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FOR DECISION

TO: The Chair and Members of the Halton District School Board

FROM: Maia Puccetti, Superintendent of Facility Services

Stuart Miller, Director of Education

RE: 2019-20 LTAP School Boundary Reviews

#### **Background:**

The 2018/2019 Long Term Accommodation Plan (LTAP) provided enrolment projections for 2019 to 2028 for each Elementary and Secondary Review Area (ERA and SRA) in the Board as well as for each elementary and secondary school within the system. The LTAP provides the opportunity to identify school boundary review initiatives as a result of the construction of new schools and ongoing accommodation pressures in existing review areas. In order to proceed, trustees must approve the initiation and undertaking of school boundary reviews.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 1. Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board direct staff to recommence a school boundary review for the new Milton SW #1 hs, which will include schools in SRA 101, SRA 104 and SRA 105; with an expected completion date of no later than June 2020
- 2. Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board direct staff to recommence an elementary and secondary school boundary review for the Samuel Curtis Estates subdivision (ERA 111), which will include schools in ERA 103 (Frontenac PS, Mohawk Gardens PS, and Pineland PS) and SRA 100 (Nelson HS and Robert Bateman HS), as well as schools in ERA 112 (Eastview PS, Gladys Speers PS, Pine Grove PS) and SRA 102 (T.A. Blakelock HS); with an expected completion date of no later than February 2020.
- 3. Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board direct staff to undertake a school boundary review for the two communities north of Upper Middle Road and west of Bronte Road in ERA 114 (Village Common/Chateau Common to the north and Deerview Common/Trawden Way to the south) that are currently attending Heritage Glen PS (ERA 115) with an expected completion date of no later than February 2020.
- 4. Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board direct staff to undertake an elementary and secondary school boundary review for the Acton community in the Town of Halton Hills, which will include schools in ERA 126 (McKenzie-Smith Bennett PS and Robert Little PS) and SRA 107 (Acton District High School) with an expected completion date of no later than June 2020.
- 5. Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board direct staff to undertake an elementary school boundary review for the To Be Determined Area, located at the south-east corner of Derry Road and Regional Road 25, which will include Milton schools in ERA 119 and ERA 120; with an expected completion date no later than February 2020.

#### Discussion:

The 2018/2019 Long Term Accommodation Plan (LTAP) provided enrolment projections for 2019 to 2028 for each Elementary and Secondary Review Area (ERA and SRA) in the Board as well as for each elementary and secondary school within the system. The LTAP provides the opportunity to identify school boundary review initiatives that are to be undertaken as a result of ongoing capital initiatives or as a result of new development and/or enrollment pressures on schools.

### 1. Burlington SRA 101, Milton SRA 104 and SRA 105 - Milton SW #1 hs

The Board received Capital Priorities funding approval for the new Milton SW #1 hs in October 2016. The new school is to be constructed Bronte St., south of Louis St. Laurent Blvd. The project was tendered during the summer of 2018, however, the tender came in above Ministry allocation. As a result, HDSB did not receive permission to proceed from the MInistry of Education and the project was returned to the design stage. Cost-savings measures were found in the redesign of the school and the Ministry granted permission to proceed to tender on July 19, 2019. The school is now projected to open for 2021/2022 at the earliest.

It is recommended this review also include SRA 101, in particular the area impacting Kilbride PS, north of Dundas St. and 407 ETR. Dr. Frank J Hayden SS is currently above capacity and is projected to remain above capacity for the next ten years. Kilbride PS is currently directed to Milton District HS and Dr. Frank J Hayden SS. Including Kilbride PS in this review will review the opportunity to have a united cohort that would attend one high school.

In the boundary review report that was presented to the Board in September 2018, the boundary review was scheduled to be completed by June 2019, in anticipation of the school opening for September 2020. As a result of delays in approval from the Ministry, this boundary review for the new Milton SW #1 hs was put on hold. Given the recent Ministry approvals it is recommended that this boundary review be recommenced, with an expected completion by no later than June 2020, in anticipation of the school opening for September 2021.

## 2. <u>Burlington ERA 103 and SRA 100 and Oakville ERA 111, 112 and SRA 102 -Samuel Curtis Estates (SW Oakville) Redirection</u>

The 2017-18 LTAP identified that in ERA 111, there is an area that currently attends schools in Burlington (ERA 103 - Frontenac PS, Mohawk Gardens PS and Pineland PS; SRA 100 - Nelson HS and Robert Bateman HS). This area is commonly known as "Samuel Curtis Estates" and is located at the SE corner of Burloak Drive and Lakeshore Road and was the first residential development in this area with no residential development of the Petro Canada lands that are located to the north and to the east of Samuel Curtis Estates. Historically, this area has been directed to Burlington schools because of proximity to existing Burlington schools and relative isolation from the existing residential in ERA 111. With the redevelopment of the Petro Canada lands (now known as the "Lakeshore Woods" community), there has been interest in redirecting public school students from Burlington to Oakville schools in ERA 112. Currently those English program students in the Lakeshore Woods community attend Gladys Speers PS for JK to Grade 6 and Eastview PS for Grade 7 and 8; while FI students attend Pine Grove PS (Grade 2 to Grade 8). Therefore the 2017-2018 LTAP identified that consideration should be given to the potential redirection of that area to elementary and secondary schools in Oakville. The undertaking of this boundary review was approved by trustees in the fall of 2018.

