



Halton District School Board

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INFORMATION FOR DECISION

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

FROM: Administrative Council

RE: Long Term Accommodation Plan - 2009

RECOMMENDATION

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board approve the 2009 Long Term Accommodation Plan (LTAP); and

THAT staff be directed to submit the updated LTAP to the Ministry of Education, City of Burlington, Town of Halton Hills, Town of Milton and the Town of Oakville, Region of Halton, Halton Catholic District School Board, Conseil Scolaire de District Catholique du Centre-Sud, and Conseil Scolaire de District du Centre Sud-Ouest for information.

Background

The 2009 Long Term Accommodation Plan (LTAP) provides enrolment projections for the years 2010 to 2023 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 (Note: hard copies have been distributed to Trustees and Senior Staff and an electronic copy is posted on the Board's Planning Website

<http://www.hdsb.ca/AboutUs/Planning/Pages/LongTermAccommodationPlan.aspx>).

School boards have been requested by the Ministry to review and continue to update their LTAP to ensure current and planned projects are reflected. As a result, boards are required to ensure these plans reflect up-to-date enrolment projections for their schools, which identify future trends. The updated LTAP details are to be uploaded to the Ministry's Capital website, including enrolment projections and capital project initiatives. Therefore, the basis of this plan is to identify new capital project initiatives for the Board during the next four years, and present the school boundary study initiatives to be undertaken as a result of these new projects. As well, the plan identifies review areas and schools where enrolment pressures will occur within the immediate future, and the need to undertake associated boundary studies. The attached tables provide a summary of the 2009 LTAP initiatives.

Once the LTAP is approved, the Board's Capital Liquidity Template (CLT) will be updated. The CLT captures the capital construction and financing history of school boards since 1998 and compares the costs to a board's ability to service capital debt. This is intended to ensure school boards have the financial resources to carry a project through to completion, while ensuring all prior capital debt-financing commitments are met. The Ministry will utilize the information in the LTAP, when assessing the Board's existing and future capital projects as identified in the CLT.

Summary

The 2009 LTAP verifies and continues with the implementation of new school capital projects as outlined in the approved 2008 LTAP. There are however several revisions and additions as follows:

- Alton elementary school is identified to open in 2013/2014;
- the opening of Orchard #3 elementary school has been deferred in the 2009 LTAP until such time that a suitable site becomes available;

- the Oakville northeast #1 elementary school has been deferred pending a suitable site and residential development;
- Milton #4 elementary school has been deferred until 2010/2011;
- Milton #7 and Milton #8 elementary schools have been deferred pending the purchase of a suitable site;
- Milton #1 community high school site has been deferred to 2011/2012; and
- Alton (Burlington North East) community high school has deferred due to the ongoing negotiations for a partnership between the Board and the City of Burlington for additional community gymnasiums.

A full description of the changes as well as accommodations challenges follows.

BURLINGTON: Elementary Review Areas

1. ERA 103: Frontenac, Mohawk Gardens and Pineland Public Schools

The area in question will continue to exhibit declining enrolment to the extent utilization will decline from 80% in 2009 to 69% in 2023 (part-time JK/SK). With the implementation of full-time JK/SK, this utilization would decline from 86% in 2009 to 74% in 2023. In the event that an elementary school is constructed in the Lakeshore Woods community, there will be a loss of some additional students from this area (15 to 20 English students and 1 to 6 FI students).

The bigger issue at this time, however, is the dual track program at Pineland Public School. Based on preliminary enrolments, there are 0 English students registered for Grade 1 at the school. A boundary study will need to be undertaken for this area to reassess the catchment areas for the French Immersion and English Program elementary schools in the review area.

