough to cover the costs of the underutilized space. There is a small grant for rural schools but it is minimal.

What level is that funding?

Superintendent Farrell: We receive the same funding per pupil but the funding for rural schools does not allow the Board to recoup the costs of empty seats. The larger schools in the board subsidize the smaller schools.

You have taken snapshot of the current population & growth. The concept of a joint-use school is good if we take the snapshot of how it is now. The issue from a Catholic point of view is how will we maintain the integrity of the Catholic system. Has the Board considered the projected growth in the Wainfleet area because there are people moving here?

Superintendent Farrell - The projections shown were provided by a consulting firm that engages the upper tier and lower tier municipalities for development information. This information takes into into account all growth from single-family homes, semis, apartments and average number of students that we can expect from the developments.

If these projected numbers are accurate then the conversation is over. With these numbers the Board can't afford to sustain this ongoing situation.

There are three schools in our municipality all under capacity. St. Elizabeth is 51% of capacity and the two public schools operate around 70%. When you take all three into consideration, we are talking about selling 3 buildings and building one new one. Two schools currently here could take all of the students. Why build a new one?

Superintendent Farrell: With a new school the three schools would be in one building. It is our hope to continue to have a separate Catholic school in Wainfleet. If we pursue the proposal, the three schools would become one joint school with shared gymnasium and library.

Superintendent Baldasaro indicated that a new school would still be two distinct footprints within the same building.

It took since 1700 to get where we are today. The steps we are taking today need to be carefully considered or Catholic schools are not going to mean anything in the long run. But from a practical point of view a joint-use school makes total sense.

If we build a joint school for Catholics and the other students, then the cost per student, will not get any better?

Superintendent Farrell: If a new school is built we would gain operating efficiencies. We pay for our school; they pay for theirs. We have a beautiful Catholic school community here at St. Elizabeth. We are able to ensure there is a distinct difference between the two schools, as we do currently at Loretto Catholic. That identity is not lost by sharing a facility.

If you build a new school with less space, and this school is paid for and this is not a tear down, the cost per student and putting up a new school is going to drive the cost per student up. Why don't we leave this school as is and if we don't need a chunk of it then adios?

Superintendent Farrell: Reducing the footprint is one opportunity to reduce expenses. Another is to redraw the boundaries, which is difficult given the rural location of the school. Another option is to conduct a pupil accommodation review and potentially close the school and redistribute students.

When utilization falls below 65% it translates to decreased funding to the Board, which was a shortfall of around \$240,000. We are roughly ¼ of that.

Does the public school board have same thresholds reduction in funding?

Superintendent Farrell: The funding thresholds are the same for school boards in the province.

The selling price for the public school on Burnaby Road was \$200,000. When you talk about selling, what happens when your 1/3 - 2/3 swaps and you have 50/50?

Superintendent Farrell: Through the process, if we proceed the board will ensure that there is sufficient space for our students at a suitable site.

The real advantage we have now is a quaint school with the Church and the arena, etc. We need input as to how much a new school would cost and does that come with a new church?

If move off site you detach from the church which is a critical, unique and intimate part of the school. It is hard to believe that this 25% of the underfunding is worth entertaining this concept. What is the forecast for further reductions for underutilization?

Superintendent Farrell: Our options do not include a new build for the Church. That is something for the Diocese to decide. Our enrolment projections are not showing growth.

What happens if we build a new school? For example, will we get more gym equipment or is that shared?

Superintendent Farrell: Each school has their own gym equipment.

*Is the funding for all of this is absorbed by the Government?* 

Superintendent Farrell: First of all, the decision of whether we decide to pursue the proposal and proceed with a joint-use school lies solely with the Board of Trustees. If the Trustees decide to proceed, and DSBN completes an accommodation review that recommends they pursue consolidations, then we would prepare a business case and apply for funding for a new school. Niagara Catholic will not proceed unless funding is provided by the provincial government.

What happens if we build on a different site and you sell this property? Where does the money go?

Superintendent Farrell: All proceeds from school sales goes into an account called Proceeds of Disposition. These funds can only be spent on school facilities.

The bus system does not match the boundaries at the Wainfleet-Dunnville boundary. The bus drives right by the houses in Brant-Haldimand. Why can't the students be recruited to come to Niagara?

Superintendent Farrell: Each school board has its own boundaries. We have an agreement that involves secondary students but we do not have one that involves elementary.

The work to rule really hurt this school. Some students left because of it.

Will there be a meeting where we are with the public board to meet together?

Superintendent Farrell: At this point in the process, that is premature.

Can I suggest for students at St. Elizabeth to put down their thoughts?

Superintendent Farrell: Yes.

Superintendent Farrell thanked everyone for their attendance and input this evening.

## I. FURTHER ACTION

Report to Board of Trustees on February 27, 2018

Communication of decision to community and next steps

#### J. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.



# ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

# **Community Consultation Meeting**

Thursday February 15, 2018

6:30 p.m.



