

East Kitchener-Waterloo

Elementary Schools' Pupil Accommodation Review

Public Meeting #1

November 10, 2009

Lexington 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. Valuation Templates/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 Guidelines/Board Policy

- Ministry of Education Pupil Accommodation Review Guidelines, October 31, 2006
 - Available on the Board's web page or Ministry's web page

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

- Board Policy 4000: Pupil Accommodation Review (Consolidation or Closure), May 2007
 - Available on the Board's web page

http://www.wrdsb.ca/sites/www.wrdsb.ca/files/docs/4000_Pupil_Accom_Review.pdf

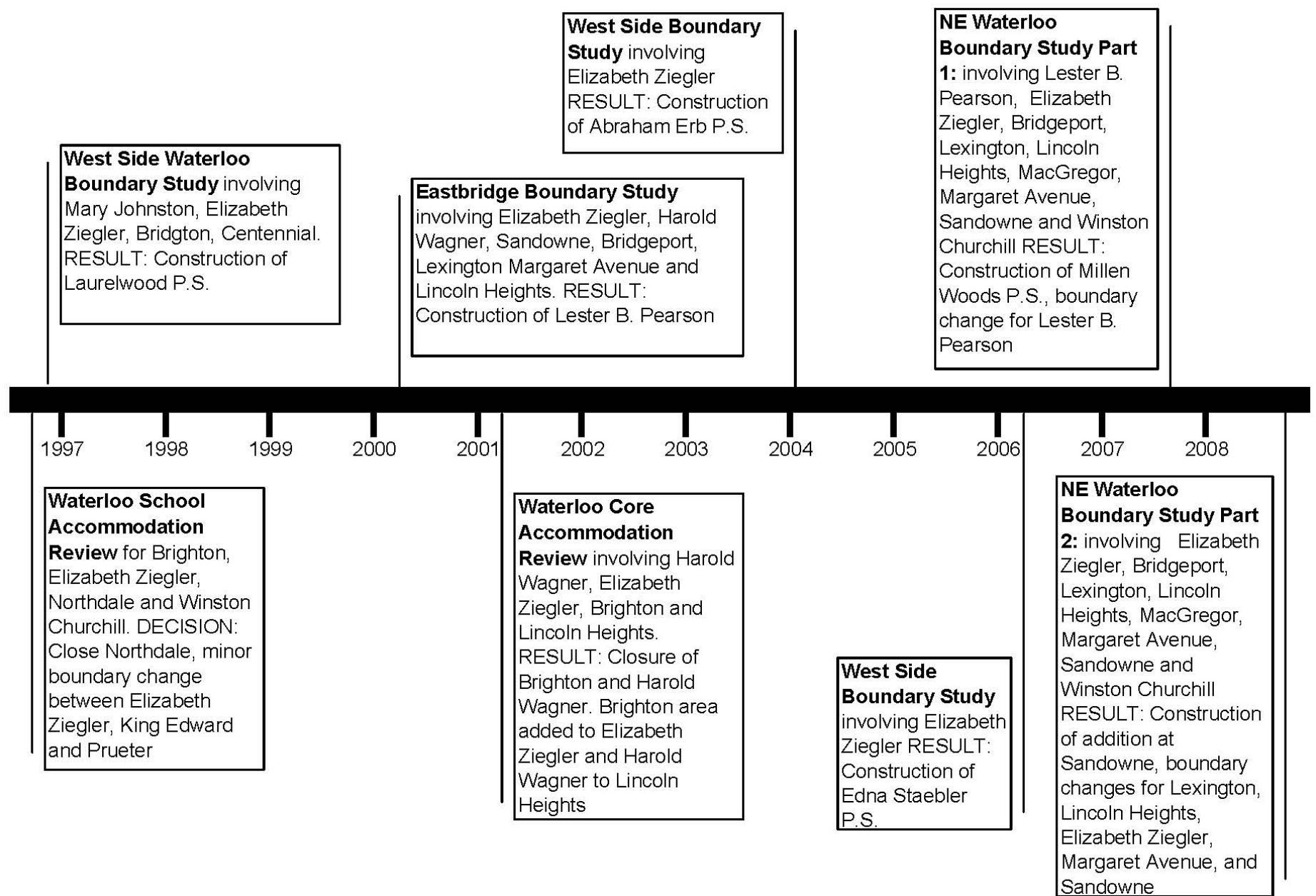


Why an Accommodation Review in East KW?