2. ERA 108: Orchard #3 elementary school., Alexander's and Orchard Park Public Schools

In the 2008 Long Term Accommodation Plan (LTAP), the Board identified the need for another elementary school in the Orchard community, (Orchard #3) which was scheduled to open for September 2010 as a 552 OTG pupil place capacity school. The school is needed to address increasing enrolment in the Orchard community and provide accommodation relief to Alexander's and Orchard Park Public Schools. However, as a result of the site configuration of the Board's existing property, there are problems in developing the Orchard #3 elementary school. Efforts are currently being undertaken to reconfigure the property in order to have a site that can adequately accommodate a school and its associated facilities. As such, the school will not be open for September 2010, and the timing for its eventual opening is still to be determined.

It should be noted that as a result of the Orchard #3 elementary school not opening in September 2010, both Alexander's and Orchard Park Public Schools will continue to experience accommodation pressures. More specifically Alexander's Public School will exceed portable and building capacity resulting in the need for the placement of an additional five portables on site, resulting in a total of 17 portables for the 2010 school year. There may be a need to undertake a boundary study in the event additional portables can not be placed on the Alexander's Public School site for September 2010.

3. ERA 109: Alton elementary school

The 2009 LTAP identifies there will be a sufficient critical mass of students to open an elementary school in the Alton community in September 2013. The assumption is the school would open as an English program school with an OTG pupil place capacity of 704. Long-term projections indicate the school would be able to accommodate regular track students from the Alton community. The inclusion of a French Immersion program at the school will require further review and discussion with trustees and the community.

It should be noted the regular track students from the Alton community are currently being accommodated within Clarksdale Public School (ERA 106), Rolling Meadows Public School (ERA 106), and CH Norton Public School (ERA 105). With the Alton elementary school forecast to open in September 2013, this will impact enrolment at these schools to the extent the schools affected will have excess pupil places.

OAKVILLE - Elementary Review Areas

1. ERA 111: Lakeshore Woods elementary school

The 2009 LTAP identifies the opportunity to develop an elementary school within the Lakeshore Woods community. Assuming a 504 OTG pupil place capacity school, the enrolment projections indicate the school's utilization rate would be approximately 75% during the long-term (2012 to 2023) based on a JK/SK being half-time. This would increase with the implementation of full-time JK/SK program, where enrolment would result in a utilization rate of the school of approximately 86% in the long-term (2012-2023).

Currently students from ERA 111 are accommodated at Gladys Speers, Eastview, Pineland and Mohawk Gardens Public Schools respectively. As a result, if the school is to be built and students redirected to the new Lakeshore Woods Public School, enrolment at the aforementioned schools would decline substantially. This decline would be to the point the schools would have significant empty pupil places, in particular Eastview, and Gladys Speers Public Schools, which may require the Board to consider establishing a PARC. Therefore, Planning staff have not identified the need for the school at this time, given that an elementary school within the Lakeshore Woods community would be under utilized if it were to open, as well as the associated impacts on existing schools accommodating students from the affected review area.

2. ERA 113: Ward 3 Schools and Clearview elementary school

At the June 17, 2009 Board meeting, trustees approved the closure and disposal of Brantwood, Chisholm, and Linbrook Public Schools. This resulted in the creation of a Grade 1 to 8 Single Track French Immersion Program at EJ James Public School; a JK to Grade 8 English Program at Maple Grove Public School; a JK to Grade 8 Dual Track Program at the Clearview elementary school; and a JK to Grade 6 English Program at New Central Public School. As well, there was direction from the Board to review programming at New Central Public School, as well as the implementation or transition of French Immersion students currently residing within the Clearview community from existing schools to the new school in September 2010.

As a result of the Board approved recommendations, the school boundaries were identified as follows:

Clearview Public School (dual track)

The boundary (for both the English and French Immersion programs) includes the area west of Winston Churchill Boulevard, south of the QEW, and north of Royal Windsor Drive.

E.J. James Public School (single track FI program)

The boundary includes the area west of Winston Churchill Boulevard, south of Royal Windsor Drive/South Service Road, east of Sixteen Mile Creek, and north of Lake Ontario.