# NIAGARA CATHOLIC

# Agenda

- A. WELCOME Yolanda Baldasaro
- B. OPENING PRAYER Kim Kuchar
- c. PURPOSE

Community consultation for investigation of joint-use school with DSBN

- D. BACKGROUND INFORMATION
- E. FACILITATED SESSION FOR PUBLIC INPUT
- F. REVIEW OF TIMELINES
- G. OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR INPUT
- H. QUESTIONS
- I. FURTHER ACTION
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  - B. Communication of decision to community and next steps
- J. ADJOURNMENT

# Purpose



Niagara Catholic District School Board has been asked to consider a joint-use school in Wainfleet.

Consultation for input on joint-use school.

Out of scope: staffing, location, design of potential new school.



# **Background Information**

# Niagara Catholic has had two joint-use school partnerships with DSBN:

# Currently at Loretto Catholic Elementary School, Niagara Falls

- constructed in 1999
- Loretto Catholic enrolment is 578
- 80,000 square feet in total with shared library and gymnasium

# Previously at Michael J. Brennan Catholic, St. Catharines

JK – Grade 6 school was consolidated and sold in 2014



# **Background Information How We Got Here**

- Ministry of Education Guidelines and initiatives to encourage school boards to make efficient use of school space
- Reduction of provincial funding for schools with fewer students (less than 65% utilization)
- Declining enrolment since 2010 there are 2500 fewer pupils
- 2,788 excess pupil spaces in elementary and secondary panels as of October 2017
  - 2,481 elementary spaces
  - 307 secondary spaces



# Niagara Catholic District School Board Financial Implications

- Reduction in Niagara Catholic Top Up Funding for elementary panel ~ \$240,000 (<65% of capacity) for 2017-2018</li>
- Total cost of underutilized pupil spaces for the Board is about \$2.7 million
  - \$2.4 million for elementary
  - \$300,000 for secondary



# **Community Planning and Partnerships**

- Two Community Planning and Partnerships meetings have been held:
  - November 30, 2016
  - December 13, 2017
- Niagara Catholic has been actively looking for partnerships for St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School to better utilize the school.
- District School Board of Niagara proposed joint use school partnership in November 2017.



# Long Term Accommodation Plan - 2016-2021

- On May 24, 2016 the Board endorsed the consolidated
   Long Term Accommodation Plan 2016-2021 (LTAP)
- The LTAP identifies:
  - Demographics, enrolment and programs offered
  - Open and operating schools that may have unused space
  - Schools that may be candidates for consolidation
- The plan provides transparent information to Board staff, municipalities, the public and potential partners

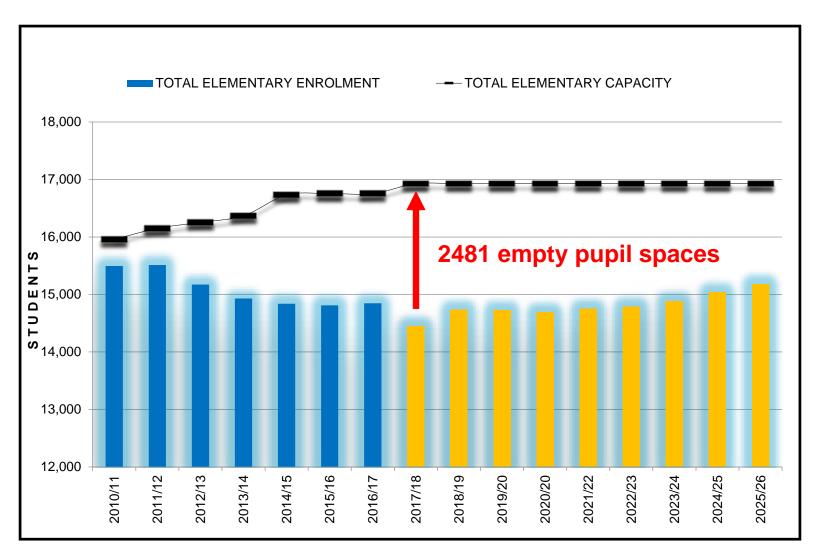


# Long Term Accommodation Plan – 2016-2021 St. Elizabeth Catholic

- Recommendation for St. Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School in the LTAP is to pursue partnerships to address underutilization.
- If partnerships do not address the underutilization, it may be necessary to pursue Pupil Accommodation Review.



