



Date of Meeting, 2018 January 23

Item #:

REPORT TO:	☐ Administrative Council	☐ Program and School Services Advisory Committee	☐ Planning and Priorities Advisory Committee
	☒ Board	☐ Policy Working Committee	
	☒ PUBLIC	☐ IN-CAMERA	
TITLE OF REPORT:	Elgin County French Immersion Attendance Area Review (2017) Senior Administration Final Report.		
PRESENTED BY:	Don Macpherson, Superintendent of Student Achievement Susan Mark, Superintendent of Facility Services and Capital Planning Jim McKenzie, Superintendent of Facility Services and Capital Planning – Acting Brooke Moore, Planning Coordinator		
PRESENTED FOR:	☒ Approval	☐ Information	☐ Advice
Recommendation(s):	1. That a new single track SK to grade 7 French Immersion Public School open at 45885 Sparta Line, St. Thomas, effective 2018 July 01. 2. That the new French Immersion Public School, located at 45885 Sparta Line, St. Thomas, attendance area for SK to grade 7 French Immersion program be approved, as per Figure 01, effective 2018 July 01. 3. That the Pierre Elliott Trudeau French Immersion Public School attendance area for SK to grade 7 French Immersion be approved, as per Figure 02, effective 2018 July 01. 4. That the Pierre Elliott Trudeau French Immersion Public School attendance area for grade 8 French Immersion be approved, as per Figure 03, effective for the 2018-2019 school year only. 5. That the Pierre Elliott Trudeau French Immersion Public School Extended French Immersion attendance area be approved as per Figure 04, not including Area A, effective 2018 July 01. 6. That Pierre Elliott Trudeau French Immersion Public School and the new French Immersion Public School, located at 45885 Sparta Line, St. Thomas, school models be expanded to grade 8, effective 2019 July 01. 7. That the new French Immersion Public School, located at 45885 Sparta Line, St. Thomas, attendance area for SK to grade 8 French Immersion be expanded to include Area A as shown on Figure 01, upon the opening of the new Belmont Public School. 8. That the Pierre Elliott Trudeau French Immersion Public School attendance area for Extended French Immersion be expanded to include Area A as shown on Figure 04, upon the opening of the new Belmont Public School. 9. That the French Immersion attendance areas for Princess Anne French Immersion Public School , Princess Elizabeth Public School be adjusted to exclude Area A as shown on Figure 01, upon the opening of the new Belmont Public School. 10. That the Extended French Immersion attendance areas for Princess Elizabeth Public School and Louise Arbour French Immersion Public School be adjusted to exclude Area A as shown on Figure		

	04, upon the opening of the new Belmont Public School. 11. That a Naming Committee be established to provide input regarding the naming of the new French Immersion Public School, located at 45885 Sparta Line, St. Thomas. 12. That Transition Committees be established for the new French Immersion Public School, located at 45885 Sparta Line, St. Thomas and Pierre Elliott Trudeau French Immersion Public School based on the proposed attendance areas. 13. That New Sarum Public School, located at 9473 Belmont Road, St. Thomas, be declared surplus and offered up for disposition, upon the opening of new Southeast St. Thomas and new Belmont Public Schools. 14. That the decisions for the preceding recommendations be deferred to 2018 February 27, in order to allow the Board to receive Public Delegation on 2018 February 7. 15. That the school-level committees of Port Stanley Public School French Immersion and Pierre Elliott Trudeau French Immersion Public School be disbanded.
Purpose:	To provide results of, and recommendations from, the public consultation component of the 2017 Elgin County French Immersion Attendance Area Review (AAR).
Content:	On 2017 September 26, Senior Administration presented to the Board, the Initial Elgin County French Immersion Attendance Area Review Report. The Board approved Senior Administration to conduct an Attendance Area Review for the Elementary French Immersion Program serving Elgin County. This approval followed the 2017 May 23 Board motion: 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. Senior Administration did undertake the review as approved; following the process established within the Attendance Area Review Procedure 4015c. Background Currently the Elgin County French Immersion program serves the community through a SK - grade 6 program provided at Pierre Elliott Trudeau French Immersion Public School, and a grade 7-8 and Extended-French program at Port Stanley Public School. The grade 7 and 8 French Immersion and Extended French Immersion programs were moved to Port Stanley Public School in 2016 as an interim measure in response to capacity issues at Pierre Elliott Trudeau French Immersion Public School. The Board committed to establishing a second French Immersion public school within Elgin County as soon as a second facility could be secured through the Pupil Accommodation Review process. That process concluded in the spring of 2017 following the Elementary Pupil Accommodation Review -01 (or EPAR-01) which resulted in the closure of Sparta Public School as an English track elementary school and the viability of use as an elementary French Immersion school as early as 2018 July 01. Attendance Area Review Consistent with the AAR procedure, school level committees were struck and were provided with three options to consider including the senior administrations preferred option. The community was encouraged to explore and bring forward any additional options that they deemed as viable. Four analysis parameters were used to determine the viability of options under consideration, these included: a. sustainability with respect to enrolment projections and school utilization b. equity of access to programming for all TVDSB students c. opportunity to improve student learning d. maximize the effectiveness of the student transportation system.

