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TITLE OF REPORT:	Initial Attendance Area Review Report for the City of London Elementary Panel
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Recommendation(s): <i>(only required when presented for approval)</i>	<p>That this report be received for information and that the following recommendation be brought to the November 23, 2021 Board meeting:</p> <p><i>That Administration be directed to proceed with the City of London Elementary Panel Attendance Area Review and establish Attendance Area Review Committees for the purpose of obtaining public feedback regarding the accommodation options included in the Initial Attendance Area Review Report.</i></p>
Purpose:	To provide an overview of the accommodation options for addressing the student distribution imbalances across English track elementary schools in the City of London and to seek approval to proceed with this attendance area review.
Content:	<p>Background</p> <p>At the June 23, 2020 Board meeting, Trustees directed administration to undertake a comprehensive review of attendance areas within the City of London in order to address persistent accommodation pressure and enrolment imbalances across the elementary panel. These imbalances have become more pronounced with the rapid pace of low-density residential development in various areas of the city and the inability of various school sites to continue accommodating this unprecedented growth. This review is intended to address numerous matters, including permanently accommodating longstanding holding zones, reducing overall empty pupil places, and reducing reliance on portable classrooms in various areas of the City of London.</p> <p>Accommodation pressure in London is not uniform across all elementary schools; the majority of the residential growth that the City continues to experience is concentrated in the northwest, southwest, southeast and northeast quadrants of the city as migration from the Greater Toronto Area remains steady. Increased immigration of international students and refugee families to neighbourhoods with established language support programs is also contributing to the enrolment pressure being experienced by TVDSB.</p> <p>Through feedback from previous Capital Priorities Program submissions, the Ministry of Education has advised TVDSB to utilize existing empty pupil places</p>

more efficiently prior to requesting funds for new schools and additions in various parts of the district, including London.

Attendance Area Review Focus Areas

The project team undertook a comprehensive evaluation of the elementary panel across the City of London in order to identify potential solutions to the enrolment pressures being faced in this part of the district. The resulting recommendations are summarized in this report and include the establishment of attendance areas for new schools, boundary changes for schools facing enrolment pressure, permanent accommodation for most existing holding zones across the City as well as the creation of new holding zones and a holding zone amendment in order to provide interim accommodation for future students within pending developments.

The full Initial Attendance Area Review Report is included in Appendix A.

Attendance Areas for New Schools

Northwest London PS

Last year, TVDSB received approval from the Ministry of Education for a new 802 pupil place elementary school in northwest London. Administration is in the process of securing a site for the new Northwest London PS, to be located on the south side of Sunningdale Road West and west of Sir Arthur Currie PS.

The attendance area being proposed for the new school would encompass the Fox Hollow West holding zone as well as land extending south of Fanshawe Park Road West and west of the Emily Carr PS and Wilfrid Jury PS attendance areas. The adjusted Sir Arthur Currie PS attendance area would include land on the north side of Sunningdale Road West, including the Sunningdale North holding zone, as well as land south of Sunningdale Road West and to the immediate west and east of the Fox Hollow West holding zone.

The proposed attendance area for the new Northwest London PS as well as the adjusted Sir Arthur Currie PS attendance area are shown in Figure 4-3 of Appendix A.

West London PS

TVDSB submitted a business case for a new 507 pupil place elementary school in West London through the 2021-22 Capital Priorities Program. The attendance area being proposed for the school would accommodate 5 holding zones currently designated to attend Byron Somerset PS as well as a portion of the current Byron Northview PS attendance area. The proposed attendance area, whose establishment would be contingent on the approval of the new school, is comprised of the land south of the Thames River and North of Oxford Street West and the land between Oxford Street West, Gideon Drive, and Woodhull Road. It also includes the land located south of Oxford Street West, east of Westdel Bourne and west of Warbler Woods.

The 5 holding zones that would be accommodated at the new school would free up capacity at Byron Somersert PS, which is currently the designated holding school in Byron. The creation of space at Byron Somerset allows the

extension of its attendance area to the north beyond Byron Baseline Road and a boundary adjustment between that school and Byron Southwood, which creates more natural boundaries for both schools. The added space then created at Byron Southwood would allow the return of holding zone students who are currently attending Byron Somerset back to Byron Southwood.

The proposed attendance areas for the new West London PS as well as the associated changes to the attendance areas to existing schools in this part of the district are illustrated in Figure 4-4 of Appendix A.