# Niagara Catholic District School Board Historical and Projected Elementary Enrolment

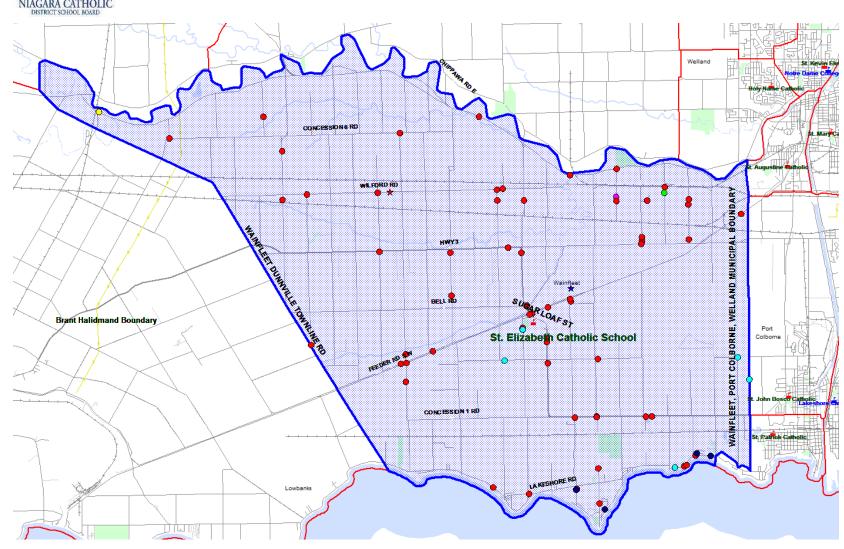




# ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROFILE

# NIAGARA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

# ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Catchment Map





# ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Catchment Information

School of Attendance	No. of Students
No of students attending in catchment	96
No. of students attending elsewhere	20
No. of students living in catchment	116



# ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Facilities Profile

Original Building	1959, 304 m <sup>2</sup> /3,272 ft <sup>2</sup>
Additions	1964, 1965, 1967, 1978 1766 m <sup>2</sup> /19,010 ft <sup>2</sup>
School building total	2070m <sup>2</sup> /22,282 ft <sup>2</sup>
Property Size	3.24 hectares 8.01 acres
Classrooms	7 regular classrooms plus 1 purpose built kindergarten room 1 library 1 gymnasium
Organization	5 classroom teachers .5 principal
Facility Condition Index	20%



# ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

# Long Term Accommodation Plan Enrolment Projections

St. Elizabeth	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26
On the Ground Capacity	187	187	187	187	187	187	187	187	187	187	187	187
Total Enrolment	108	111	114	120	120	120	122	124	123	123	125	123
Students Under/ Over Capacity	79	76	73	67	67	67	65	63	64	64	62	64
Utilization	58%	59%	61%	64%	64%	64%	65%	66%	66%	66%	67%	66%

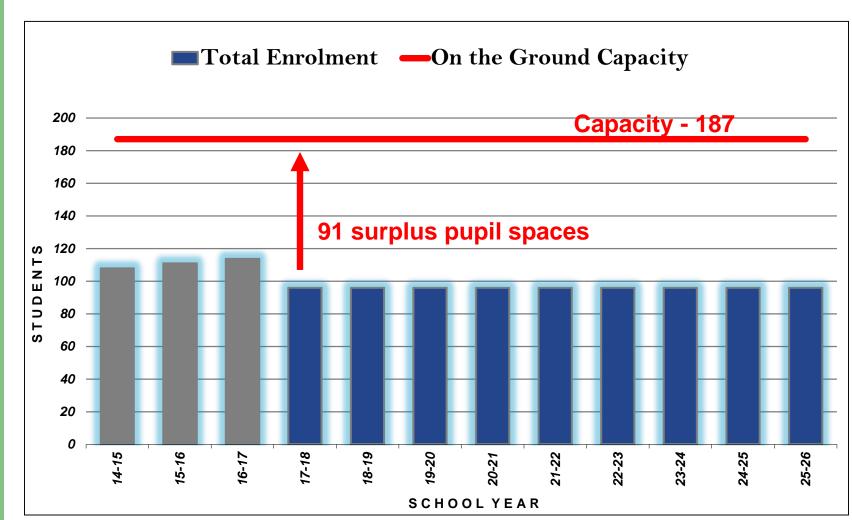


# ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Current Enrolment

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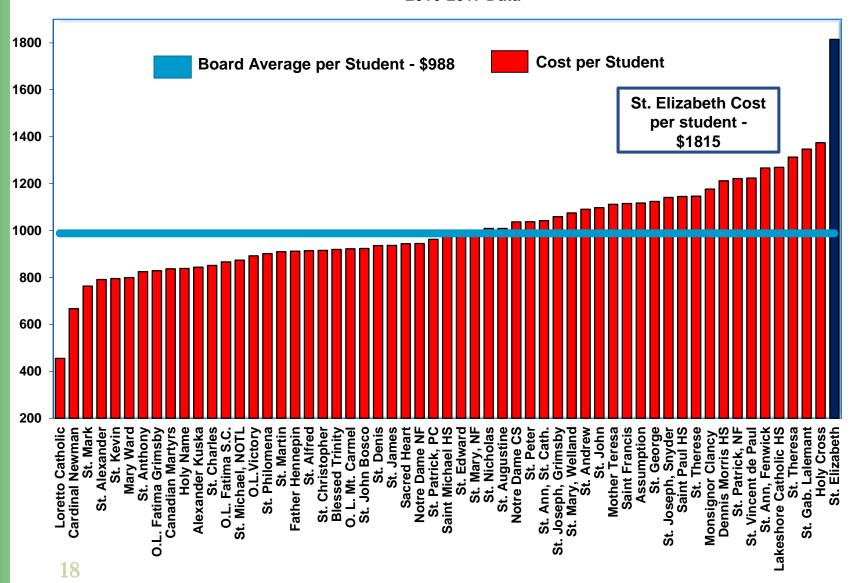
# ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Surplus Spaces