New Central Public School (JK-Grade 6 English program)

*The boundary includes the area south of Royal Windsor Drive/South Service Road, east of Sixteen Mile Creek, and north of Lake Ontario; north of the Lake Ontario and west of Wedgewood Drive, **excluding** all residences fronting on to Wedgewood Drive, Constance Drive, Weaver Avenue, Alscot Crescent, Acton Crescent, and Cox Drive.*

Maple Grove Public School (JK-Grade 8 English program)

*The boundary for students in JK to Grade 6 includes the area south of Royal Windsor Drive/South Service Road, west of Winston Churchill Boulevard, and north of Lake Ontario, and east of Wedgewood Drive, **including** all residences fronting on to Wedgewood Drive, Constance Drive, Weaver Avenue, Alscot Crescent, Acton Crescent, and Cox Drive.*

The boundary for students in Grade 7 and Grade 8 includes the area includes the area west of Winston Churchill Boulevard, south of Royal Windsor Drive/South Service Road, east of Sixteen Mile Creek, and north of Lake Ontario.

At the June 17, 2009 meeting, trustees also approved the recommendation that Board staff provide capital/construction renewal plans for Maple Grove, EJ James, and New Central Public Schools no later than January 2010.

3. ERA 114 – Palermo elementary school

At the April 15, 2009 Board meeting, trustees approved the following recommendation which establishes the boundary for the new Palermo elementary school for September 2010:

2009/2010 School Year French Immersion (Grade 1-3 students held temporarily at Lorne Skuce Public School)

The proposed French Immersion boundary includes the area west of Third Line, east of the Oakville-Burlington municipal boundary, north of Upper Middle Road and south of Dundas Street. The rural boundary includes the area north of Dundas Street, south of Highway 407, east of Tremaine Road and west of a line that includes 1469 Dundas Street West.

2010/2011 School Year English Track (JK to Grade 7) (Note: Palermo Public School is scheduled to open September 2010.)

The proposed boundary includes the area west of Regional Road 25 (Bronte Road), east of the Oakville-Burlington Municipal Boundary, north of Upper Middle Road and south of Dundas Street. The rural boundary includes the area north of Dundas Street, south of Highway 407, east of Tremaine Road and west of line that includes 1469 Dundas Street West.

4. ERA 118 - Oakville N.E. #1 elementary school

The 2008 LTAP identified the need to open an elementary school (Oakville NE #1) in the North Oakville community for September 2012 as a 704 OTG pupil place capacity school. This school would accommodate students generated from new residential development from the North Oakville community (north of Dundas Street). Given the economic situation as well as the ongoing issues related to the Region of Halton and Town of Oakville development charges, residential development is not going to occur as quickly as previously anticipated. Board Planning staff have deferred this project beyond the scope of this plan based on the delays in the timing of new residential development within this new community, as well as ensuring there is a critical mass of students in place to develop a new school.

The Board's current regular track school boundaries indicate students generated from new developments from the North Oakville community are to be either directed to Emily Carr Public School (area north of Dundas Street, south of Hwy 407, generally west of Third Line and east of Tremaine Road), or Sam Sherratt Public School (area north of Dundas Street, south of Hwy 407, west of Ninth Line and generally east of Third Line).

Enrolment projections indicate Emily Carr Public School and Sam Sherratt Public School will not be able to accommodate students generated from development from this new community. Planning staff is recommending a boundary study be undertaken for ERA 118 within the immediate future in order to determine holding schools to accommodate students generated from this area.

MILTON - Elementary Review Areas

1. ERA 119: Martin Street, WI Dick, Robert Baldwin, J.M. Denyes, EW Foster, and Sam Sherratt Public Schools

With the construction of new schools in Milton, the existing schools within ERA 119 would appear to have sufficient building and portable capacity to accommodate students in the short to long term. The only exception is WI Dick Public School where the school's enrolment is projected to exceed its building and portable capacity by 49 students in the 2012-13 school year. However, there is no opportunity to place any additional portables on site due to the flood plain restrictions. This is because WI Dick Public School currently accommodates the

Grade 6-8 FI program for all Milton schools. Given the ongoing residential and enrolment growth in Milton, it is impossible for WI Dick Public School to sustain the FI enrolment growth. However, it is expected there will be a redistribution of the delivery of FI students in Milton as a result of the opening of new schools, in particular the Milton #4 elementary school.