These parameters are described in detail on page 4 of the attached Initial Attendance Area Review Report (Appendix A).

For each of the options provided, existing and Board approved English track school attendance areas were utilized.

Option 1 (Senior Administration Preferred Option).

In option 1 all of the French Immersion students within the City of St. Thomas English track schools with the exception of Locke's Public School and the proposed new SE St. Thomas Public School would attend Pierre Elliott Trudeau FI Public School for French Immersion programs. In addition, French Immersion students from Aldborough, Dunwich-Dutton and Southwold Public Schools would attend Pierre Elliott Trudeau FI PS. Students from the remaining schools, including Locke's Public School and the proposed new SE St. Thomas Public School would attend the new French Immersion School for French Immersion programs.

Option 2

In option 2, all of the French Immersion students within St. Thomas with the exception of those attending the proposed new SE St. Thomas Public School would attend Pierre Elliott Trudeau FI Public School for French Immersion programs. Students attending schools located outside of St. Thomas and the proposed new SE St. Thomas Public School would attend the new French Immersion School for French Immersion programs.

Option 3

In option 3, students attending St. Thomas schools with the exception of those attending the proposed new SE St. Thomas Public School and Mitchell Hepburn Public School would attend Pierre Elliott Trudeau FI Public School for French Immersion programs. In addition students attending Aldborough, Dunwich-Dutton and Southwold Public Schools would attend Pierre Elliott Trudeau FI Public School for French Immersion programs. All other students including those attending the proposed new SE St. Thomas Public School and Mitchell Hepburn Public School would attend Sparta Public School the new French Immersion School for French Immersion programs.

Each of these options is detailed on pages 9 – 14, including maps and enrolment projections, within the attached Initial Attendance Area Review Report (Appendix A).

School Communities Input – Attendance Areas

As outlined in the reports from the school level committees, both Pierre Elliott Trudeau FI Public School and Port Stanley Public School groups considered these options and other options, some of which aligned with the English track school boundaries and others that did not. The committees held public input meetings at their schools and gathered data from the community through surveys. The full reports have been attached as Appendix C - Port Stanley Public School Attendance Area Review Committee Final Report and Appendix D - Pierre Elliott Trudeau Attendance Area Review Final Report. Each report summarizes their committee's data and puts forth recommendations and a preferred solution.

The Port Stanley PS Committee report indicated preferences for options 1 or 3. Those who attended the information meeting preferred option 3 while of those surveyed 17 of 29 respondents, preferred option 1, 7 of 29 respondents preferred option 3. This community placed a high priority on keeping the current grade 7 group together at Pierre Elliott Trudeau FI Public School for their grade 8 year.

Following the school level information meeting the Pierre Elliott Trudeau FI PS committee also surveyed their community on the three options provided and five additional options. While there is not consensus, there is a strong preference for option 1 and this school community also desired to keep the grade 7 cohort together at Pierre Elliott Trudeau FI Public School for their grade 8 year.

School Communities Input - Preferred Location Of The New FI Public School

As part of the Attendance Area Review public consultation process, school communities were also asked for their thoughts about the New Sarum PS site as an alternative location for the new FI school should it become available.

Of those Port Stanley parents surveyed 13 responded to this question 11 of which preferred to keep the Sparta Public School site as the permanent solution. The Port Stanley committee report is attached as Appendix C for further details.

The Pierre Elliott Trudeau FI Public School community preferred the Sparta Public School site based on the uncertainties of securing the New Sarum PS site, an additional move for the students and concern about Sparta PS not having improvements if it is still ~~seen~~ viewed as a temporary solution. The Pierre Elliott Trudeau FI PS school level committee report is attached as Appendix D for further details.