# **Operations and Maintenance Costs**



# 2016-2017 Data





# ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Financial Implications

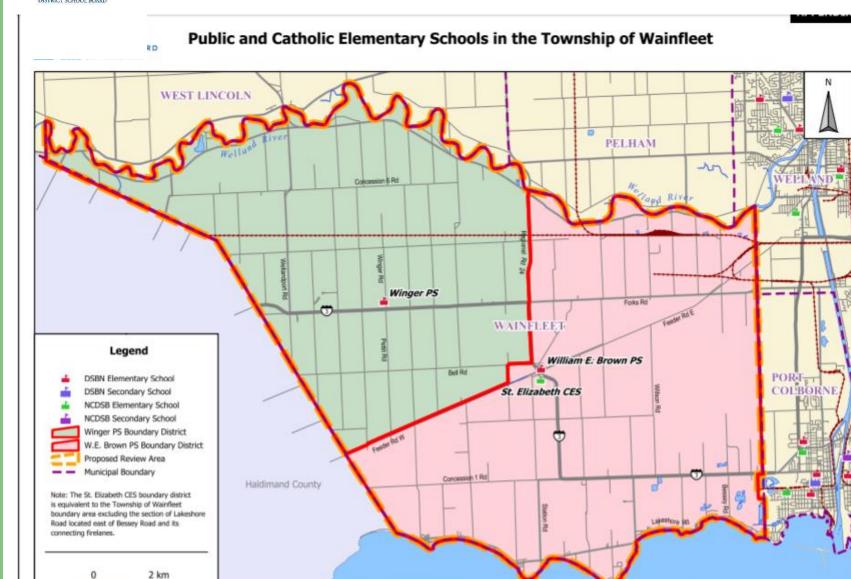
# Based on 2016-2017 data

Total Operations Expenditure	\$192,456
Enrolment	106
On-The-Ground Capacity	187
Total Operations Expenditure/Pupil	\$1,816
Total Operations Expenditure/Pupil Space	\$1,029
Additional Operations Expenditure due to Underutilization per Pupil	\$787

The annual operations and maintenance costs for the underutilized space at Elizabeth Catholic Elementary School was \$63,750.



# ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Map of Wainfleet Elementary Schools





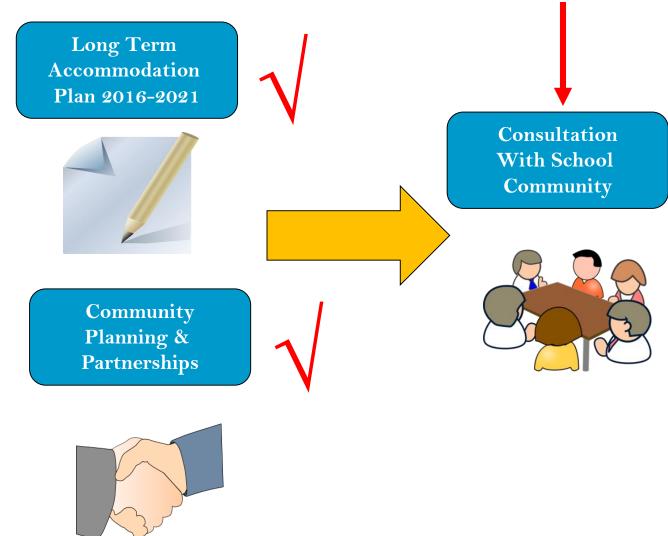
# ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Wainfleet School Enrolment and Utilization

	ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC	WILLIAM E. BROWN PUBLIC	WINGER PUBLIC	TOTAL
OTG Capacity	187	233	265	685
Oct. 2017 Enrolment	96	174	193	464
Utilization	51%	75%	73%	

Current enrolment for St. Elizabeth CES Projected for DSBN schools



# Where are We Now?





# FACILITATED SESSION FOR PUBLIC INPUT



# **ETIQUETTE**

- 1. Be respectful
- 2. Listen attentively to others
- 3. Participate to the fullest of your ability
- 4. Goal is not to agree, but to gain deeper understanding and record responses



# **Individual Preparation**

Quietly and individually write your own responses to the four questions on the paper provided.



#### **INTERVIEW MATRIX PROCESS**

- 1. The Interview (15 minutes)
- 2. Editorial Board (10 minutes)
- 3. Report Back (10 minutes)



## The Interview: (Part 1 – 15 minutes)

- 1. Each person will sit at a table of 4, each person will have a different question.
- 2. Each person is responsible for collecting data on a question.
- 3. All four questions and space for responses will be provided on one sheet of paper to each person.
- 4. A few minutes will be provided to review each of the questions and write down own responses.
- 5. Everyone will "interview" and be "interviewed" by each person in your group of four.
- 6. Write down the responses from each person at your table to the question you have been assigned.