2. ERA 120 - Milton #4 elementary school

In the 2008 Long Term Accommodation Plan (LTAP), the Board identified the need for the Milton #4 elementary school, which was scheduled to open for September 2009 as a 704 OTG pupil place capacity school.

This school is to address increasing enrolment in the Milton community due to the ongoing residential development. However, as a result of delays in the Board gaining access to the school site due to delays by the developer in getting subdivision registration, as well as soil/fill issues on the school block itself, the school opening was deferred. The Board is in the process of finalizing the purchase of the Milton #4 school block in October 2009, with the expectation construction will commence this fall and scheduled opening will be for September 2010.

At the January 7, 2009 meeting of the Halton District School Board, trustees approved the Milton #4 elementary school boundary as follows:

Milton #4 Boundary -- 2010 regular Track:

- *Boundary to include area south of Derry Road to Britannia between Regional Road 25 and Thompson Road as well as the area south of Derry Road, east of Thompson Road to Armstrong Boulevard.*

While there is no need to undertake any community consultation meetings with respect to the creation of the Milton #4 elementary school boundary, there will be a need to have a community information meeting to outline transition issues and provide information on architectural drawings for the new school.

Based on the 2009 LTAP enrolment projections, it would appear that despite the opening of the Milton #4 elementary school in 2010 enrolment at Hawthorne Village P.S. will continue to increase over the next 5 to 6 years. The building and portable capacity of the school can accommodate the students over the time period. However, with the implementation of a Full Time JK/SK program, projections indicate that Hawthorne Village P.S. will exceed building and portable capacity by 2012.

3. ERA 120 – Milton #8 elementary school.

The 2008 LTAP had proposed a 10-room addition be constructed onto Bruce Trails Public School to accommodate the ongoing growth in that school's catchment area. However, in the spring of 2009, trustees deferred this project in order to have Board staff review the opportunity to construct a new school within ERA 120 (Milton #8), providing accommodation relief to schools in the area. Moreover, it was concluded it would be more cost effective to construct a new school rather than provide incremental additions to existing facilities, including Bruce Trails Public School. Therefore, the 2009 LTAP identifies the need for an elementary school within ERA 120. Projections indicate there is sufficient need to warrant the school for 2011-12 school year, however, the timing for its eventual opening is still to be determined given there is no school site available. Board staff are pursuing a site in the area, although it should be noted the Board had indicated if a school site was not identified by March 2010, then the Bruce Trails Public School addition project would be reinitiated.

4. ERA 121 – Milton #7 elementary school

The 2008 LTAP had proposed the Milton #7 elementary school be constructed for September 2011. The enrolment projections in the 2009 LTAP indicates the schools in ERA 121 (Escarpment View Public School and PL Robertson Public School) will be able to accommodate students in the area up to and including the 2011-12 school year. However, for the 2012-13 school year, enrolment at PL Robertson Public School is projected to exceed the school's building and portable capacity. In that year, based on a part-time JK/SK program, an additional two portables are required on site for total of 14 portables, while the implementation of a full-time JK/SK program would require five additional portables for a total of 17. Projections indicate there is sufficient need to warrant the Milton #7 elementary school for 2012-13 school year, however, the timing for its eventual opening is still to be determined given there is no school site available.

