

WEST GALT

Elementary Schools' Pupil Accommodation Review

Public Meeting #1

October 5, 2011

St. Andrew's P.S. 7:00 p.m.



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Agenda

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1. Welcome/Introductions
2. Explanation of the Accommodation Review Process
3. Accommodation Review Committee (ARC)
4. Review Objectives
5. School Information Profiles
6. Questions/Other



What is a Pupil Accommodation Review?

- a formal public process that ensures a decision taken by a school board regarding the future of a school (closure or consolidation) has the full involvement of an informed local community
- a process based on a broad range of criteria regarding the quality of the learning experience for students



Why an Accommodation Review?

- The potential exists within an area under the jurisdiction of the Board to accommodate existing and projected students in fewer educational facilities;
- Due to declining enrolment, a school or group of schools is unable, or projected to be unable to:
 - Provide a suitable and equitable range of learning opportunities for students;
 - Under normal staffing allocations, organize with split classes of no more than two grades;
- Reorganization involving the school or group of schools could enhance program and learning opportunities for students;
- Teaching and learning spaces and the site are not suitable to provide the programs and accessibility needed to serve the community, and retrofitting and/or enlarging the facility may be cost prohibitive;
- One or more of the schools is experiencing higher building maintenance expenses than average for the system and/or is in need of major capital improvements;
- The Board has received a formal request from a school community or communities requesting a review of their pupil accommodation facilities



Ministry Guideline/Board Policy

- Ministry of Education Pupil Accommodation Review Guideline, June 26, 2009
 - Available on the Board's web page or Ministry's web page

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/policyfunding/reviewGuide09.pdf>

- Board Policy 4000: Pupil Accommodation Review (Consolidation or Closure), November 2009

- Available on the Board's web page

<http://www.wrdsb.ca/about-us/board-policies>



Why an Accommodation Review in West Galt?

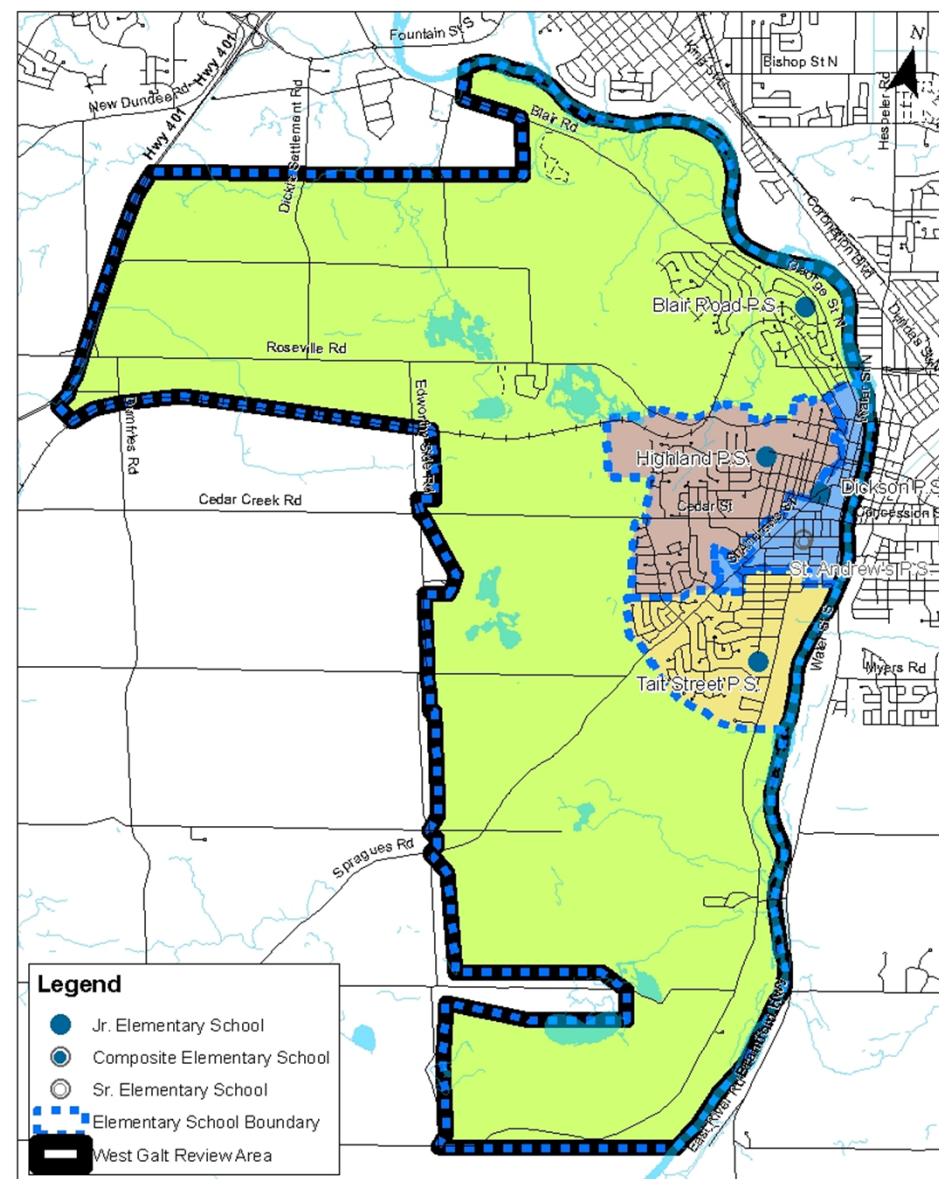
- The Board is conducting an accommodation review in West Galt because of:
 - Small school organizations
 - Facility condition
 - Enrolment changes/shifts
 - New development
 - New direction in curriculum/school organization (grade configurations)
 - Implications of Full Day Kindergarten (FDK)