■ The need to consider the possible consolidation or closure of a school within East KW exists because of:

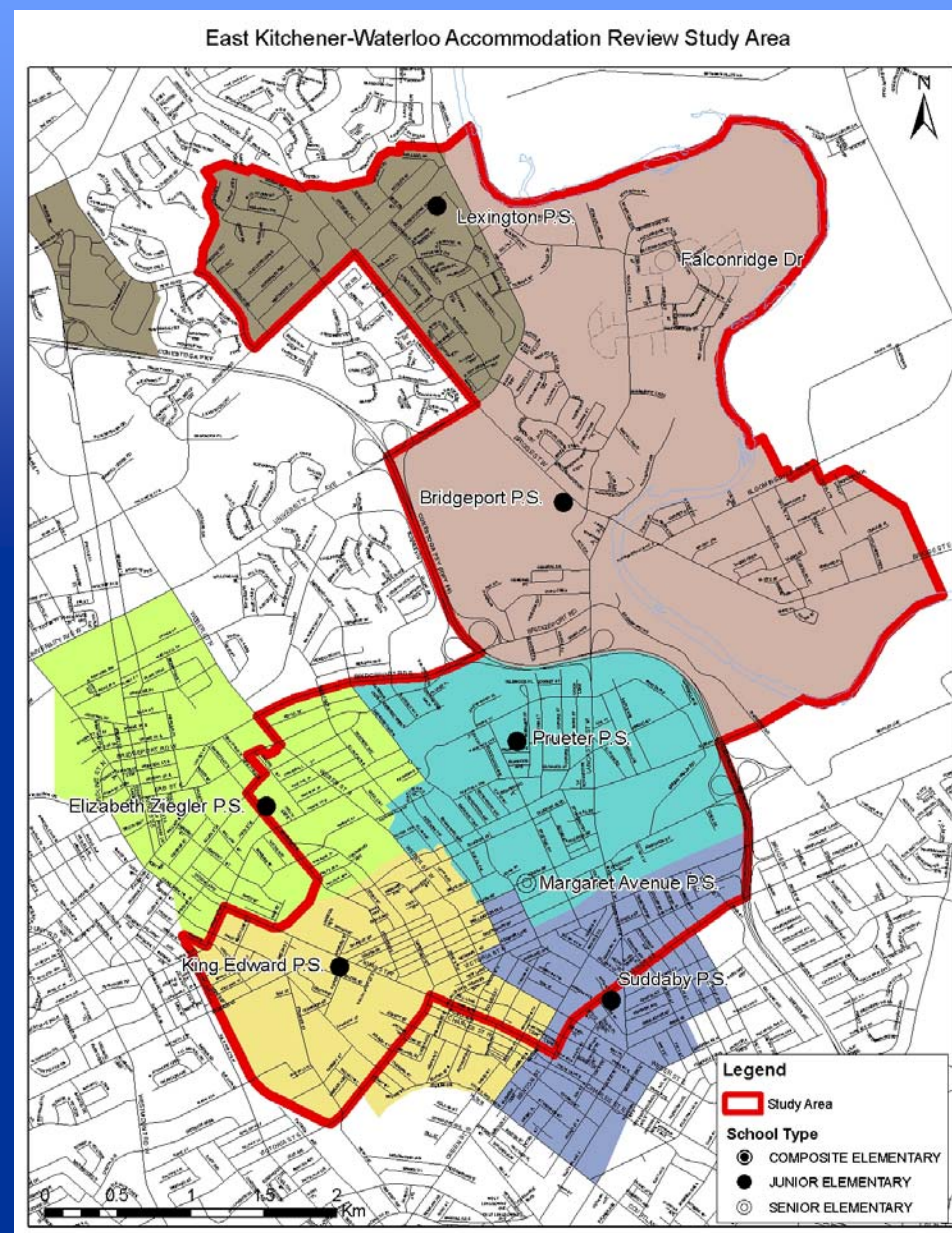
- Facility condition
- Enrolment changes/shifts
- New development
- New direction in curriculum/school organization
- Potential for new facilities

Background/Timelines



Review Area includes:

- Bridgeport P.S. (JK-6)
- Elizabeth Ziegler P.S. (JK-6)
- King Edward P.S. (JK-6)
- Lexington P.S. (JK-6)
- Margaret Avenue P.S. (7-8)
- Prueter P.S. (JK-6)
- Suddaby P.S. (JK-6)
- 410 Falconridge Dr Site



