

**Report to Committee of the Whole
May 17, 2010**



**Waterloo Region
District School Board**

_____ Director of Education

SUBJECT: SECONDARY SCHOOL BOUNDARY REVIEW REPORT

ORIGINATOR: This report was prepared by Marilyn Marklevitz, Executive Superintendent of Business and Financial Services and Treasurer, Chris Smith, Manager of Planning, Nick Landry, Enrolment Manager and Nathan Hercanuck, Senior Planner, in consultation with Executive Committee.

PURPOSE:

To present findings from the consultant's study of the secondary school boundaries.

BACKGROUND:

In a report to Committee of the Whole on November 23, 2009, a number of issues were identified with respect to secondary boundaries. It was noted that the current boundaries have remained largely in tact for some time. There have been ongoing concerns with school size and community balance.

The board approved the following recommendation at that time.

“That, as recommended in the report titled “Secondary School Boundary Review”, dated November 23, 2009, the Waterloo Region District School Board retain a professional consulting firm to undertake a comprehensive boundary review of the Board’s secondary schools during the 2009-2010 school year; and

That the Waterloo Region District School Board approve the transfer of up to \$100,000 from working fund reserves to cover the cost of the Secondary School Boundary Review.”

On October 21, 2009, an RFP was issued. The successful proponent, The Ammendolia Group Ltd. was contracted to undertake the study. Phase 1 of the work has now been completed and Jack Ammendolia will present his interim report and preliminary recommendations to the board on May 17, 2010.

STATUS:

The consultant's report identifies a number of areas for further study and investigation. Some can be dealt with over the short term. Others require a longer term strategic vision for planning secondary boundaries and facilities in the future.

Further discussions in the second phase of the project with a wider stakeholder group will result in final recommendations to the board.

It is suggested that an Ad Hoc Committee of the board comprised of the following individuals continue with the interim report and development and refinement of the recommendations for a report back to board.

Committee Composition:

Waterloo - 1 secondary principal
1 school council chair
1 trustee

Kitchener - 1 secondary principal
1 school council chair
1 trustee

Cambridge - 1 secondary principal
1 school council chair
1 trustee

Enrolment Manager

Planning Manager

Senior Planner

Representative from Facility Services

Secondary Program Consultant

Executive Superintendent of Education

Executive Superintendent of Business

Consultant to the Committee: Jack Ammendolia

COMMUNICATIONS:

When approved, the above will be contacted for nomination of committee members.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

No financial implications.

SYSTEM SUCCESS PLAN:

This report relates to the day-to-day operations of the Board which provide the foundation for the System Success Plan's areas of learning, caring and connecting with students, staff and the community at large.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended:

That the Waterloo Region District School Board appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to study the Interim Report and Preliminary Recommendations of the Secondary School Boundary Review of May 17, 2010; and

That the Committee be directed to present final boundary recommendations to the board by January, 2011.