Southwest London PS

In May 2021, the TVDSB submitted a business case for a new school in Southwest London. This school would be located within the Talbot neighbourhood, situated north of Pack Road and west of Bostwick Road. The new school is intended to provide enrolment pressure relief at Lambeth PS and to permanently accommodate 5 out of the 7 holding zones in the area.

As part of the City of London Elementary Panel Attendance Area Review, Administration is recommending the establishment of a new attendance area for the proposed school, contingent on its approval by the Ministry of Education. The proposed attendance area is comprised of the land south of Southdale Road between Colonel Talbot Road and Wharncliffe Road South. It also includes the current holding zone west of Colonel Talbot Road and south of Pack Road, and the land immediately to the south located north of Kilbourne Road and east of Dingman Creek. This proposed attendance area will incorporate several current holding zones, including Talbot Village Phase 2 holding at W. Sherwood Fox PS, Southwest London holding at White Oaks PS, Colonel Talbot holding at Rick Hansen PS, and Bostwick holding at Sir Isaac Brock PS.

The proposed attendance area for the new Southwest London PS as well as the adjusted Lambeth PS attendance area are shown in Figure 4-5 of Appendix A.

Eagle Heights PS & Accommodation of Highlands and Southdale Holding Zones

Eagle Heights PS has been experiencing significant enrolment pressure due to migration to the area and established language and transitional support programs at the school. There are currently 18 portables on site, including a 6-classroom portapak.

It is recommended that Eagle Heights PS be re-structured to a K-6 facility with grade 7 and 8 students to attend Victoria PS. To make room for the incoming Eagle Heights students at Victoria PS, it is recommended that the boundary between Victoria PS and Wortley Road PS be adjusted and that the Highland Holding Zone at Victoria and the Southdale Holding Zone at Victoria be permanently accommodated at Mountsfield PS and Cleardale PS, respectively. In the interest of regularizing boundaries, it is recommended that the Eagle Heights PS and University Heights PS boundary be moved to the railway tracks as it is a more natural separation between the two schools. In addition, it is recommended that the Highland Holding Zone at Mountsfield be

permanently accommodated at Mountsfield PS as part of this attendance area review process.

The Eagle Heights PS boundary changes, including enrolment projections and the resulting attendance area map, are included in Section 5.1 of Appendix A. Permanent accommodations for students within the Highlands and Southdale holding zones are detailed in Section 6.1 of Appendix A.

Downtown

St. George's PS is expected to experience significant growth due to the development occurring in downtown London. Without any intervention, enrolment is expected to grow to approximately 147% of the school's utilization by 2025. To deal with enrolment pressure, a two-phase approach is recommended.

In the short term, it is recommended that vacant space at Aberdeen PS be used to accommodate growth in the southerly portion of the St. George's PS attendance area. In the long term, a northern portion of the St. George's PS attendance area is recommended to be designated to Ryerson PS. Ryerson PS will have available space after the Fox Hollow West and Sunningdale North holding zones, currently designated to this school, are returned to north London to attend the new Northwest London PS and Sir Arthur Currie PS, respectively. As an added measure to reduce enrolment pressure at Eagle Heights PS, it is also recommended that the portion of its attendance area on the east side of the Thames River be designated to St. George's PS as part of the second phase of the Downtown attendance boundary changes.

The Downtown boundary changes, including enrolment projections and the resulting attendance area maps, are included in Section 5.2 of Appendix A.

New Holding Zones and Holding Zone Amendment

The City of London Elementary Panel Attendance Area Review has identified future development areas that will need to be accommodated as enrolment substantiates. The following new holding zones and holding zone amendment do not require the formation of Attendance Area Review Committees and instead follow a separate procedure for implementation. However, Administration is proposing these changes as part of the City of London Elementary Panel Attendance Area Review process in the interest of presenting Trustees with a fulsome analysis.

New East London Holding at Sir John A. Macdonald PS

The first holding zone that is proposed to be established is for the site of the former London Psychiatric Hospital, whose redevelopment is expected to result in approximately 6,700 units. This property is located on the east side of Highbury Avenue North and south of Oxford Street East. Depending on the total number of units that are constructed and the density of the development, this project could yield upwards of 400 students once built out. The holding zone would be an interim measure until a new school could be built within this significant redevelopment project.

Section 6.2 of Appendix A includes a map illustrating the proposed holding zone.

New Uplands North Holding at Evelyn Harrison PS and New Northeast London Holding at Bonaventure Meadows PS

The proposed Uplands North holding zone is located within the attendance area of Centennial Central PS. There are approximately 2,700 units expected in this area. The proposed Northeast London holding zone is located within the Cedar Hollow PS attendance area, with over 1,000 housing units expected to be developed. A map of the two proposed holding zones is included in Figure 6-3 of Appendix A.