Senior Administration would like to support both school communities input by utilizing the Sparta Public School site as the new French Immersion Public School location. As well, recommend that New Sarum Public School be declared surplus, pending Ministry of Education approval and upon the opening of the new St. Thomas Public School and the new Belmont Public School.

Senior Administration Recommendations

Senior Administration's preferred proposed attendance areas remains Option 1 with two modifications:

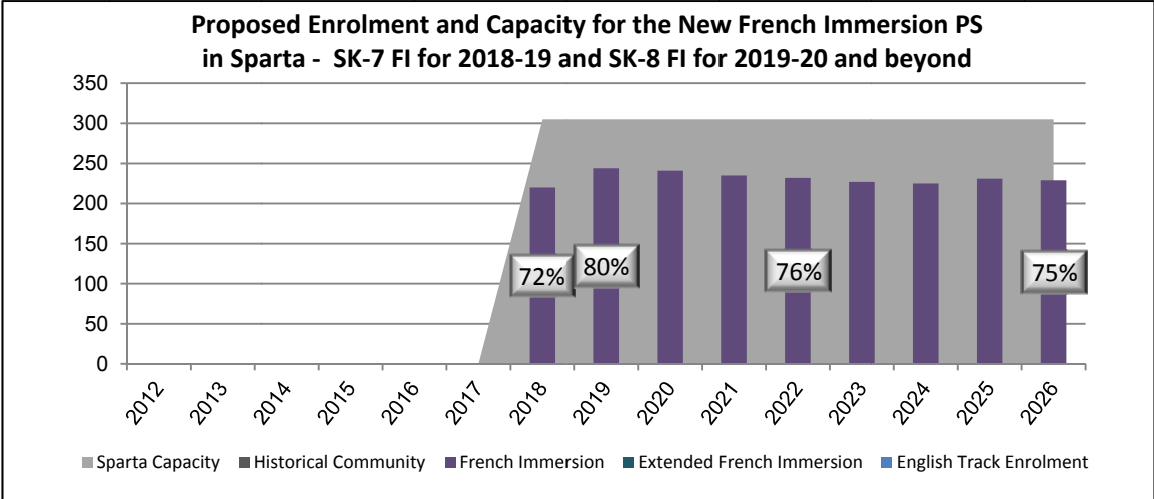
- delaying the adjustment of the "Area A", until the opening of the new Belmont Public School (proposed 2020-2021)
- grade 8 cohort to remain together for graduation.

The first modification involves delaying the adjustment of the area identified as "Area A" until the opening of the new Belmont Public School (proposed 2020-2021) which is dependent upon Ministry of Education approval and funding. This postponement would align with the re-designation of the English track schools (River Heights, Northdale Central and Westminster Central) in Area A to new Belmont Public School following the Elementary Pupil Accommodation Review -01 and as approved by the Board 2017 May 23. This area is currently designated to Princess Elizabeth PS French Immersion and Extended French, Princess Anne FI PS, and Louise Arbour FI PS for Extended French.

The second modification supports the community feedback of allowing the 2018-19 grade 8 cohort to remain together for graduation.