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#### **INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

- 1. What are the advantages of the joint-use school proposal?
- 2. What are the disadvantages of the joint-use school proposal?
- 3. What factors should the Board consider in pursuing a joint-use school?
- 4. What other alternatives could the Board consider for St. Elizabeth Catholic to deal with excess pupil space?



## INTERVIEW MATRIX – 1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

#### **INTERVIEWER**

### RESPONDER

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## INTERVIEW MATRIX - 2<sup>ND</sup> SESSION

#### **INTERVIEWER**

### **RESPONDER**

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## INTERVIEW MATRIX – 3<sup>RD</sup> SESSION

#### **INTERVIEWER**

#### **RESPONDER**

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## <u>INTERVIEW MATRIX - 4<sup>TH</sup> SESSION</u>

#### **INTERVIEWER**

#### **RESPONDER**

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## INTERVIEW MATRIX - 5<sup>TH</sup> SESSION

#### **INTERVIEWER**

### RESPONDER

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## <u>INTERVIEW MATRIX - 6<sup>TH</sup> SESSION</u>

#### **INTERVIEWER**

#### **RESPONDER**

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## The Editorial Board: (Part 2 – 10 minutes)

Gather with those with the same questions

- compare notes
- find common themes
- look for unique inputs and ideas

Record the best consensus ideas on the flipchart provided

Prepare your team presentation



# Sharing Responses: (Part 3 – 10 minutes)

Individual groups will present their responses to the entire group to ensure that:

- all input has been gathered
- staff understand responses



#### **Review of Timelines**

■ Input from community to be provided at the Board Meeting on Tuesday February 27, 2018.

■ Decision by Trustees to investigate proposed joint-use school.

■ Community will be informed of Trustee decision to investigate joint-use proposal and next steps.



#### **Additional Opportunities for Input**

Feedback Form has been posted on Board website at niagara.catholic.ca under:

• Accommodation Planning, St. Elizabeth Consultation

Contact Kathy Levinski, Administrator of Facilities Services at 905-735-0240, ext. 273

#### **Additional Opportunities for Input**







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- 3. What factors should the Board consider in pursuing a joint-use school?
- 4. What other alternatives could the Board consider for St. Elizabeth Catholic to deal with excess pupil spaces?

(19 of 24 individual attendees returned their response sheet)

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## Table Interviews

## Question #4

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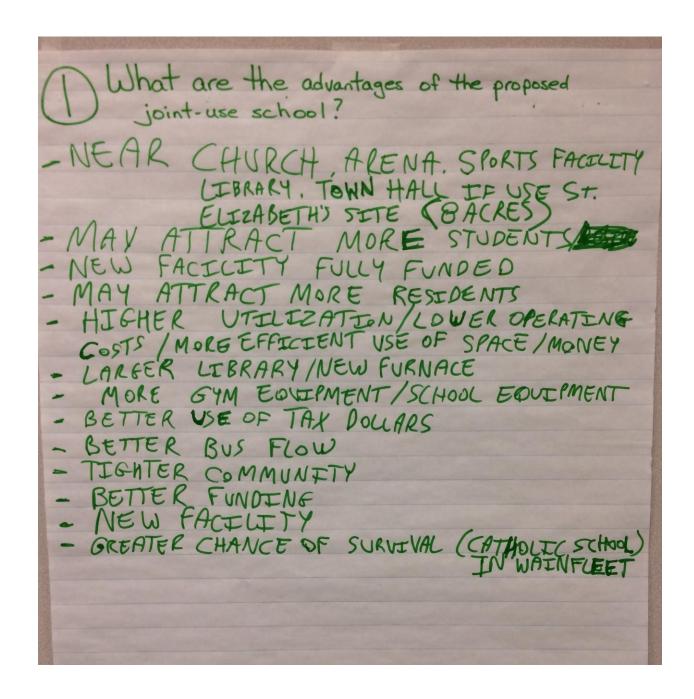
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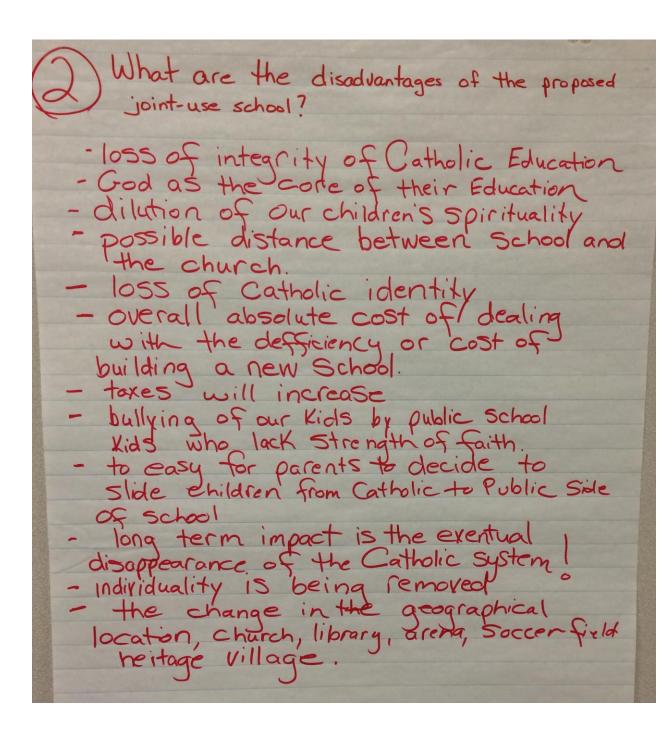
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3) What factors should the Board Consider in pursuing a joint-use school? is location near Dublic facility ie arena, soccerfield, baseball Field, library and our church need to maintain Catholic identity - location close to Church so celebrations & Mass can he in the Chroch - Potential shift of students to Brant-Haldingnd-Norfolk-cosy - Student voice