Review Area

- The West Galt Review Area includes:
 - Blair Road P.S. (JK-6)
 - Dickson P.S. (JK-5)
 - Highland P.S. (JK-5)
 - St. Andrew's P.S. (6-8)
 - Tait Street P.S. (JK-6)

West Galt Review Area



2011/12 Enrolment and Capacity

School	On-the-Ground Capacity (Sept 2011)	Capacity with Portapack (Sept 2011)	Enrolment - Sept 15, 2011 Unofficial		% Capacity
			Total	FTE*	
Blair Road PS	279	279	241	209.5	75%
Dickson PS	161	161	114	114	70%
Highland PS	348	486	534	457	131%
St. Andrew's PS	424	424	451	451	106%
Tait Street PS	348	348	308	271.5	78%
TOTAL	1560	1698	1648	1503	96%

*FTE refers to Full Time Enrolment – Kindergarten students counted as half a student because they only use the facilities half the time

% Capacity = FTE/Built Capacity

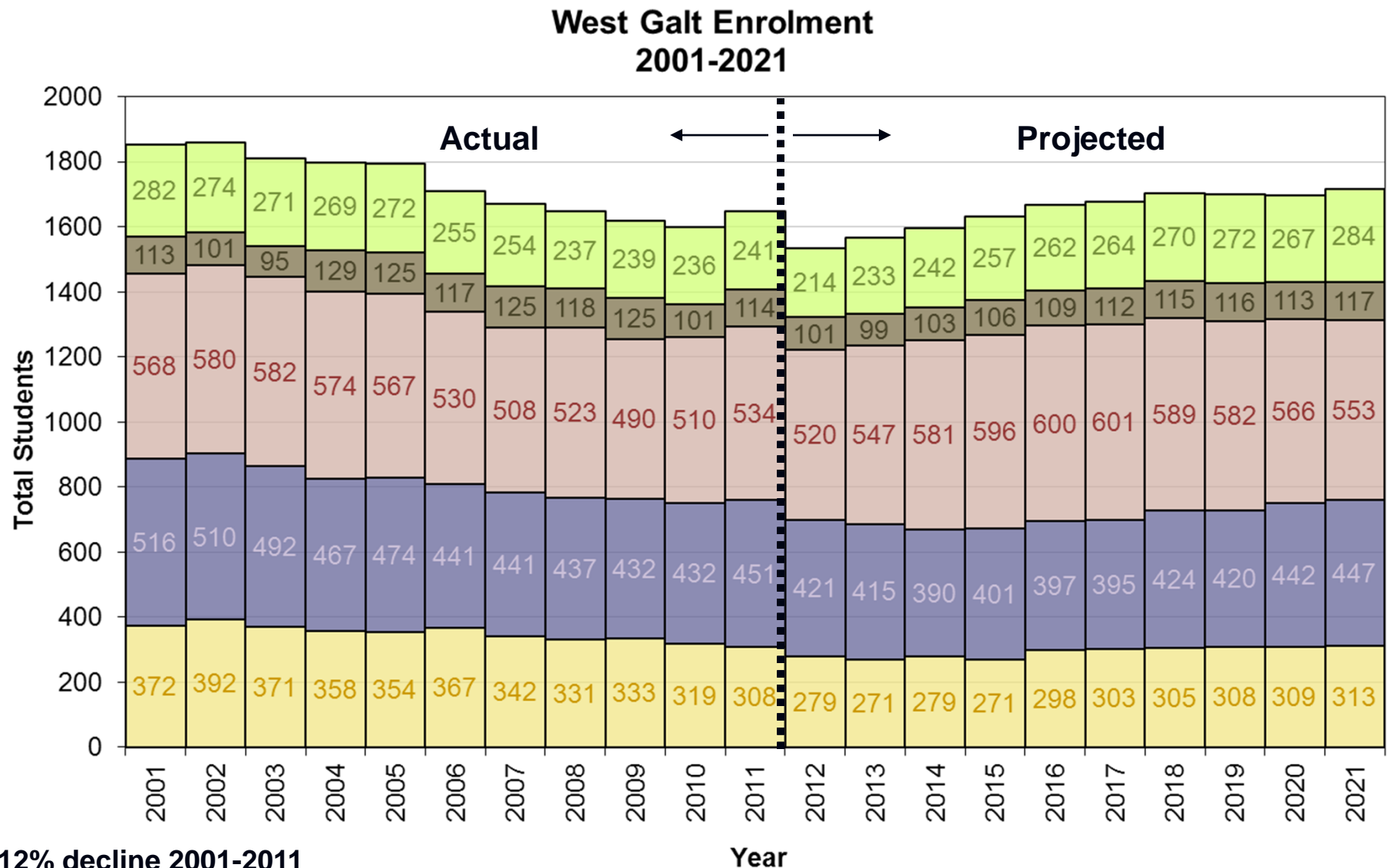
On-the-Ground capacity is the Ministry recognized loading of classrooms in a school. This may not accurately represent how the school is being utilized.



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West Galt Projected and Historic Enrolment 2001-2021



Role of the Accommodation Review Committee (ARC)

The ARC is responsible for:

- Review Objectives
- School Information Profiles
- Accommodation Options (Scenarios)
- Accommodation Report and Recommendations
- Public Information and Access
- Community Consultation and Public Meetings



ARC Membership

The ARC consists of:

- Up to 2 parents/guardians from each school
- The principal from each school
 - Jodie Hancox-Meyer, Blair Road
 - Barry Frame – Dickson
 - Wendy Bowker – Highland
 - Karen Tomlin – St. Andrew's
 - Marcia Lubert – Tait Street
- The review area Superintendent of Education
 - Lila Read
- WRDSB Planning/Facilities Staff
 - Lauren Manske, Senior Planner
 - Nathan Hercanuck, Senior Planner
 - Ron Dallan, Manager of Capital Projects
 - Andrea Kean, Recording Secretary
- Study area municipal representation
 - City of Cambridge Planning
- Up to 2 community representatives