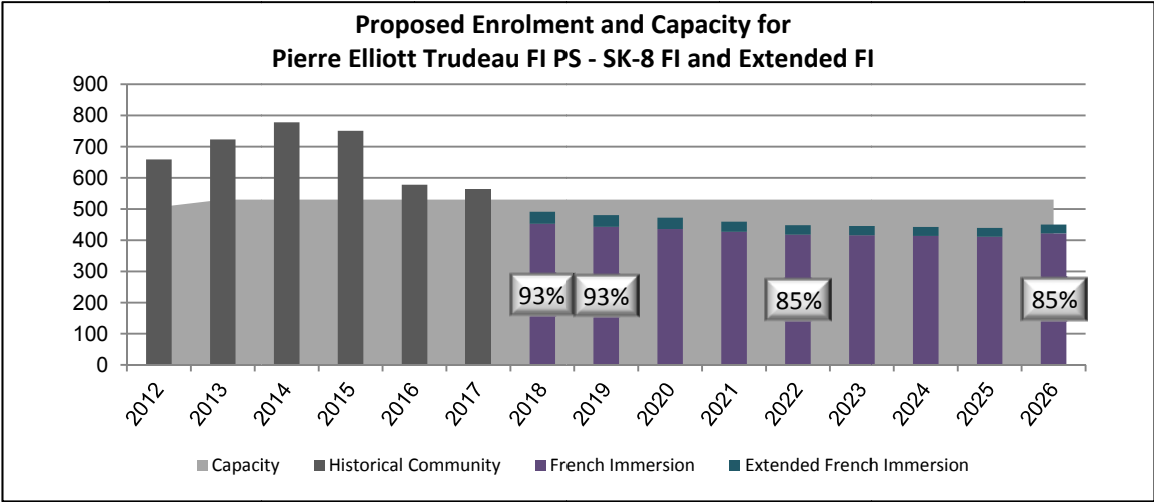
New French Immersion Public School

The new French Immersion School would be located at the Sparta Public School site and open as a SK – 7 for the 2018-2019 school year and then expand to include grade 8 as of 2019-2020. The new FI Public School would open with a utilization of 72% for the first year and increase thereafter with space available for additional enrolment.



Pierre Elliott Trudeau French Immersion Public School

Pierre Elliott Trudeau French Immersion Public School would have a new SK – 7 attendance area for 2018-2019 which would then be expanded to include grade 8 as of 2019-2020. Pierre Elliott Trudeau FI Public School would accommodate all of the grade 8 French Immersion students for the 2018-2019 school year and also become the location for the Extended French Immersion program for Elgin County. In 2018-19, Pierre Elliott Trudeau FI Public School would be able to accommodate these programs with a utilization of 93% for the first year and thereafter have some space available for additional enrolment.



The following Figures 01-06 illustrate Senior Administrations proposed recommendations.

Figure 01 – Proposed attendance area for the new French Immersion Public School, located at 45885 Sparta Line, St. Thomas