The first Boundary Review Steering Committee (BRSC) meeting took place in February 2019. Through the preliminary discussions on procedure and initial scenarios, it was apparent that the one issue that needed to be addressed was the Oakville SW #1 ps school site located on Nautical Blvd in ERA 111. Further discussion revealed that any boundary changes and development of accommodation strategies for the schools involved in this boundary study would require a decision

on the status of Oakville SW #1 ps before the start of the review. It was determined that the review needed to be put on hold until this issue was resolved.

In May 2019, trustees recommended that the Oakville SW #1 ps school site be declared surplus to the needs of the Board and the property be disposed of in accordance with Ontario Regulation 444/98. Given the Board will no longer moving forward with a new school in this area it was concluded that the boundary review be recommenced, which was identified in the 2018-2019 LTAP. It is the expectation that this boundary review will be completed by the end of February 2020.

#### 3. Oakville ERA 114 and 115 - NW Oakville - Ward 4 elementary boundary review

There are two communities north of Upper Middle Road and west of Bronte Road in ERA 114 (Village Common/Chateau Common - "north pocket" and Deerview Common/Trawden Way - "south pocket") that currently attend Heritage Glen PS in ERA 115. Under the recommendation of the NW Oakville French Immersion boundary review during the 2011/2012 school year, Heritage Glen PS opened in Sept 2012 as a JK-8 ENG and 1-3 FI elementary school, growing by one FI grade every year until 2017/2018. As part of this boundary study it was also determined that elementary students in the two communities would attend Heritage Glen PS for ENG and FI.

As of October 31, 2018 there are 62 elementary students attending Heritage Glen PS from these two communities (24 elementary students from the north pocket and 38 elementary students from the south pocket). Therefore, given that these two communities are within the Palermo community and enrolments are projected to decline over the next 10 years, it is concluded that these communities should be redirected back to Palermo PS. It is the expectation that this boundary review will be completed by the end of February 2020.

#### 4. Halton Hills ERA 126 and SRA 107 - Acton schools boundary review

There has been discussion within the Board and school board staff about student enrolment numbers in Acton, and the three schools located there (McKenzie-Smith Bennett PS, Robert Little PS and Acton District HS). Currently, McKenzie-Smith Bennett PS is a JK -8 ENG and 6-8 FI school and has a current OTG utilization of 85%. In the 2018/2019 LTAP, this school is projected to decrease to 69% OTG utilization by 2028. Robert Little PS is a JK -5 ENG and 2-5 FI school and has a current OTG utilization of 75%. In the 2018/2019 LTAP, this school is projected to decrease to 70% OTG utilization by 2028.

Acton District High School is a Grade 9-12 ENG and FI school and has a current OTG utilization of 68%. In the 2018/2019 LTAP update, OTG utilization is projected to decrease to 62% by 2028.

There has been discussion regarding the opportunity to reconfigure the grade structures at these 3 schools. This would include investigating the moving of the Grade 7 and 8 program from McKenzie-Smith Bennett PS to Acton District HS. It is the expectation this boundary review will be completed by the end of June 2020.

# 5. <u>Milton ERA 119 and 120 -To Be Determined Boundary Review (Milton -Derry Road and Regional Road 25)</u>

As a result of the Viola Desmond PS boundary review recommended scenario (Board Report 18020) a "To Be Determined" area was created for the Briarwood Development (24T-17001) located at the southeast corner of Derry Road and Regional Road 25. This development is directed to Craig Kielburger HS, but no elementary school. The development consists of three apartment buildings as well as five 3-story stacked townhouse buildings backing on to Sixteen Mile Creek Valley In total the development is planned to have 82 medium density units and 606 high-density units. As of May 2019, the developer has indicated that groundbreaking is tentatively expected for June 2020. It is recommended to commence a boundary review and designate elementary school (s) for this area prior

to the sale of units. It is the expectation that this boundary review will be completed by the end of February 2020.

# 6. <u>Burlington ERA 100, ERA 101 and SRA 100 - Grade 7 to 12 French Immersion Enrolment Monitoring at Aldershot HS.</u>

During the Burlington PAR process, there was some concern with respect to the viability of the French Immersion program at two secondary schools, Aldershot HS and Burlington Central HS. As a result in the final Burlington PAR report, there was a commitment to monitor FI enrolment at both Aldershot HS and Burlington Central HS.

Historically, the Aldershot HS Grade 9 FI class averages 26 students; however, the introduction of the ISTEM program for September 2019, has impacted the FI enrolment at the school. The chart below indicates that there are only 9 students enrolled in Grade 9 FI at Aldershot HS.

	English	ISTEM	FI	Total
Grade 9 Aldershot	56	112	9	177

As the introduction of the ISTEM program has only been introduced this year at the school, the longer term impact on enrolments in the FI program is still unknown. Moving forward, Board staff will continue to monitor FI enrolments at Aldershot High School and Burlington Central High School to ensure program viability.

Respectfully submitted

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