School Information Profiles



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School Information Profile

Date: 2011-09-23

SCHOOL PROFILE			
School:		Blair Road Public School	
Address:		85 Sunset Blvd., Cambridge, ON N1S 1A9	
Grade Configuration		JK-8	
Age of Facility		48 years	
Site Size		5.9 ac	2.39 ha
Building Size – GFA		28,201 sq ft	2,620 m ²
School Capacity (building only, Ministry recognized)		282	
School Capacity (building and porta-pak)		282	
Number of portables		0	
Current enrolment (Total/FTE)		241	209.5
Utilization (% Accommodation)		74 %	
Historic Total Enrolment (past 5 years) Based on October 31 Enrolment		Year: 2006/07	Enrolment 255
		Year: 2007/08	Enrolment 254
		Year: 2008/09	Enrolment 237
		Year: 2009/10	Enrolment 239
		Year: 2010/11	Enrolment 238
Enrolment Total Projection (next 5 years)		Year: 2012/13	Enrolment 241
		Year: 2013/14	Enrolment 258
		Year: 2014/15	Enrolment 264
		Year: 2015/16	Enrolment 275
		Year: 2016/17	Enrolment 279
Feeder Schools:		Grades:	
Number of Out of Boundary Students		19	
Number of Split Grades		4	
Is there a French Immersion Program?		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Attachments: Site and Floor Plans with date of original building and any subsequent additions

To be used as a information gathering tool

Section 1: Value to the Student

Section 2: Value to the Board

Section 3: Value to the Community

Section 4: Value to the Local Economy

Section 5: Valuation Summary

Accommodation Review Process

Process

Identify issues



Develop Objectives



Develop Scenarios



Evaluate Scenarios**



Accommodation Report

School Information Profiles

Accommodation Review Reference Criteria



ARC Meetings

- Explain process
- Present Background info
- Identify issues
- Discuss limiting factors

- Discuss Issues
- Complete Info Profiles
- Develop Objectives

- Develop Scenarios

- Review Public Feedback
- Refine Scenario(s)

- Review Public Feedback
- Confirm Preferred Scenario(s)