2009/10 Enrolment and Capacity

School	On-the-Ground Capacity (Sept 2009)	Capacity with Portapack (Sept 2009)	Enrolment - Sept 14, 2009 Unofficial		% Capacity
			Total	FTE*	
Bridgeport	291	291	426	368	126%
Elizabeth Ziegler	405	405	294	260	64%
King Edward	357	357	322	275.5	77%
Lexington	55	331	383	326	98%
Margaret Avenue	435	435	354	354	81%
Prueter	346	346	231	209	60%
Suddaby	493	493	433	384.5	78%

*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 with Portapack

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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ARC Membership

The ARC consists of:

- 2 parents from each school
- The principal from each school
 - Elke Whitmore, Bridgeport
 - Kelly Wilkinson, Elizabeth Ziegler
 - Janet Hale, King Edward
 - Frank Ewald, Lexington
 - Brian Ward, Margaret Avenue
 - Leisa Kuntz, Prueter
 - Darlene Stubbs, Suddaby
- The school area superintendent(s)
 - Mark Shinkel, Bridgeport, Lexington, Prueter
 - Gregg Bereznick, Elizabeth Ziegler, King Edward, Margaret Avenue, Suddaby
- Planning Staff
 - Chris Smith, Manager
 - Nathan Hercanuck, Senior Planner
 - Lauren Manske, Planner
 - Mary Hingley, recording secretary
- Study area municipal representation
 - City of Kitchener
 - City of Waterloo
- Up to 2 community representatives
 - KW Social Planning Council
- One other representative as the Board deems appropriate
 - Ian Gaudet, Controller of Facility Services



Role of the ARC

The ARC is responsible for:


- School Valuation Framework
- Public Information and Access
- Community Consultation and Public Meetings
- School Valuation Report and Recommendations



Draft Review Objectives

- To determine a permanent solution for Lexington P.S.
- To determine viability of a JK-8 school in the Review area
- To determine long-term boundaries for schools in the Review area
- To determine need to keep the 410 Falconridge Drive, Kitchener property
- To support optimal use of facilities, capital and operating costs
- To have regard for the Good Schools Standing Committee guidelines on school size and ensure well-balanced student populations
- To take into consideration distribution and accessibility of Special Education and English as a Second Language (ESL) programs
- To have regard for community schools, and minimize transportation costs in the long-term
- To be mindful of the Board's priorities for physical accessibility of facilities
- To be mindful of Ministry plans with respect to curriculum and program changes (e.g. Early Learning Program, class sizes, etc.)
- To address student transitions where changes are proposed

Valuation Templates/Information Profiles

 Waterloo Region District School Board
Elementary School Valuation Framework
East Kitchener-Waterloo Pupil Accommodation Review

Date: ____/____/____
 Month Year

SCHOOL PROFILE		
School: King Edward P.S.		
Address: 709 King Street West, Kitchener		
Grade Configuration	JK-6	
Age of Facility	104 years	
Site Size	3.92 ac	1.586 ha
Building Size – GFA	40,750 sq ft	3785.66 m²
School Capacity (building only, Ministry recognized)	357	
School Capacity (building and porta-pak)	357	
Number of portables	0	
Current enrolment (Total/FTE)	321	274.5
Utilization (% Accommodation)	76%	
Historic FTE Enrolment (past 5 years) Based on October 31 Enrolment	Year: 2004	Enrolment: 277
	Year: 2005	Enrolment: 267.5
	Year: 2006	Enrolment: 265
	Year: 2007	Enrolment: 261.5
	Year: 2008	Enrolment: 276
Enrolment FTE Projection (next 5 years)	Year: 2010	Enrolment:
	Year: 2011	Enrolment:
	Year: 2012	Enrolment:
	Year: 2013	Enrolment:
	Year: 2014	Enrolment:
Feeder Schools:	Grades:	
N/A		
Number of Out of Boundary Students	24	
Number of Split Grades	4	
Is there a French Immersion Program?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