BURLINGTON - Secondary Review Areas

1. SRA 100 and SRA 101 – Alton high school

In the 2008 LTAP, a high school was identified to open in the Alton community for September 2011, with an OTG pupil place capacity of 1200. The Board is negotiating a partnership agreement with the City of Burlington, which may include up to eight gymnasiums on the site, as well as a library and community centre. Although it would be the objective of the Board to open the school for September 2011, as a result of these negotiations, it is likely the high school will not be open until the 2012-13 school year. Consequently, the 2009 LTAP has identified the opening of the new school for September 2012. Nevertheless, based on the enrolment projections in the LTAP, the school would have a utilization rate in the range of 89% in 2012, to 87% in the year 2023, with a peak utilization of 94% in 2020.

Presently, students in SRA 101 are currently being accommodated in schools within SRA 100. With the construction of a new high school in the Alton community, students from SRA 100 would be redirected accordingly. Consequently, the enrolment projections indicate the utilization of space in ERA 100 would range from 76% in 2012, to 72% in 2023.

A school boundary study will need to be undertaken for the new high school in Alton. Timeline for this process would begin in the Fall 2010.

OAKVILLE - Secondary Review Areas

1. SRA 103 - West Oak Trails high school

In the 2008 LTAP, a high school within the West Oak Trails community was identified to open for September 2011. The 2009 LTAP recommends the same time frame. Although the school will be under capacity in the first few years, by 2015 the school should reach almost 100% utilization. The development of the new high school will not only provide accommodation relief to Abbey Park High School and White Oaks Secondary School, it will also be able to provide interim accommodation for secondary students who will reside in the North Oakville community, until such time there is a critical mass of students to establish a secondary school in that area. It should be noted with the school opening in September 2011, the impact on ERA 102 (which includes Abbey Park, Iroquois Ridge, Oakville Trafalgar, TA Blakelock High Schools and White Oaks Secondary School) will be minimal, as that review area will continue to have a utilization rate of 99% to 97% between 2011 and 2023.

Therefore a school boundary study will need to be undertaken for the new high school. The timeline for this process would begin in the late fall 2009, once the programming and construction issues are finalized.

MILTON - Secondary Review Areas

1. SRA 104 Milton #1 high school

In the 2008 LTAP, a new high school in Milton (Milton #1) was originally identified to open for September 2010. However, as a result of issues in securing the school site and obtaining the necessary approvals, the Board recently approved the change in the 2008 LTAP with the school scheduled to open for September 2011. The 2009 LTAP confirms the school will be opened for September 2011. The school is required because of ongoing enrolment pressures due to growth in Milton and because the Board does not own EC Drury High School, but leases the facility from the Province.

Nevertheless, the process to undertake a school boundary review for this new school should be considered to be undertaken commencing the late fall of 2009, with the completion sometime early Spring 2010. As part of this process, the boundaries for all high schools in Milton will be reviewed, as well as the rural boundaries. This will include the review of the high school boundaries for Milton elementary schools that currently feed into Georgetown District High School.

Conclusions

The 2009 LTAP basically verifies and continues with the implementation of new school capital projects as outlined in the approved 2008 LTAP, along with associated updates for the next four (2010 to 2013) years. As well, the report outlines the impact of these new capital projects on existing school communities, and the need to undertake future school boundary studies. Attached are tables outlining the LTAP initiatives, including capital projects and school boundary studies.

Future revisions to the 2009 LTAP will need to be undertaken in order to address Ministry of Education initiatives. The biggest initiative is the implementation of the full-time JK/SK in school boards throughout Ontario. Although the Pascal Report has been released, the Ministry of Education has not yet responded to it in terms of an implementation strategy. The implementation of full-time JK/SK in Halton will have accommodation impacts throughout the system, and as such the Board must be cognizant of this in any future directions.


The LTAP will continue to be a fluid document, which will be reviewed annually in order to monitor enrolments, address provincial policy initiatives, and implement new capital projects accordingly.

Once approved by Trustees, the 2009 LTAP will be forwarded to the Ministry of Education. As well, the Ministry of Education is in the process of formulating a policy to encourage school boards to work with their community partners. This partnership (similar to the HDSB reciprocal agreement) will seek to share facilities to the benefit of boards, students and the community, and to optimize the use of public assets owned by school boards.

