



# Elgin County French Immersion Attendance Area Review (2017)

September 26, 2017





## Purpose of this Report

- ▶ Senior Administration is asking the Board for approval to conduct an Attendance Area Review for the Elementary French Immersion Program serving the County of Elgin
- ▶ On 2017 May 23, through EPAR-01, the Board approved:  
*“That an Attendance Area Review be conducted during the 2017-18 school year, for the creation of a French Immersion Public School located at Sparta Public School, effective 2018 July 01”*



## Purpose of this Report

- In accordance with the TVDSB Attendance Area Review Procedure (4015c), this report represents the Initial Attendance Area Review Report and includes timelines for the Attendance Area Review, several attendance area options including Senior Administration's preferred option, and timelines for implementation



## Background Information

- ▶ The popularity of the French Immersion program in Elgin County has increased steadily since Pierre Elliott Trudeau FI PS opened as a single-track FI school in 2009
- ▶ Enrolment pressures eventually necessitated the Elgin County French Immersion Attendance Area Review (2015) to create an interim accommodation plan for French Immersion



## Background Information

- ▶ On 2016 January 12, the Board approved the following:
  - “That the grade structure at Pierre Elliott Trudeau French Immersion Public School become senior kindergarten to grade 6 French Immersion, effective 2016 July 01”*
  - “That the Pierre Elliott Trudeau French Immersion Public School attendance area be approved, as per FIGURE 01, effective 2016 July 01”*
  - “That Port Stanley Public School become an interim dual track school offering both junior kindergarten to grade 8 in English and grades 7 to 8 in French Immersion and Extended French Immersion, effective 2016 July 01”*



## Background Information

*“That the Port Stanley Public School French Immersion and Extended French Immersion attendance area be approved, as per FIGURE 02, effective 2016 July 01”*

- ▶ Following EPAR-01, in addition to directing Administration to conduct an Attendance Area Review, the Board approved the closure of New Sarum and Sparta Public Schools as English track schools, but did not declare them surplus to Board use



## Background Information

- ▶ Relevant to this report and the proposed Attendance Area Review, as part of EPAR-01 the Board also approved:

*“That the grade 7 and 8 French Immersion and Extended French Immersion program be relocated from Port Stanley Public School, either to Sparta Public School or Pierre Elliott Trudeau French Immersion Public School, effective 2018 July 01”*



## Background Information

- ▶ This Attendance Area Review will focus on options for new SK-8 attendance areas for both Pierre Elliott Trudeau FI PS and a new FI elementary school for the French Immersion program and the location of the Extended French Immersion program at one of these schools
- ▶ Since neither New Sarum or Sparta Public Schools were declared surplus to Board use, feedback from the FI school communities will also be gathered regarding their preferred location for the new FI elementary school



## Preferred Location for New FI School

- Two schools could support the location of the new elementary French Immersion school in Elgin County: Sparta PS (available 2018-19) and New Sarum (available 2020-21)
- Summary of facility data for each of the schools:

| School Name  | Site    | Construction<br>Build Years | OTG | Building           |                   | 5-Yr Renewal<br>Costs (2015) | Replacement<br>Value (2015) | FCI<br>(2015) |
|--------------|---------|-----------------------------|-----|--------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
|              | (acres) |                             |     | (ft <sup>2</sup> ) | (m <sup>2</sup> ) |                              |                             |               |
| New Sarum PS | 12.35   | 1966                        | 257 | 32,595             | 3,028             | \$ 3,464,094                 | \$ 6,049,829                | 75%           |
| Sparta PS    | 4.94    | 1967, 1974                  | 305 | 26,974             | 2,506             | \$ 2,785,120                 | \$ 7,027,386                | 65%           |



## Analysis Parameters

- Senior Administration has identified the following parameters to be used in the development and analysis of possible options for the elementary French Immersion attendance areas:
  - Sustainability with respect to enrolment projections and school utilization
  - Equity of access to programming for all TVDSB students
  - Opportunity to improve student learning
  - Maximize effectiveness of student transportation system



## Utilization of English Track Attendance Areas

- ▶ Past practise of the Board has been to utilize English track attendance areas when creating or adjusting French Immersion attendance areas
- ▶ The rationale for this practise is as follows:
  - ▶ Allows clarity for the parents, school administrators, and the public
  - ▶ Students are able to transition with peers from English track K1 and K2 to the FI school
  - ▶ Allows for increased accuracy with the coordination of software programs and development of enrolment projections, staffing allocations and transportation runs/routes

