

**West Galt**

Elementary Schools Pupil  
Accommodation Review

**Accommodation Review  
Committee (ARC)**

**Meeting #13**

June 12, 2012

St. Andrew's P.S. Library

6:30 – 8:00 pm



Waterloo Region  
District School Board

# Agenda

1. Welcome
2. ARC Meeting #12 –Minutes
3. Public Meeting #4 feedback
4. Modifications to Draft Report and Recommendations
  - Interim solution for Highland P.S.?
  - FI transportation grandparenting?
5. Timelines
6. Roundtable/Wrap-up



# Draft Accommodation Report

## Scenario 23

- Projections were revised on May 25, 2012 using 2012/13 registration data

**Table 8: Scenario 23 enrolment projections**

| School            | Capacity*   | Projected Total Enrolment by Year |             |             |             |             |             |             |
|-------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                   |             | 2015                              | 2016        | 2017        | 2018        | 2019        | 2020        | 2021        |
| Blair Road P.S.   | 276         | 235                               | 240         | 244         | 243         | 242         | 242         | 241         |
| Highland P.S.     | 431         | 493                               | 500         | 505         | 488         | 479         | 475         | 477         |
| St. Andrew's P.S. | 401         | 296                               | 308         | 317         | 346         | 364         | 351         | 332         |
| Tait Street P.S.  | 348         | 288                               | 297         | 297         | 299         | 313         | 323         | 336         |
| New School        | 350         | 302                               | 315         | 314         | 326         | 333         | 338         | 342         |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>1806</b> | <b>1614</b>                       | <b>1660</b> | <b>1677</b> | <b>1702</b> | <b>1731</b> | <b>1729</b> | <b>1728</b> |

\* 2012/13 Ministry of Education School Facilities Inventory System on-the-ground capacities

**Table 9: Scenario 23 classrooms required to accommodate enrolment**

| School            | Classrooms* | Projected Number of Classrooms Required |           |           |           |
|-------------------|-------------|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                   |             | 2015                                    | 2016      | 2017      | 2018      |
| Blair Road P.S.   | 11          | 11                                      | 11        | 11        | 11        |
| Highland P.S.     | 19          | 22                                      | 22        | 23        | 21        |
| St. Andrew's P.S. | 15          | 11                                      | 12        | 12        | 14        |
| Tait Street P.S.  | 13          | 14                                      | 14        | 15        | 15        |
| New School        | 15          | 15                                      | 15        | 15        | 16        |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>73</b>   | <b>73</b>                               | <b>74</b> | <b>76</b> | <b>77</b> |

\* Does not include rooms used for Special Education or Computer Labs. Calculated based on average loading of classes per grade (FDK = 26, 1-3 = 20 and 4-8 = 23)



# Interim solution for Highland P.S.?

## • Option #1

- If boundaries realigned between Highland P.S. and Tait Street P.S. for students Gr. 3 + in 2013

| 2011/12   | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17   | 2017/18           | 2018/19          | 2019/20   | 2020/21 |
|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|-------------------|------------------|-----------|---------|
| 3 schools |         | JK      | SK      | 1       | 2         | 3                 | 4                | 5         | 6       |
| 3         | JK      | SK      | 1       | 2       | 3         | 4                 | 5                | 6         | 7       |
| JK        | SK      | 1       | 2       | 3       | 4         | 5                 | 6                | 7         | 8       |
| SK        | 1       | 2       | 3       | 4       | 5         | 6                 | 7                | 8         | 3       |
| 1         | 2       | 3       | 4       | 5       | 6         | 7                 | 8                | 4 schools |         |
| 2         | 3       | 4       | 5       | 6       | 7         | 8                 | 4 schools        |           |         |
| 3         | 4       | 5       | 6       | 7       | 8         | 3 schools         |                  |           |         |
| 4         | 5       | 6       | 7       | 8       | 2 schools |                   |                  |           |         |
| 5         | 6       | 7       | 8       |         |           |                   |                  |           |         |
| 6         | 7       | 8       |         |         |           |                   | Highland P.S.    |           |         |
| 7         | 8       |         |         |         |           |                   | Tait Street P.S. |           |         |
|           |         |         |         |         |           | New School        |                  |           |         |
|           |         |         |         |         |           | St. Andrew's P.S. |                  |           |         |



# Interim solution for Highland P.S.?

- **Option #1**

- If boundaries realigned between Highland P.S. and Tait Street P.S. for students Gr. 3 + in 2013
- Potential issues:
  - Younger siblings – are they included?
  - French Immersion students in affected area – no transportation
  - Gr. 3 and 4 students could be attending 4 different elementary schools
  - Separating older students from established friendships (reason given for Dickson P.S. grandparenting)
  - Significantly reduces number non-FI students at Highland P.S. (to achieve desired enrolment reduction) – what is the impact on English classes?