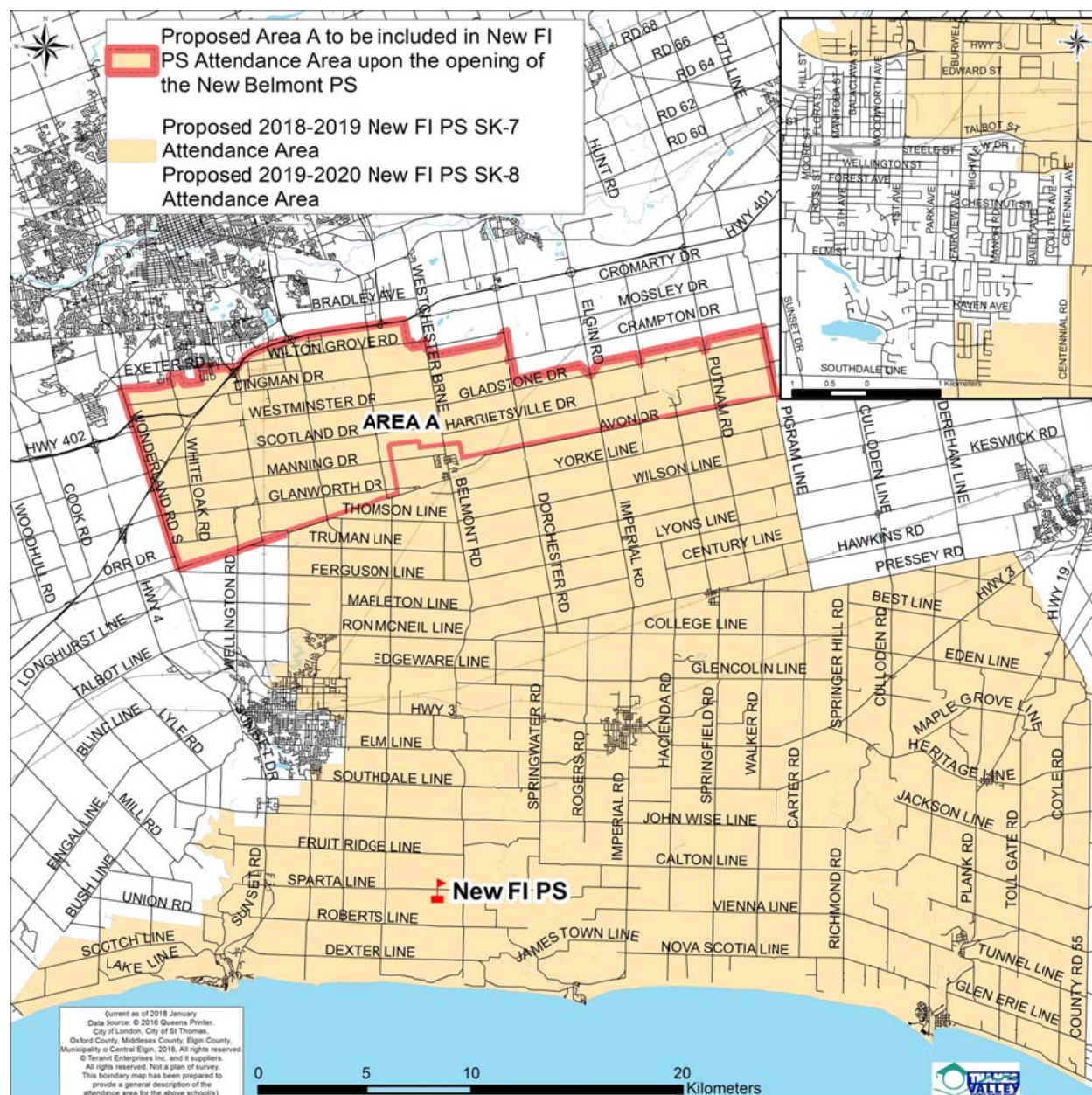


Figure 02 – Proposed French Immersion attendance area for Pierre Elliott Trudeau French Immersion Public School