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

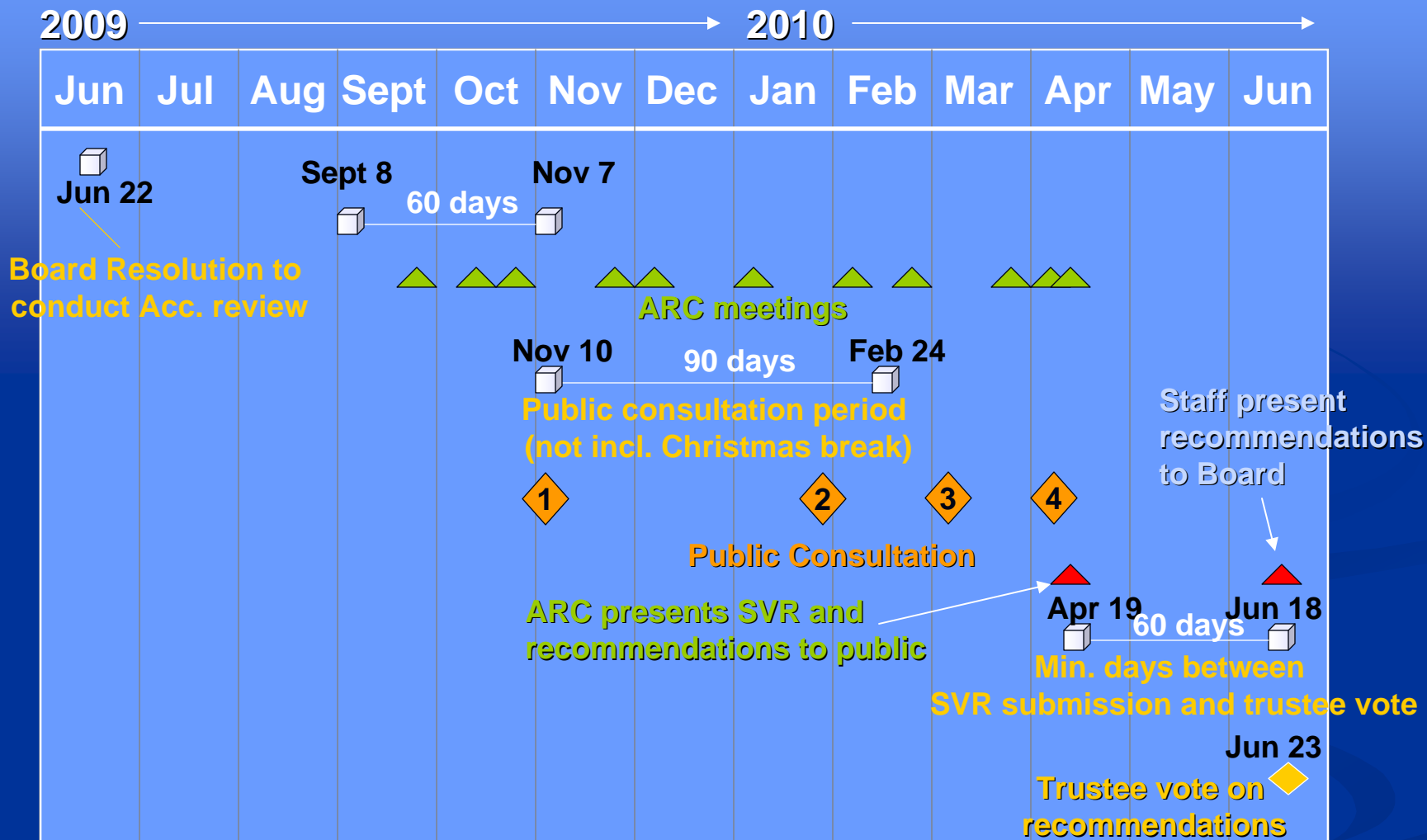
Section 5: Valuation Summary



Next Steps

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

Accommodation Review Process



September 8, 2009 – November 7, 2008

60 day period between Board announcement of Accommodation Review, and first public consultation (not incl. summer). Official announcement made in summer 2009, 60 day period count starts first day of school, Sept. 8, 2008.

November 10, 2008 – February 24, 2009

Public consultation period. Minimum 90 days (not incl.. Christmas break). Minimum 4 public meetings.

April 19, 2009- June 23, 2009

Minimum 60 day period (not incl. March break) between Accommodation Review (ARC) Committee's submission of School Valuation Report (SVR) and meeting where Trustees vote on recommendation.