# Interim solution for Highland P.S.?

## • Option #2

- If boundaries realigned between Highland P.S. and Tait Street P.S. for students Gr. 2 and under in 2013

| 2011/12   | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | 2017/18 | 2018/19 | 2019/20   | 2020/21 |
|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|---------|
| 3 schools |         |         | JK      | SK      | 1       | 2       | 3       | 4         | 5       |
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| JK        | SK      | 1       | 2       | 3       | 4       | 5       | 6       | 7         | 8       |
| SK        | 1       | 2       | 3       | 4       | 5       | 6       | 7       | 8         | 4       |
| 1         | 2       | 3       | 4       | 5       | 6       | 7       | 8       | 2 schools |         |
| 2         | 3       | 4       | 5       | 6       | 7       | 8       |         |           |         |
| 3         | 4       | 5       | 6       | 7       | 8       |         |         |           |         |
| 4         | 5       | 6       | 7       | 8       |         |         |         |           |         |
| 5         | 6       | 7       | 8       |         |         |         |         |           |         |
| 6         | 7       | 8       |         |         |         |         |         |           |         |
| 7         | 8       |         |         |         |         |         |         |           |         |

Highland P.S.

Tait Street P.S.

New School

St. Andrew's P.S.



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## Interim solution for Highland P.S.?

- **Option #2**

- If boundaries realigned between Highland P.S. and Tait Street P.S. for students Gr. 2 and under in 2013
- Potential Issues:
  - Older siblings – are they included?
  - French Immersion students in affected area – no transportation?
  - Students starting in Full-Day Kindergarten at Highland P.S. in 2012 would not have access to FDK at Tait Street P.S. the following year (2013) because Tait Street P.S. will not have FDK until 2014 – would these students be grandparented at Highland P.S.?
  - Gr. 1 and 2 students could be attending 4 different elementary schools




# Interim solution for Highland P.S.?

## • Option #3

- If boundaries realigned between Highland P.S. and Tait Street P.S. for all grades in 2013

| →         |         |         |         |         |           |           |                   |           |         |
|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|---------|
| 2011/12   | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17   | 2017/18   | 2018/19           | 2019/20   | 2020/21 |
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| 5         | 6       | 7       | 8       |         |           |           |                   |           |         |
| 6         | 7       | 8       |         |         |           |           |                   |           |         |
| 7         | 8       |         |         |         |           |           |                   |           |         |
|           |         |         |         |         |           |           | Highland P.S.     |           |         |
|           |         |         |         |         |           |           | Tait Street P.S.  |           |         |
|           |         |         |         |         |           |           | New School        |           |         |
|           |         |         |         |         |           |           | St. Andrew's P.S. |           |         |





## Interim solution for Highland P.S.?

- **Option #3**

- If boundaries realigned between Highland P.S. and Tait Street P.S. for all grades in 2013
- Potential Issues:
  - French Immersion students in affected area – no transportation?
  - Students starting in Full-Day Kindergarten at Highland P.S. in 2012 would not have access to FDK at Tait Street P.S. the following year (2013) because Tait Street P.S. will not have FDK until 2014 – would these students be grandparented at Highland P.S.?
  - SK – Gr. 4 students could be attending 4 different elementary schools



## Interim solution for Highland P.S.?

### • Option #4

- If Gr. 6 is added to Dickson P.S. and Gr. 5 & 6 students in Highland's boundary attend St. Andrew's P.S. Gr. 5 – Gr. 8 in 2013

| 2011/12   | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17   | 2017/18           | 2018/19   | 2019/20   | 2020/21 |
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| 3         | JK      | SK      | 1       | 2       | 3         | 4                 | 5         | 6         | 7       |
| JK        | SK      | 1       | 2       | 3       | 4         | 5                 | 6         | 7         | 8       |
| SK        | 1       | 2       | 3       | 4       | 5         | 6                 | 7         | 8         | 3       |
| 1         | 2       | 3       | 4       | 5       | 6         | 7                 | 8         | 3 schools |         |
| 2         | 3       | 4       | 5       | 6       | 7         | 8                 | 4 schools |           |         |
| 3         | 4       | 5       | 6       | 7       | 8         | 2 schools         |           |           |         |
| 4         | 5       | 6       | 7       | 8       | 2 schools |                   |           |           |         |
| 5         | 6       | 7       | 8       |         |           | Highland P.S.     |           |           |         |
| 6         | 7       | 8       |         |         |           | New School        |           |           |         |
| 7         | 8       |         |         |         |           | St. Andrew's P.S. |           |           |         |