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- use them for the chess tournaments,
extra curriculars

- evangelize, community partnerships

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- gym rentals

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Good morning Ms. Habjan-Gallo,

Thank you for your feedback with regard to the joint-use school proposal. We will ensure that it is included in the report to Trustees with the other comments received by the community.

Kathy Levinski, Administrator of Facilities Services Niagara Catholic District School Board 427 Rice Road, Welland, ON L3C 7C1 905-735-0240 ext. 273

----Original Message-----

From: NoReply

Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 11:55 PM
To: Levinski, Kathy < <a href="mailto:Kathy.Levinski@ncdsb.com">Kathy.Levinski@ncdsb.com</a> Subject: Feedback: St Elizabeth Consultation

NAME: Julie Habjan-Gallo

FEEDBACK: Hello,

I unfortunately was unable to attend the meeting, but would like to add that although a little heartbroken about this decision, because St. Elizabeth is such a great little school (the hidden gem as we like to call it), I would be ok with this proposal and the building of the new school if we can keep the current location. The school is situated in the most perfect place. Right in the HEART of Wainfleet. Because we are joining the public board I understand they do not have a "church connection" but for us....I believe that is the foundation of who we are. Being so close to St. Elizabeth's Church our children are privileged to be able to walk to church every week to attend mass. Not all schools can do that as buses are so expensive. It is just not the same when the priests come to the school and has mass in the gym. Unfortunately we are living in a world where most children are not being brought to church, so to have this opportunity of being so close and celebrating mass at church, as a school, every week.....this may be able to draw in or at least keep children interested in attending church. Also a great way to keep the school and church connected. The students can participate in physical activity by walking to the arena to skate. Again, many schools opted out of another great experience for the children because of the bussing. Monthly visits to the library.....so important in a technology filled world. My children love coming home to tell me about their new library book. Without being able to walk there.....it will be another missed opportunity. Sure I can take my children to all these places (and I do), but it is so much better when the experiences are shared with their peers (especially Church), and other than the Church, the public students would benefit as well. I'm sure this proposal is going to go through, and I would much rather see that happen than have our (hidden gem) just closed up. However, I do really hope some serious consideration is given to the "perfect" location of where this school should be. Good Luck! and God Bless!

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2013: B18

**MEMORANDUM TO:** Directors of Education

School Business Officials

**FROM:** Gabriel F. Sekaly

**Assistant Deputy Minister** 

Elementary/Secondary Business and Finance Division

DATE: July 31, 2013

SUBJECT: Initiative to Encourage Joint Use I Collaboration

between School Boards on Capital Projects

I am writing today to announce a new initiative to support joint use projects and encourage greater collaboration between school boards in meeting their accommodation and capital needs. This initiative is comprised of the following two components:

- Proposals submitted for joint use capital projects and other collaborative capital solutions between school boards will be given first consideration for funding approvals under the Capital Priorities Funding Program.
- 2. A consultation strategy to be launched this fall to identify and share opportunities, challenges and best practices associated with joint use schools and other collaborative capital project arrangements.

This initiative anticipates work on the government's broader School Board Efficiencies and Modernization strategy which, as announced in the 2013 Ontario Budget, aims to achieve long-term sustainability in school board funding. While the Ministry is aware that a variety of joint use arrangements currently exist in the province between school boards and other parties, the Ministry believes that greater collaboration between boards in addressing their facility needs will provide opportunities for capital and operating efficiencies.

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To encourage a greater number of new and innovative collaborative capital project arrangements between school boards the Ministry will review all joint use projects for funding consideration before evaluating any other Capital Priorities submissions. Joint use projects are more likely to receive capital funding and also have the opportunity to generate an increased amount of capital funding than stand-alone projects.

We realize that joint use capital projects may require additional time for school boards to plan, develop and consult with their communities and that this may pose a challenge given the 2013-14 Capital Priorities submission timelines as outlined in *Capital Priorities Memorandum 2013: 813.* However, we expect that the efficient utilization of school facilities between boards will remain a focus of the Ministry's annual Capital Priorities review process and as such, boards should seek joint-use opportunities between school boards for future Capital Priorities submissions.