Public Information and Access

- ARCs are to ensure that 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/about-us/planning/accommodation-reviews/east-kitchener-waterloo-elementary-schools-accommodation-rev>

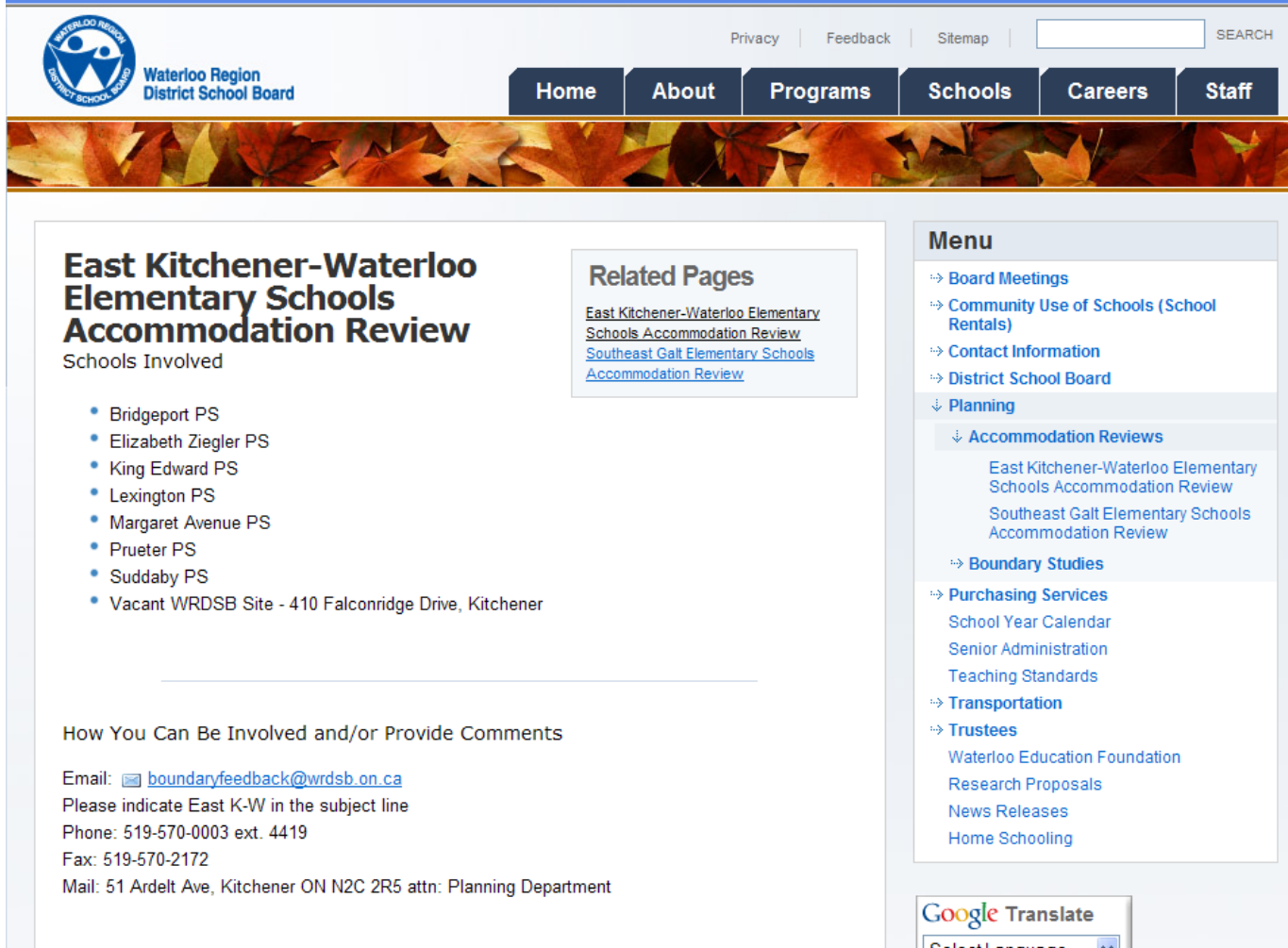
- Or, visit one of the schools in the study area to view the accommodation review binder (located in the school's office)



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Webpage

<http://www.wrdsb.ca/about-us/planning/accommodation-reviews/east-kitchener-waterloo-elementary-schools-accommodation-rev>



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Schools Involved

- Bridgeport PS
- Elizabeth Ziegler PS
- King Edward PS
- Lexington PS
- Margaret Avenue PS
- Prueter PS
- Suddaby PS
- Vacant WRDSB Site - 410 Falconridge Drive, Kitchener

How You Can Be Involved and/or Provide Comments

Email: boundaryfeedback@wrdsb.on.ca
Please indicate East K-W in the subject line
Phone: 519-570-0003 ext. 4419
Fax: 519-570-2172
Mail: 51 Ardelt Ave, Kitchener ON N2C 2R5 attn: Planning Department

Related Pages

- [East Kitchener-Waterloo Elementary Schools Accommodation Review](#)
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