Both Centennial Central PS and Cedar Hollow PS are projected to experience sustained enrolment pressure. There are no proximal schools with available pupil spaces that could assist with practical boundary changes in order to help manage enrolment at these schools. As a result, two potential holding schools have been identified in order to assist with the growth expected in these areas. Both Evelyn Harrison and Bonaventure Meadows public schools have available space in order to accommodate students; the schools are projected to have declines in enrolment over the next 7 years.

It is recommended that Evelyn Harrison PS provide interim accommodation for the new Uplands North holding zone. Bonaventure Meadows PS is the recommended holding school for the new Northeast London holding zone. The proposed holding zones are intended to be temporary accommodation measures. It is expected that the ultimate solution for students within these proposed holding zones is new capital investment.

New Kilbourne Holding Zone

A new holding zone is recommended within the Lambeth PS attendance area, which is also part of the attendance area being proposed for the new Southwest London PS that is under review by the Ministry of Education.

Administration has recently received notice of a potential development on the east side of Bostwick Road and south of Southdale Road, with a potential for 4,000 residential units. The new elementary school proposed in Southwest London is not sized to accommodate students from this additional development and thus a holding zone is recommended here in order to provide interim accommodation for students until another school can be built in order to accommodate the anticipated enrolment. The student yields from this development are recommended to be accommodated at Nicholas Wilson PS and Glen Cairn PS on an interim basis, with the holding areas split along a drain that bisects the property. Section 6.5 of Appendix A includes a map illustrating the proposed holding zone.

Bostwick Holding at Sir Isaac Brock PS – Holding Zone Amendment

Sir Isaac Brock PS is currently providing interim accommodation for holding zone students residing in the Bostwick neighbourhood in Southwest London. The school is over capacity and the growing neighbourhood has the potential for more than 1,000 additional residential units. As a result of the development activity expected in this area, it is recommended that Woodland Heights PS

	<p>replace Sir Isaac Brock for the purpose of providing interim accommodation for the Bostwick neighbourhood until such a time that the new Southwest London PS is constructed. Siblings of existing holding zone students would attend Sir Isaac Brock PS while all new holding zone families would attend Woodland Heights PS until permanent accommodations are available in the form of a new school.</p> <p>Section 6.4 of Appendix A includes a map illustrating the proposed holding zone amendment as well as enrolment projections for Sir Isaac Brock PS and Woodland Heights PS.</p>
Financial Implications:	The costs to complete the subject Attendance Area Review are expected to be accommodated within the 2021-2022 budget.
Timeline:	<p>Expected timeline if the Board of Trustees approves proceeding with the attendance area review and directs the formation of Attendance Area Review Committees for the purposes of gathering public feedback regarding each of the 5 focus areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>November 2021</u>: establish website to solicit feedback and answer questions regarding the potential boundary changes and new holding zones / holding zone amendment • <u>November/December 2021</u>: establish Attendance Area Review Committees (AARCs) • <u>January 2022</u>: Host introductory AARC meetings (one for each focus area) • <u>January 2022 – March 2022</u>: Coordinate school-level AARC Subcommittee meetings • <u>April 2022</u>: Review school community feedback and prepare Final Attendance Area Review Report • <u>May 2022</u>: Provide Final Attendance Area Review Report to the Board of Trustees • <u>May 2022</u>: Public Delegations meetings • <u>June 2022</u>: Decision of the Board of Trustees • <u>September 2023</u>: Implementation of the Decision of the Board of Trustees
Communications:	Administration is assembling a communications plan as part of the public consultation program for this attendance area review.
Appendices:	<p><u>Appendix A:</u></p> <p>Initial Attendance Area Review Report for the City of London Elementary Panel Accommodation Review</p>

Strategic Priority Area(s):

We build each student's tomorrow, every day

Relationships:

- Students, families and staff are welcomed, respected and valued as partners.
- Promote and build connections to foster mutually respectful communication among students, families, staff and the broader community.
- Create opportunities for collaboration and partnerships.

Equity and Diversity:

- Create opportunities for equitable access to programs and services for students.
- Students and all partners feel heard, valued and supported.
- Programs and services embrace the culture and diversity of students and all partners.

Achievement and Well-Being:

- More students demonstrate growth and achieve student learning outcomes with a specific focus on numeracy and literacy.
 - Staff will demonstrate excellence in instructional practices.
 - Enhance the safety and well-being of students and staff.
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