## **Types of Eligible Joint Use Capital Projects**

To receive first consideration for funding under the Capital Priorities program, an eligible joint use capital proposal must meet at least one of the following conditions:

- 1. The shared use of a single facility by two or more school boards (either involving the construction of new permanent space or the utilization of existing space)
- 2. The increased utilization of existing capacity through the 'swapping' of school facilities between school boards

Joint use capital proposals also must meet the capital and accommodation needs of the boards involved in the solution. Please refer to Appendix A for a list of examples of potential joint use capital projects between school boards.

## **Submission Process for Joint Use Capital Projects**

School boards are requested to submit proposed joint use capital projects through the Capital Priorities Template in the School Facilities Inventory System (SFIS) as specified in *Capital Priorities Memorandum 2013: 813.* 

Each school board involved in the proposed joint use capital project must submit a completed business case and identify the project as one of its top eight Capital Priorities projects to receive priority funding consideration. The business cases for these projects should still provide the projected enrolment and capital needs of individual school boards. Boards are required to identify these projects as joint use in the comments section of the business case and are to contact their capital analyst with specific details on the joint use solution (e.g. what type of arrangement will exist between the boards, what spaces will be shared, what efficiencies *I* program opportunities will be gained from this joint use solution).

## **Consultation Strategy**

The Ministry will provide more details on a consultation strategy to encourage joint use *I* collaborative solutions between school boards later this fall.

If you have questions about joint use capital projects, please contact your board's capital analyst.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

Gabriel F. Sekaly Assistant Deputy Minister Elementary/Secondary Business and Finance Division

## Appendix A - Examples of Joint Use Projects between School Boards

### Example 1

School Board A operates a facility in good condition with a low enrolment and excess space. School Board B operates a facility in *very* poor condition and has a *very* low enrolment.

 Joint use solution - School Board B's students move into School Board A's building to essentially have two schools under one roof.

### Example 2

School Board A and School Board B each operate separate facilities with approximately 200 students in a small, rural community. Each facility has high renewal needs with enrolment projected to remain steady.

 Joint use solution - a new jointly owned facility should be constructed for both boards. The preferred model would be to have two schools under one roof (ie. Each board would have separate office spaces / classrooms but would share certain common areas such as libraries or gymnasia).

### Example 3

School Board A operates a facility with a capacity of 400 and enrolment of 150. School Board B operates a facility with a capacity of 200 and enrolment of 350.

 Joint use solution - School Board A and B swap school buildings to achieve efficiencies through increased facility utilization. Ministry of Education

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**MEMORANDUM TO:** Directors of Education

Senior Business Officials

FROM: Gabriel F. Sékaly

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SUBJECT: Joint-Use Schools Seed Funding Program

I am pleased to announce details of the ministry's new program to encourage the development of joint-use schools between two or more school boards. This memorandum is further to **Memorandum 2016: B04** - *Capital Planning Capacity Program 2015-16 and 2016-17* (dated March 4, 2016), which announced two years of funding allocations to school boards as part of the Capital Planning Capacity (CPC) Program, including \$600,000 to support the development of joint-use schools. Of this, \$200,000 will be used for the new Joint-Use Schools Seed Funding Program.

## **Program Highlights**

- 1. The Joint-Use Schools Seed Funding Program is available to school boards over the next two years, on a first-come, first-served basis.
- 2. To apply for this seed funding two or more school boards must jointly submit an application form.
- 3. Successful applicants will receive \$20,000 in operating funding, per school board, to support the development of a joint-use school project.
- 4. Participating school boards require trustee-level approval to apply for this funding.
- 5. The ministry will accept applications any time during the 2016-17 school year.

#### **Program Intent**

In recent years, the Ministry has introduced a variety of initiatives to encourage boards to consider the most efficient use of school space and to right size their schools where necessary. In 2013, the ministry released **Memorandum 2013: B18** - *Initiative to Encourage Joint Use in Collaboration between School Boards on Capital Projects*, which introduced the priority review of any joint-use capital funding application. Note that this initiative remains active through the ministry's Capital Priorities and School Condition Capital programs. Additionally, the School Board Efficiencies and Modernization (SBEM) initiative was introduced in 2014 to further encourage the efficient use of school space.

To meet the needs of their students, some school boards have established joint-use school arrangements (where two or more school boards operate their schools in one building) to help with pupil accommodations in those locations where there may not be enough pupils of one board to support a stand-alone school. Joint-use school arrangements can provide opportunities for students to gain access to specialized classrooms, gymnasia, playing fields and library facilities to which they may not have had access in a smaller, stand-alone school.

The Ministry of Education is aware that significant board-to-board negotiations and planning are required to support the development of joint-use school projects and that under certain circumstances, some of these tasks may act as a barrier to the establishment of such projects. The ministry is also aware that effective planning leading to the development of formalized agreements can significantly increase the long-term success of joint-use school arrangements. For these reasons, the ministry has established this Joint-Use Schools Seed Funding Program to encourage the creation of more joint-use schools.

We note that a variety of collaborative arrangements established between school boards may be termed "joint-use." For the purposes of this Joint-Use Schools Seed Funding Program, a joint-use school is defined as an agreement between two or more school boards operating their respective schools in a single facility in response to a demonstrated need for pupil accommodations.