One of the goals in the proposed policy is with the construction of new schools, major additions and renovations, there is an opportunity for Boards to leverage other infrastructure investments by co-building with entities that provide services and programs for children, their families and the broader community. As part of this process, Boards are expected to notify entities of these projects one-to-three years prior to the potential construction date. This would provide the opportunity for these entities to express an interest in co-building with the Board. Although the policy has not yet been finalized, it would be prudent to initialize the process and advise entities, in particular the local municipalities and coterminous school boards, of the Board's Long Term Accommodation Plan.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Halton District School Board
Secondary Capital Plan - Update 2009**

School	OTG School Capacity	Secondary Review Area	Status of School Property (Owned by HDSB)	Source of Funding	Action - HDSB Proposal	Update 2008					Update 2009						
						Year of Impact on Students					Year of Impact on Students						
						2008/09	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14		
West Oak Trails high school	1200pp	103	Yes	NPP/POD	Funding request will be submitted in fall of 2009. Subject to approval of Ministry. Students currently being held at White Oaks S.S. and T.A. Blakelock S.S.				X					X			
Milton #1 high school	1200pp.	105	Yes	NPP/POD	Business Case approved April 2008. Students currently held at E.C Drury. School design to include alternative education centre (Gary Allan).			X						X			
Georgetown DHS	150	107	Yes	NPP/POD/Renewal/GPL	150 Pupil place addition to be completed Fall 2010			X					X				
Alton high school	1200pp	101	Yes	NPP/POD	Funding request will be submitted in fall of 2008. Subject to approval of Ministry. Students currently being held at Nelson, Bateman, Pearson, and MM Robinson				X							X	

NPP - New Pupil Places
 EDC - Education Development Charges
 POD - Proceeds of Disposition
 PCS - Primary Class Size
 GPL - Good Places to Learn
 TBD - To Be Determined

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Boundary Issues

	Study	Date of Commencement	Expected Date of Completion
1	Palermo elementary School boundary has been approved (April 2009). Public meetings needed to outline transition issues, provide information on architectural drawings, and discuss the French Immersion program.	September 1, 2009	December 1, 2009
2	North Oakville Community Area currently being directed to two schools. Emily Carr P.S. which can not sustain additional growth from this area. Sam Sherratt P.S. which is located in Oakville. Review the establishment of holding schools in Oakville for this area.	December 1, 2009	May 1, 2010
3	Orchard #3 elementary To review and recommend school program and boundary for Orchard #3	TBD	TBD
4	Milton #1 high school To review and recommend school program and boundary for Milton #1	December 1, 2009	May 1, 2010
5	West Oak Trails high school To review and recommend secondary school program and accommodation for Oakville school	December 1, 2009	May 1, 2010
6	Alton high school To review and recommend secondary school program and boundary for Alton high school	October 1, 2010	May 1, 2010
7	Lakeshore Woods To review current elementary need for ERA 111. This will include recommendations on site purchase or site release.	October 1, 2009	TBD

Enrolment issues

	Description	Schools
1	ERA 108 ERA will reach maximum capacity by 2010.	Orchard Park, Alexander's
2	ERA 100, ERA 103, ERA 119 Preference for French Immersion programming. The English program is failing to attract students. Number are dwindling to 10 and under.	Maplehurst, Pineland, Martin Street
3	ERA 102 Ryerson enrollment is below 50% capacity.	Ryerson
4	ERA 116 Munn's population will reach maximum capacity by 2012	Munn's
5	ERA 119 W.I. Dick will reach maximum capacity by 2010 as a result of increasing F.I. Enrolment in Milton. Review delivery of French Immersion Program in Milton	W. I. Dick, Robert Baldwin, E.W. Foster, Martin Street
6	ERA 120 Maximum capacity will be reached for Hawthorne Village and Bruce Trail	Hawthorne Village, Bruce Trail.

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