# Current Situation

| Attendance Area              | 2016 - 2017 |           |                  |              |                     | Projected Enrolment <sup>1,2,3</sup> |           |           |
|------------------------------|-------------|-----------|------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
|                              | OTG         | Enrolment | Percent Capacity | Spaces (+/-) | Portables/ Portapak | 2017-2018                            | 2021-2022 | 2025-2026 |
| Pierre Elliott Trudeau FI PS | 530         | 578       | 109%             | -48          | 6                   | 562                                  | 518       | 525       |
| Port Stanley PS              | 317         | 254       | 80%              | 63           | 0                   | 317                                  | 525       | 514       |

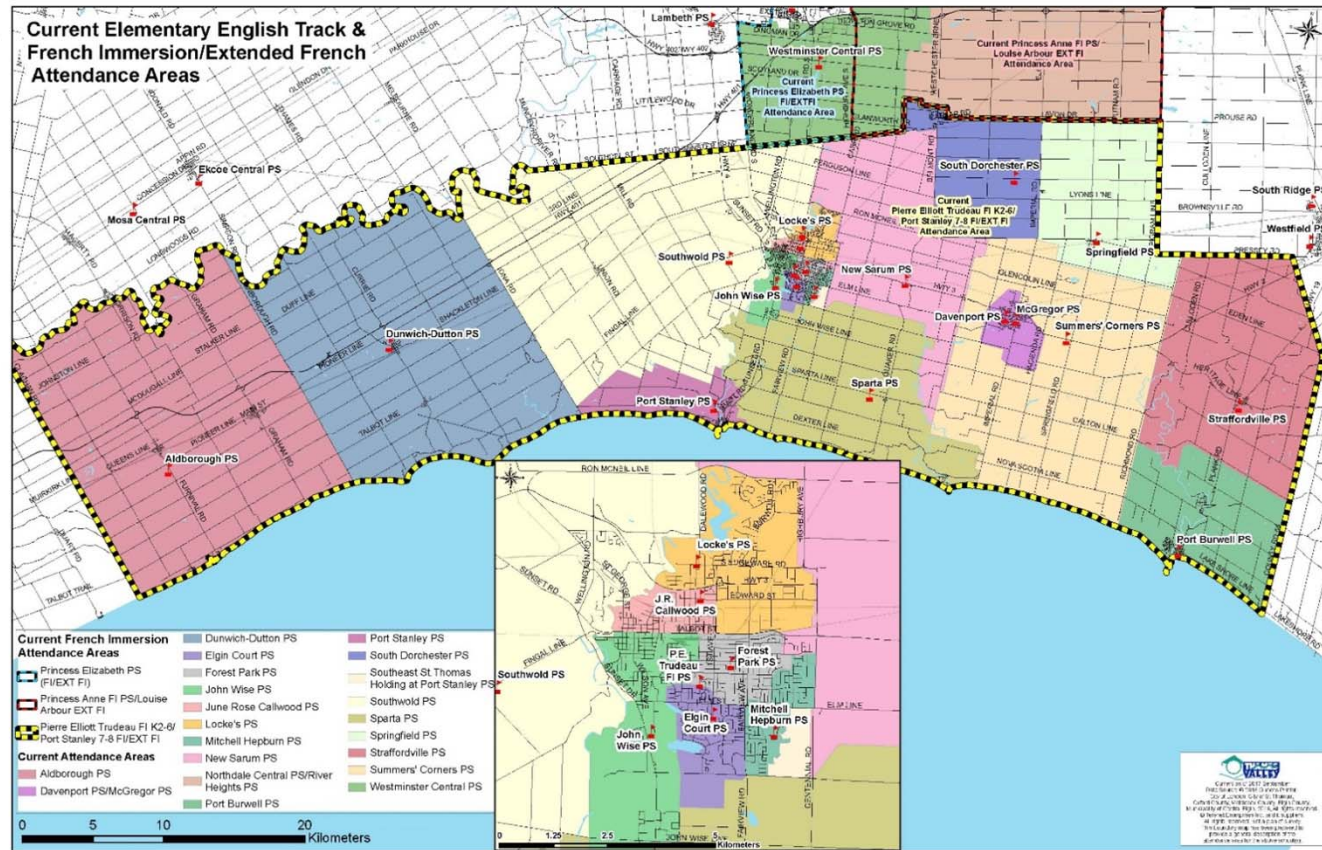
**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> Enrolment projections include development

