Halton District School Board

#### Boundary Review Committee ERA 102/103



## Agenda

- Acceptance of notes from <u>February 26, 2019</u>
- Purpose and Process Goals
- BRC Review Process
- Review of new options
- Review the one or more of the recommended options
- Open House and review of survey

## Purpose of Boundary Review

- The mandate of this review is to rebalance the enrollments at John T Tuck, Frontenac, Pauline Johnson, Ryerson and Tecumseh
- Recent provincial announcement regarding class size

### **Process Goals**

- Work collaboratively to examine the initial boundary options generated by the Steering Committee;
- Provide detailed feedback on the initial options, request modifications or additional options, if required;
- Over the course of a number of working meetings and based upon a set of agreed upon criteria, the committee will arrive at one or more preferred options;
- Preferred option(s) submitted to the Steering Committee to be considered for recommendation to Administrative Council and the Director;
- Final recommendations will be developed through a consensus process;
- Parent representatives speak on behalf of all students, regardless of school, program, or grade;
- Staff's role on the committee is as a resource to respond to inquiries and to provide committee members with the data and administrative experience required to assess options.

# Criteria to Measure Impact & Effectiveness of Boundary Options

#### Possible criteria could include but is not limited to:

Criteria (could include but should not be limited to the following)

- Viability of Program How many students are required to offer and maintain program in an educationally sound and fiscally responsible way?
- Proximity to schools -- Are opportunities for walk-to schools being maximized, school routes safe, and natural boundaries incorporated into the proposed options?
- Portables and Portapaks -- Are students being accommodated in permanent facilities and is the use of portable classrooms minimized in the proposed options?
- Balance of overall enrolment -- Is student access to programs, resources and extracurricular opportunities being maximized? Is over and underutilization of buildings avoided to the extent possible?
- Stable, long-term boundaries -- Do the projections show long term stability and result in avoiding the need for additional boundary changes in the short term?
- Transportation -- Does the option demonstrate cost effective transportation?
- Fiscally Responsible -- Does the option strive to reduce unnecessary costs?
- Student Experience -- Does the option demonstrate an effort to reduce the number of school moves students have experienced? Are cohorts kept together?

 Other -- Any other criteria recommended by the Boundary Review Steering Committee or Boundary Review Committee

## What is Grandparenting?

- Grandparenting is a decision to allow existing students of a specific grade(s) in a neighbourhood(s) or geographic area(s) to remain at their current school until they complete a particular grade at that school (e.g., grade 8). This usually occurs in situations where changes to school boundaries have taken place.
- When <u>not grandparented</u>, change in boundaries would normally require affected students to change schools.
- Students being grandparented are provided <u>transportation</u> subject to the HDSB transportation policies.
- Siblings of students that have been grandparented will be directed (unless otherwise stated) to the designated school as per the new approved school boundary.
- Students <u>preferring not to be grandparented</u> may apply for Optional Attendance as per the Board's Administrative Procedure. Historically, the Halton District School Board has made an effort to grandparent students in their graduating year.

## New options to consider

- Option 7 and 8
- Should these be considered for April 30th?

#### Options Remaining Guiding Questions

What options do you feel have promise?
What can you offer to make a options better?
What options can you NOT live with? Why?
What did we miss (e.g., alternate options)?

## Remaining options - 3b, 4b, 4c and 4d

#### Communication

- **BRC** members will occur through the HDSB website, FAQs, Meeting Minutes, email to the Co-Chairs
- Schools/Councils –common school newsletter content, HDSB website, email to inform of community consultation
- Community email at end of process, HDSB website
  - <u>There will be a notice sent home on April 18, 2019 Open</u> <u>House</u>
- All **BRC** requests emailed to <u>era102review@hdsb.ca</u>
  - BRC members should direct parent questions to this email as well

## Open House - April 30, 2019

- Format for the evening
  - Presentation from Gord, Jeanne and Tracey King
  - After presentation:
    - Four Corners of the room
    - Laptops available for survey
- Parent Survey

## Next Meeting

#### April 30, 2019 (7:00 – 9:00 p.m.) New Street Education Centre - Brock Room

**BRC Meetings** 

February 7, 2019 February 19, 2019 February 26, 2019 April 9, 2019 April 30, 2019 - OPEN HOUSE May 14, 2019

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