Examples of joint-use arrangements may include:

- Two school boards both operating elementary or secondary programs in the same building and sharing the gymnasium, playing fields and/or specialty classrooms such as science and shop labs.
- Two school boards operating in different wings and attached through common areas such as a shared school library or public library.

The ministry encourages school boards to strive to achieve the greatest benefit to students in potential joint-use school arrangements. As such, the ministry urges school boards to consider the most appropriate means to broaden the range of educational spaces available to students through the sharing of standard and specialty rooms in their joint-use school.

Examples of what would **not** be considered a joint-use school, for the purposes of this program, include arrangements where:

- Schools of two distinct school boards are situated on one campus, but are not located in one building.
- Two schools of two distinct school boards are situated in different buildings, but schedule access to the same sport field, sport facility or any other educationrelated facility (e.g. outdoor learning centres, etc.).

### **Program Details**

Through this program, partnering schools may consider establishing a joint-use school in existing school space, in a new build or by way of an addition. This program is intended to provide partnering school boards exploring the opportunity to undertake joint-use school projects with \$20,000 each, to support costs associated with the project planning and development process.

#### Ministry Priorities under this Program

While joint-use schools may be established under a variety of circumstances, the ministry will prioritize this seed funding for potential joint-use schools in those locations where one or two stand-alone school facilities are not, or would not be, a highly viable option. As a result, the ministry has identified the following priority areas for this program.

#### Accommodation need:

- Isolation: Projects where at least one of the boards has limited accommodation
  options due to the isolation of the proposed school from other schools of the
  board.
- School size: At least one elementary or secondary school with total ADE below the provincial average (elementary – approximately 350 or secondary approximately 700)

and, broader facility options for students:

• **Shared space**: Projects which include plans for shared or common spaces within the same facility (e.g., specialty classrooms, gymnasia, libraries)

A range of joint-use school arrangements is possible and will be considered, however, applications to this program will be reviewed according to the above-listed priorities.

#### Eligible Expenses

Under the Joint-Use Schools Seed Funding Program, school boards can apply funding toward expenses they incur in through the development of a joint-use project. Eligible expenses may include:

- Legal, design, architectural, planning;
- Consulting services (costing, program review, enrolment and demographic projections); and
- Facilitation services.

Please note, this funding is not to be applied for communication materials, promotional events, and community meetings or toward any function that could be classified as an eligible capital cost (e.g. site assessments, site remediation costs, real property appraisals and construction-related assessments, etc.). Expenses incurred prior to receiving approval for this funding are also ineligible.

#### Application Process

Two or more school boards must jointly apply for funding under this program. The application template and associated instructions are provided as an attachment in Appendix A.

To be eligible for consideration, the ministry requires evidence of trustee-level approval of this application for the Joint-Use Seed Funding Program. Please note, this approval is to acknowledge that an application for this Joint-Use Seed Funding Program with the identified partner school board will be submitted to the Ministry of Education, and that if successful, steps will be taken to further develop the joint-use school project.

The ministry will accept applications any time throughout the year. This funding will be available to school boards over the next two years, on a first-come, first-served basis. Successful applicants (partnering boards) will be awarded \$20,000 each, independent of the size of the schools involved or the relative number of students from each board that may be included in the proposal.

The ministry will decline those applications which do not meet the stipulated eligibility requirements and which do not have a clear business case for the student accommodation need.

Please note that being declined for funding under the Joint-Use Seed Funding Program should not prevent partnering school boards from continuing to pursue their joint-use school proposals or from applying for funding under the ministry's capital funding programs (if required).

The ministry will provide a written acknowledgement when applications are received. Along with the final decision notice, comments about the application and funding details will be provided.

#### Other Considerations

Funding approvals under the Joint-Use Seed Funding program do not guarantee any related approvals under the ministry's current capital funding programs: Capital Priorities Program (CPP) / School Consolidation Capital (SCC).

While this program is intended to support the creation of more joint-use schools across Ontario, school boards that are awarded funding under this program may also conclude that they are unable to develop a sustainable joint-use school arrangement. Detailed information and the rationale behind this decision not to pursue a joint-use school arrangement will be required by the Ministry of Education.

### **Reporting and Accountability**

The ministry intends to maintain streamlined reporting requirements for this seed funding program, similar to the rest of the CPC program funding. Awarded funds will be added to school boards' School Board Governance and Administration Grant and boards will be required to report Joint-Use Seed Funding Program expenditures as part of their Financial Statements in the applicable school year.

Once the awarded funds are fully expensed, successful applicants will also be required to provide the ministry with a formal statement of outcomes and rationale associated with the use of the funds (a template will be provided at that time). This will help inform the ministry on future support for joint use initiatives.

### **Ministry Contact**

Ministry staff are available to review and discuss school boards' joint-use school proposals or any associated issues, at any point before, during or after applying for this Joint-Use Seed Funding Program. If you have questions or require additional information regarding this program, please contact Sabina Bredin, Senior Policy Analyst, at (416) 325-2024 or sabina.bredin@ontario.ca.

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Appendix A - Joint-Use Schools Seed Funding Program Application Template