<sup>2</sup> Enrolment includes Board decision for the Elementary Pupil Accommodation Review – 01

<sup>3</sup> Enrolment includes Status Quo for French Immersion Programming

# Current Attendance Areas

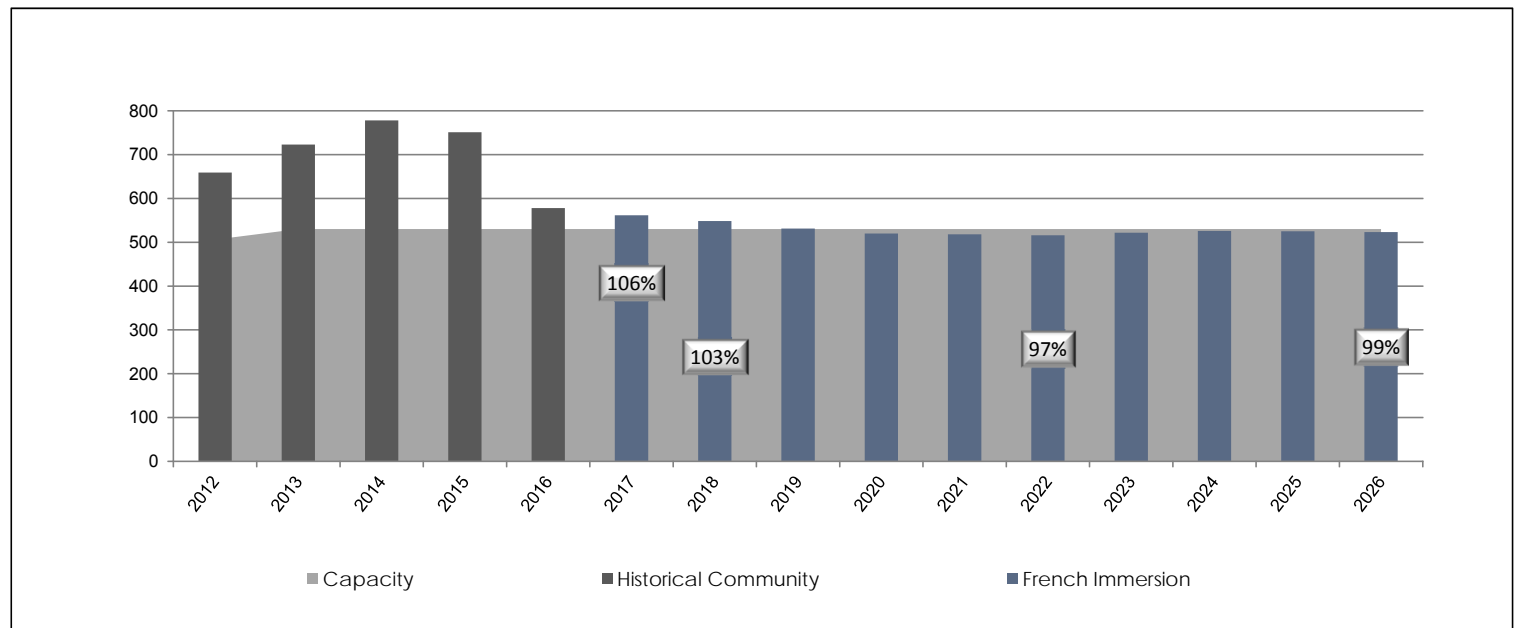


# French Immersion School Designation by English Track Feeder School

| Pierre Elliott Trudeau FI PS (SK -6) |                     | Port Stanley PS (7-8 / Ext 7-8) |                     |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Aldborough PS                        | Davenport PS        | Aldborough PS                   | Davenport PS        |
| Dunwich-Dutton PS                    | Locke's PS          | Dunwich-Dutton PS               | Locke's PS          |
| Elgin Court PS                       | McGregor PS         | Elgin Court PS                  | McGregor PS         |
| Forest Park PS                       | Port Burwell PS     | Forest Park PS                  | Port Burwell PS     |
| John Wise PS                         | Port Stanley PS     | John Wise PS                    | Port Stanley PS     |
| June Rose Callwood PS                | Southwold PS        | June Rose Callwood PS           | Southwold PS        |
| Mitchell Hepburn PS                  | Straffordville PS   | Mitchell Hepburn PS             | Straffordville PS   |
| Southwold PS                         | Summers' Corners PS | Southwold PS                    | Summers' Corners PS |