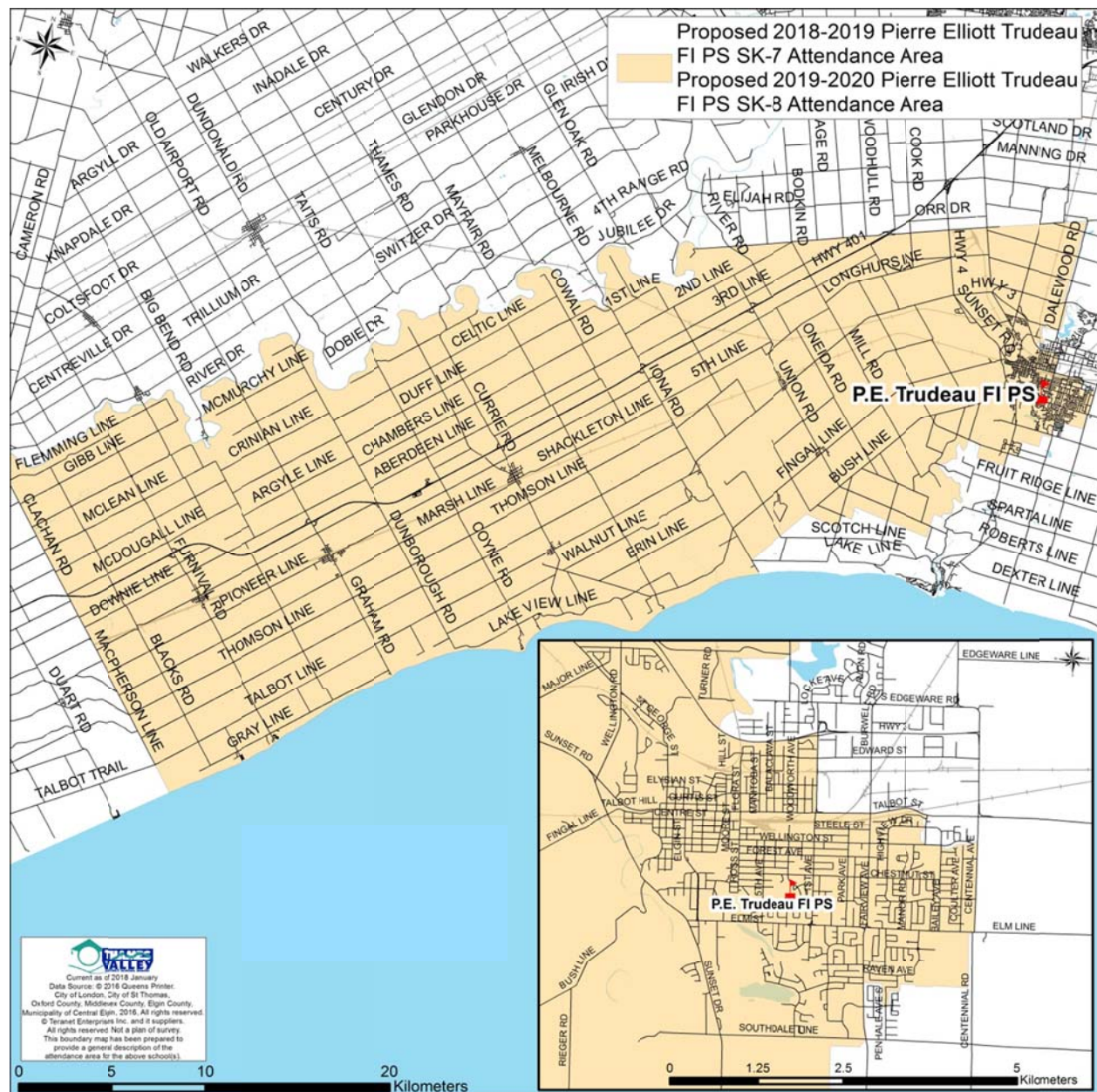


Figure 03 - Proposed grade 8 French Immersion attendance area for Pierre Elliott Trudeau French Immersion Public School for the 2018-2019 school year only



Figure 04 – Proposed Extended French Immersion attendance area for Pierre Elliott Trudeau French Immersion Public School