## Interim solution for Highland P.S.?

- **Option #4**

- If Gr. 6 is added to Dickson P.S. and Gr. 5 & 6 students in Highland's boundary attend St. Andrew's P.S. Gr. 5 – Gr. 8 in 2013
- St. Andrew's P.S. becomes a junior/intermediate school 5-8
- Highland P.S. becomes a primary school FDK-4
- Potential issues:
  - Unlikely to have support of Highland P.S. parents (petition was to keep students at Highland P.S. up to Gr. 6)
  - Portables still required at St. Andrew's P.S.
- Potential opportunities:
  - Utilizing surplus classroom at Dickson P.S.
  - FI offered at St. Andrew's P.S. therefore no out of boundary requirements (transportation would be supplied)
  - Potentially fewer transitions - same number of schools attended in elementary



# Interim solution for Highland P.S.?

- Other options?



# French Immersion Transportation Grandfathering

- **Context**

- Board does not supply transportation for French Immersion because it is an elective program
- Current home school Highland P.S. students may have enrolled in FI program with the expectation that they were eligible for transportation (qualified due to distance to home school)
- If boundary changes and FI is not offered at new home school, families would have to supply own transportation to continue to attend FI program at Highland P.S. (if new school does not offer FI)

- **Precedent**

- **November 30, 2009 – Southwest Kitchener Boundary Study**
  - Board approved transportation to existing FI students to attend school other than home school for Gr 7 and 8 because program was no longer being offered at home school
- **June 23, 2008 – Wilmot Township Boundary Study**
  - Board did not approve transportation for existing FI students when opening a new school that did not have a FI program



## Overview of Portables in the Board (schools with > 6 portables)

| School                 | # portables<br>2011/12 | # portables<br>2012/13 | Capital priorities/<br>approved<br>construction |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---|
| Breslau P.S.           | 11                     | 13                     | X   |
| Clemens Mill P.S.      | 6                      | 6                      |   |
| Country Hills P.S.     | 11                     | 11                     | X   |
| Empire P.S.            | 7                      | 7                      |   |
| John Mahood P.S.       | 6                      | 6                      |   |
| Keats Way P.S.         | 6                      | 6                      |   |
| Lackner Woods P.S.     | 8                      | 8                      | X   |
| Laurelwood P.S.        | 10                     | 10                     |   |
| Lester B. Pearson P.S. | 7                      | 7                      |   |
| MacGregor P.S.         | 6                      | 6                      |   |
| Sandhills P.S.         | 6                      | 7                      |   |
| Silverheights P.S.     | 9                      | 9                      | X   |
| St. Andrew's P.S.      | 4                      | 6                      |   |
| W.T. Townshend         | 7                      | 7                      |   |
| Williamsburg P.S.      | 7                      | 10                     |   |
| Woodland Park P.S.     | 6                      | 6                      |   |

# Board's Capital Priorities

- **Submitted to the Ministry of Education on May 31, 2012**
  1. Mackenzie King P.S. - addition (condition and growth related)
  2. Breslau P.S. – addition (growth related)
  3. South Kitchener (Groh Drive) - new school (growth related)
  4. Grand River C.I. – addition (growth related)
  5. Westmount P.S. – addition/renovations (condition and program related)
  6. Lackner Woods P.S. - addition (growth related)
  7. Elmira NW - new school (condition and growth related)
  8. Falconridge Dr. - new school (growth related)
  9. Lexington P.S. – addition (portapack replacement)
  10. West Waterloo (Vista Hills) - new school (growth related)



## Possible Timelines

- **Report to Board of Trustees**
  - Monday June 18, 2012
- **60-Day waiting period**
  - June 19 – October 22
- **Administration Report and Trustee Vote**
  - Monday November 12, 2012 (1<sup>st</sup> Committee of the Whole meeting after October 22, 2012)



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