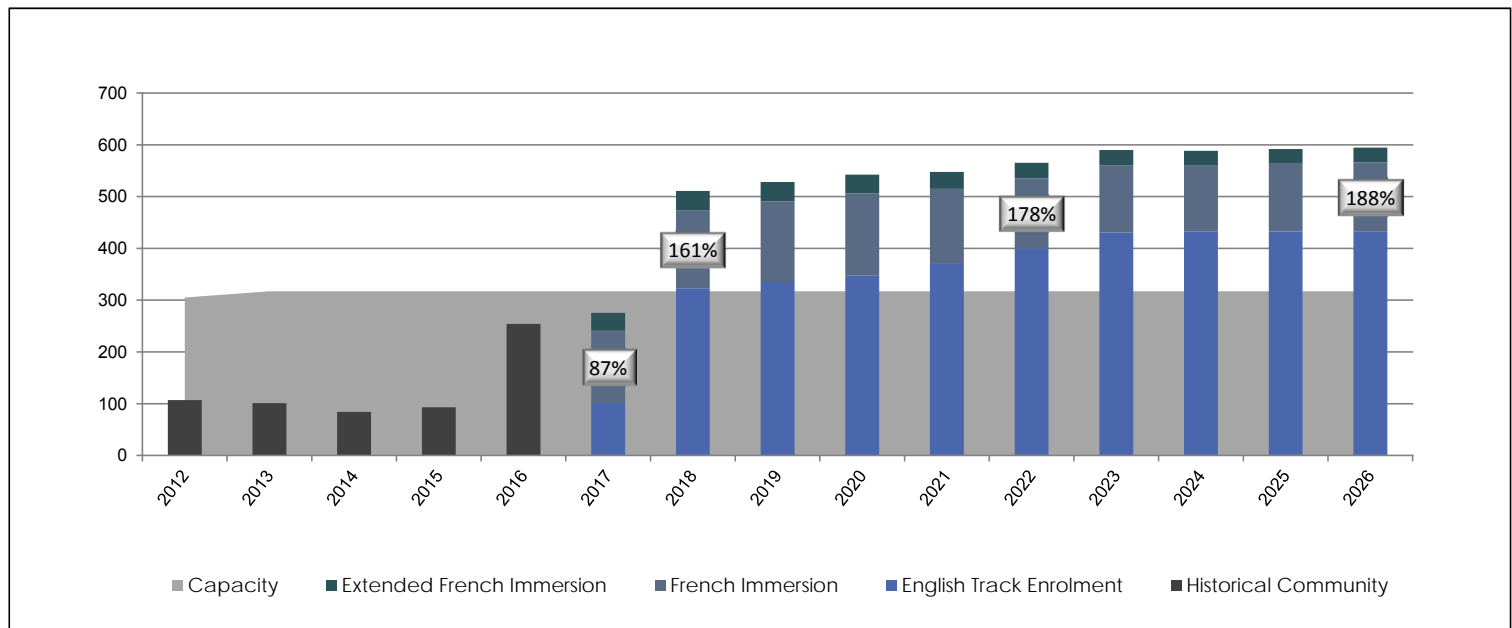
# Pierre Elliott Trudeau FI PS

## Current Enrolment and Capacity



# Port Stanley PS

## Current Enrolment and Capacity







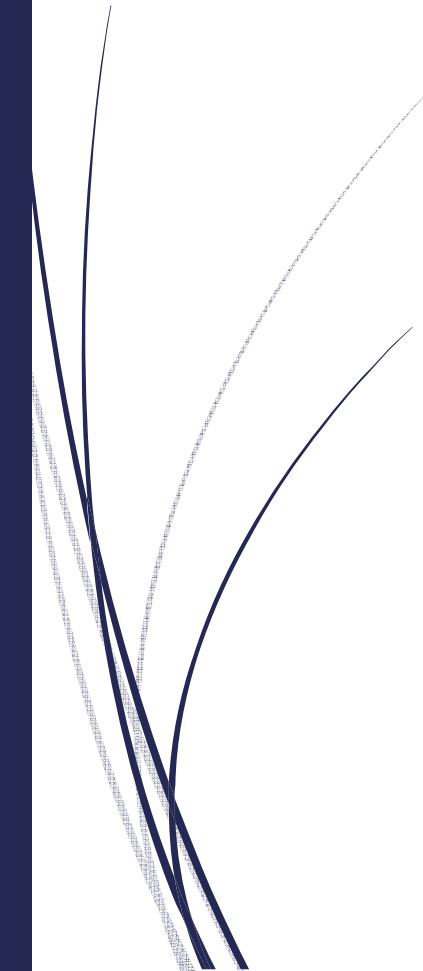
## Options for Consideration

- ▶ Three (3) options are presented in the report as possible solutions to the ongoing French Immersion accommodation challenges in Elgin County
- ▶ Preferred Option – Senior Administration recommends Option 1 for the French Immersion attendance areas as the most viable solution for resolving the FI accommodation challenges
- ▶ Option 1 will ensure that TVDSB meets the needs of our students today and into the future by providing a solution that achieves sustained harmonization of FI student enrolment with available capacity in our FI schools



# Attendance Area Review Timeline

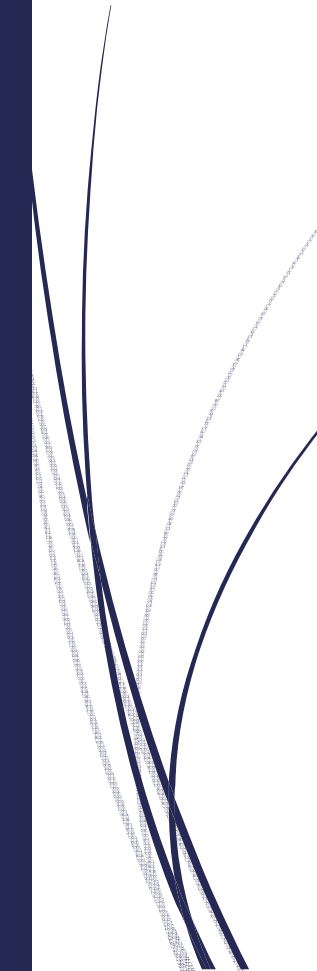
| DATE        | ITEM   |
|-------------|--|
| 2017 SEP 26 | Initial Attendance Area Review Report presented to the Board |
| 2017 SEP 27 | Meeting with Principals of respective AAR Schools            |
| 2017 OCT 06 | Attendance Area Review Committee (AARC) is formed            |
| 2017 OCT 24 | AARC Meeting   |
| 2017 NOV 06 | School-Level Meeting   |
| 2018 JAN 23 | Final Attendance Area Review Report presented to the Board   |
| 2018 FEB 07 | Public Delegation Meeting                                    |
| 2018 FEB 27 | Decision of Board on Final Attendance Area Review Report     |





# Implementation Timeline

| YEAR | TIMING | ACTION  |
|------|--------|---|
| 2018 | JUL 01 | New attendance area in effect for the new French Immersion school to be located at the Sparta PS facility   |
| 2018 | SEP 01 | New French Immersion school opens   |
| 2020 | SEP 01 | Possible relocation of the new French Immersion school en masse to the New Sarum PS facility (Depends on feedback received from the FI School Community identifying their preferred location for the new FI school and the final decision of the Board) |





## School Community Feedback

- ▶ Senior Administration welcomes the opportunity to receive community input through the public consultation process
- ▶ Careful consideration will be given to any attendance area options brought forth by the School AAR Committees, provided they meet the parameters identified in the report
- ▶ Senior Administration is also seeking input from the FI program community as to their preference for the location of the New FI school, at either Sparta PS or New Sarum PS



## School Community Feedback

- ▶ Based on feedback gathered from the public consultation process of the AAR, Senior Administration will make final recommendations to the Board
- ▶ Ultimately, the decision on the attendance areas and the preferred location for the new elementary FI school will be made by the Board



QUESTIONS?