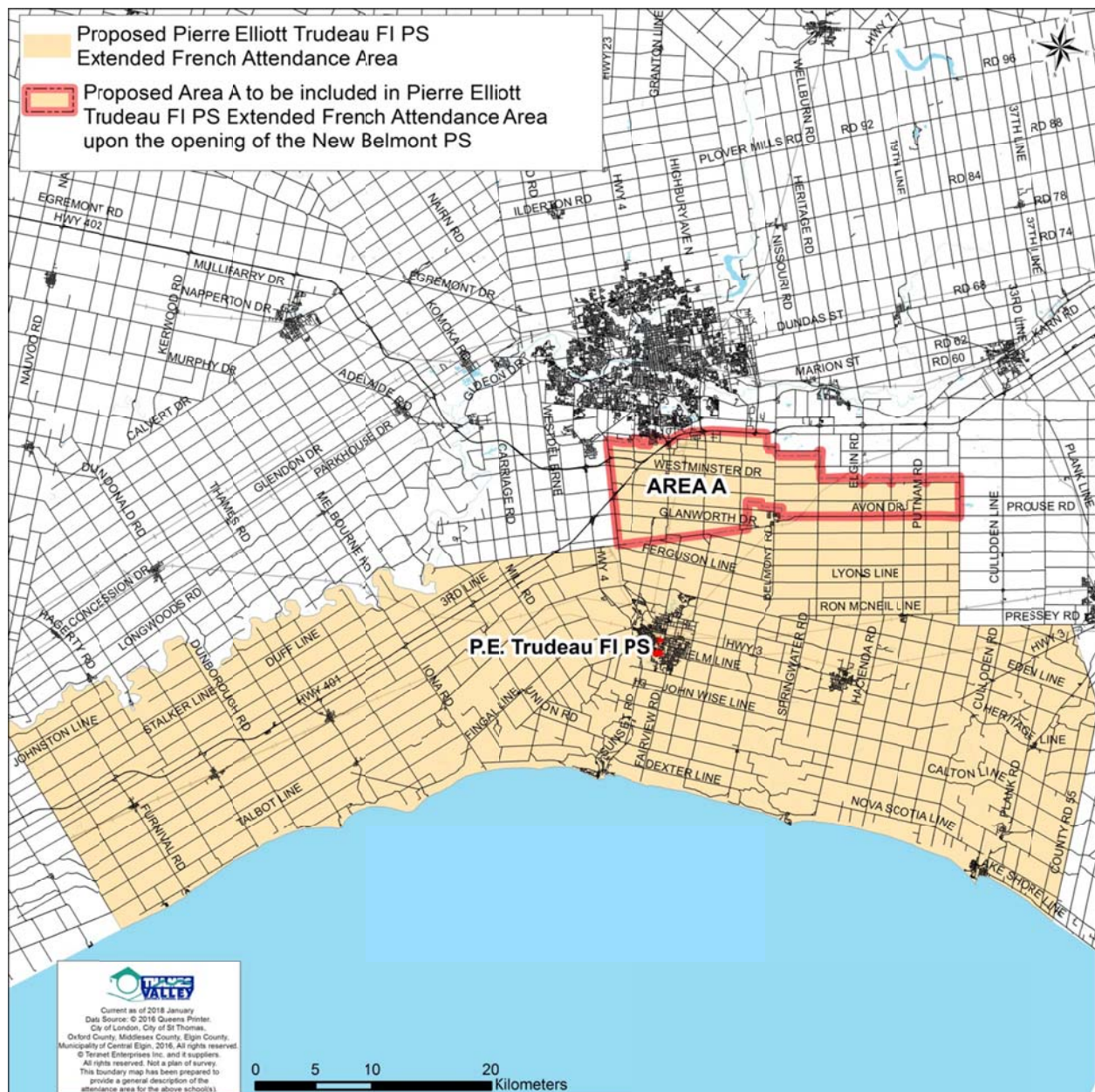
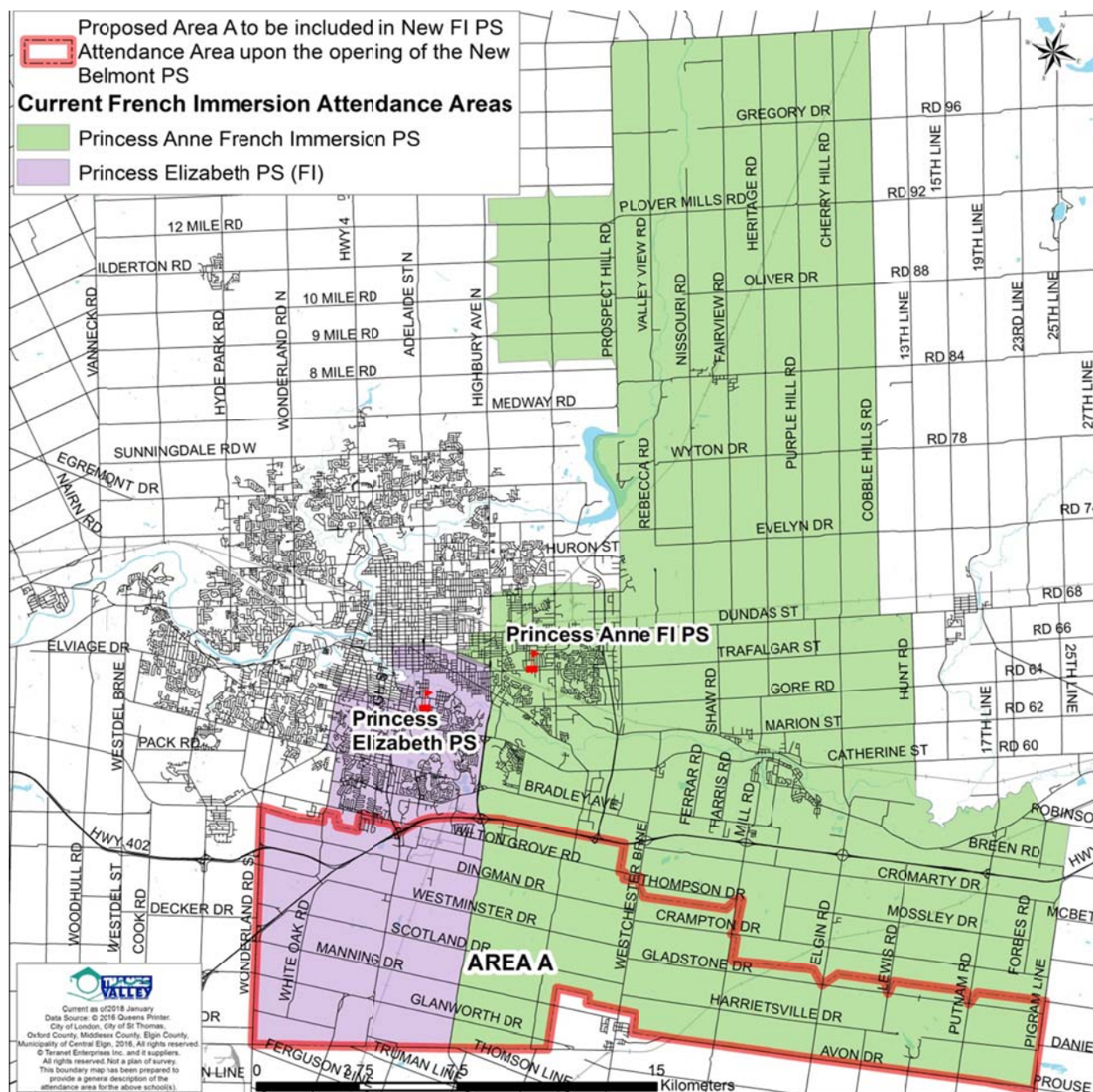


Figure 05 – Upon the opening of new Belmont Public School, the proposed Area A French Immersion attendance area adjustments to Princess Anne French Immersion Public School and Princess Elizabeth Public School



Proposed Area A to be included in Pierre Elliott Trudeau FI PS Extended French Attendance Area upon the opening of the New Belmont PS

Current Extended French Immersion Attendance Areas

- Louise Arbour FI
- Princess Elizabeth PS (FI)

AREA A

Map showing the proposed Area A for French immersion, including the current Princess Elizabeth PS area and the proposed extension. The map also shows the current Louise Arbour FI PS area. The map includes a legend, a scale bar (0 to 15 Kilometers), and a north arrow.