- Complete Accommodation Report

Public Meetings

- Explain process
- Review Background information
- Receive Feedback

- Present Draft Objectives/ Initial Scenarios

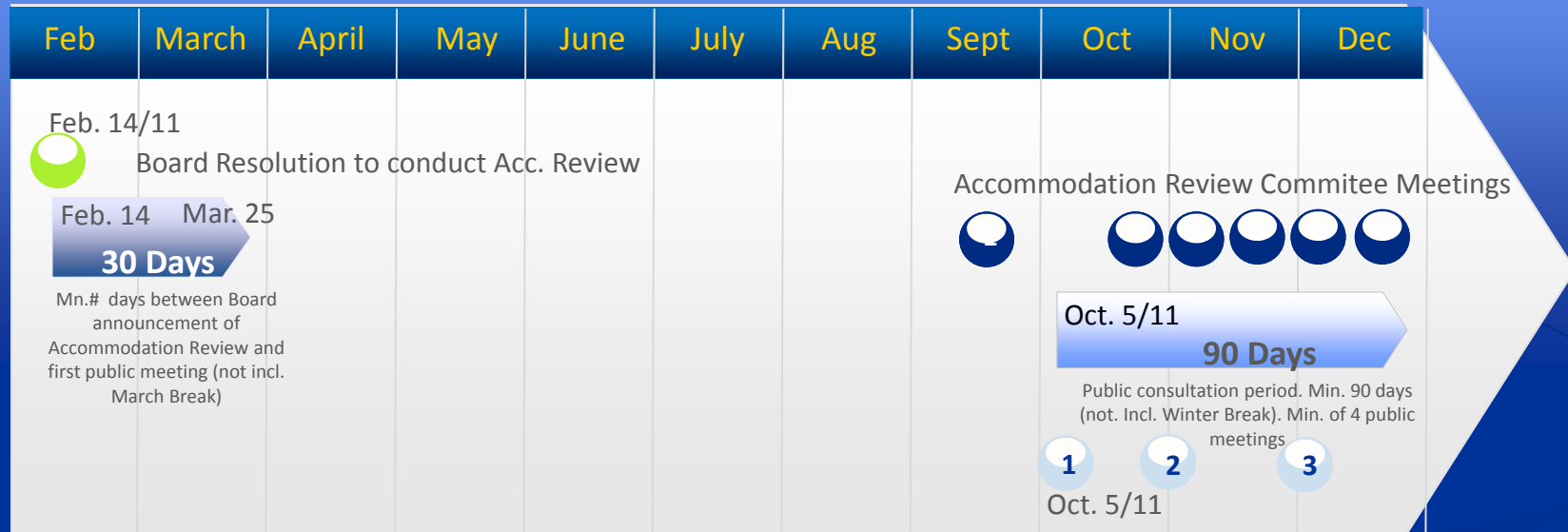
- Present Refined Scenarios

- Present Accommodation Report
- Receive Feedback

**Scenario development and evaluation may go through multiple iterations as scenarios are evaluated , and new ideas result from the evaluation.

Accommodation Review Process – Minimum Timeframe

2011



2012



Next Steps

- ARC meets to discuss existing conditions and develop scenarios
- A minimum of 3 additional Public Meetings
- ARC prepares Accommodation Report and Recommendations
- Staff bring recommendations to Trustees
- Trustees vote on recommendations of ARC and Staff



Public Information and Access

- All information relevant to the accommodation review is to be made public by posting it in a prominent location on the school board's website or making it available in print on request

<http://www.wrdsb.ca/planning/accommodation-reviews/west-galt-elementary-schools>

- Or...visit one of the schools in the review area to view the accommodation review binder (located in the school's office)



Webpage

<http://www.wrdsb.ca/planning/accommodation-reviews/west-galt-elementary-schools>

The screenshot shows the website for the West Galt Elementary Schools Accommodation Review. The header includes the Waterloo Region District School Board logo and navigation links: Home, About Us, Programs, Schools, Careers, and Staff. A search bar is also present. The main content area is titled "West Galt Elementary Schools Accommodation Review". Under "SCHOOLS INVOLVED:", there is a list of schools: Blair Road P.S., Dickson P.S., Highland P.S., St. Andrews P.S., and Tait Street P.S. A link is provided to click for a map of the West Galt Review Area. The "NEWS FEED" section includes a date "September 27, 2011" and a notice that details of the first public meeting have been announced. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 5, 2011, at 7:00 - 8:30 pm at St. Andrew's P.S. Gymnasium, 65 Victoria Avenue, Cambridge. A paragraph explains that this is the first of a minimum of four public meetings, where staff will make a brief presentation about the review process and schedule, followed by a question and answer period. No accommodation options will be presented at this time. A date "February 14, 2011" is also listed, with a notice that the Waterloo Region District School Board approved the commencement of a Pupil Accommodation Review of Blair Road, Dickson, Highland, St. Andrews and Tait Street Public Schools, to be called the West Galt Accommodation Review. The "PUBLIC MEETINGS" section states that a minimum of four (4) public meetings will be held throughout the review, open to the general public - parents, neighbours, community members, etc. It lists "Public Meeting Announcements, Presentations and Minutes" and includes a link for "Public Meeting #1 - Wednesday, October 5, 2011" with an "Announcement" link. The "ACCOMMODATION REVIEW COMMITTEE (ARC)" section explains the purpose of the ARC is to conduct an accommodation review of a particular school or schools within a given planning area of the Board in order to advise and provide recommendations that will inform the final decision made by the Board of Trustees on whether a school or schools should be either closed or consolidated.

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Click [here](#) for a map of the West Galt Review Area

NEWS FEED

September 27, 2011

Details of the first public meeting for the West Galt Review have been announced:

Wednesday October 5, 2011

7:00 - 8:30 pm

St. Andrew's P.S. Gymnasium, 65 Victoria Avenue, Cambridge

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 - [Announcement](#)

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Contact Information

- Website: www.wrdsb.ca
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 - Or Search “West Galt” and click on link

- E-mail: boundaryfeedback@wrdsb.on.ca

- Phone: 519-570-0003 ext. 4419



Thank you!

Questions or Comments?



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