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This boundary map has been prepared to provide a general description of the attendance area for the above school(s).

Public Input

The public has been invited to provide feedback on this report and the proposed changes to the Board of Trustees through the public delegation process, on 2018 February 07. Further information and submission can be found on the Board website under Seeking Public Input or at <https://www.tvdsb.ca/en/our-board/public-input.aspx>

Proposed Implementation Schedule

<i>Year</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Action</i>
2018	February 07	Public Delegation to the Board
	February 27	Debate and decision of the Board
	March	System Consolidation Committee – FI coordination begins
	March	Transition Committees are formed and begin meeting
	March/April	Naming Committee is formed for the new FI school and begins meeting
	July 01	Attendance area changes in effect – new/alterations Extended FI program relocated to P.E. Trudeau FI PS
	September 01	P.E. Trudeau FI PS: - school model change to SK – grade 7 (2018-2019 only) - Extended FI program - All grade 8 FI students accommodated at P.E. Trudeau FI PS (2018-19 only) New FI PS in Sparta: - opens as SK – grade 7 (2018-2019 only)
2019	July 01	P.E. Trudeau and New FI schools become SK – grade 8
2020	July 01	Upon the opening of the new Belmont PS, Area A attendance area adjustments, in effect – the New FI PS, P.E. Trudeau FI PS, Princess Anne FI PS, Princess Elizabeth PS and Louise Arbour FI PS

System Consolidation Committee

A System Consolidation Committee will monitor the implementation of the approved recommendations. This on-going System Committee convenes monthly for the coordination of services associated with modifications to pupil accommodation which may include new schools, additions, renovations, closures and other facility enhancement initiatives of the Board. The TVDSB System Consolidation Committee is comprised of representative from Senior Administration, Director's Services, Learning Support Services, Facility Services, Human Resource Services, Financial Services and Southwestern Ontario Student Transportation Services (STS).

Transition Committee

A Transition Committee will be formed for each school involved to establish activities to ensure a smooth transition for students and to provide input to Senior Administration regarding memorabilia and resources provided by parent groups contained within the current schools. Membership of the Transition Committee includes the current school administrators and parent representation from each school. Students will be engaged as active participants in school-based transition activities to support them in feeling comfortable transitioning to a new school environment.

Naming Committee

A Naming Committee will be established in order to give consideration to naming a new school or re-naming an existing school, as per the Naming of Schools Policy and Procedure (No. 2016) of the Board. Community input will be received and considered by the Naming Committee. The Naming Committee shall recommend their choice of school name to the Board for consideration.

Senior administration would like to extend their appreciation and thanks to the school level committees for their work and their leadership in the attendance area review process. More broadly, thanks are also extended to the entire Elgin County French Immersion community for their participation in the process.

Cost/Savings:	N/A
Timeline:	As noted in the report.
Communications:	A letter will be sent home to the parents and guardians of French Immersion students regarding the Board decision and will indicate next steps in the process. The attendance areas will be updated, as per the Board decisions, on the Board's website in Find a School, for the 2018-19 school year.
Appendices:	A. Initial Attendance Area Review Report (2017 September 26-Revised 2017 October 20) B. TVDSB Attendance Area Review Procedure (4015c) C. Port Stanley Public School Attendance Area Review Committee Final Report D. Pierre Elliott Trudeau FI Public School Attendance Area Review Committee Final report

Form Revised: January 2016

Relation to Commitments:

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| ☒ Putting students first. | ☒ Actively engaging our students, staff, families and communities. |
| ☒ Recognizing and encouraging leadership in all its forms. | ☒ Being inclusive, fair, and equitable. |
| ☐ Ensuring safe, positive learning and working environments. | ☐ Inspiring new ideas and promoting innovation. |
| ☒ Taking responsibility for the students and resources entrusted to our care. | |