

Halton District School Board

Report Number: 20008
Date: January 15, 2020

FOR DECISION

TO: The Chair and Members of the Halton District School Board
FROM: M. Puccetti, Superintendent of Facility Services
RE: **SRA 100 Aldershot HS - French Immersion Program Boundary Review**

Background:

The 2019-2020 LTAP School Boundary Reviews Board report outlined declining enrolment in the secondary French Immersion program, with the conclusion that Board staff would continue to monitor French Immersion (FI) enrolments at Aldershot and Burlington Central High Schools to ensure program viability. Given the concerns of the long term program viability of the FI program at Aldershot HS, Board staff conclude an FI program school boundary review needs to be undertaken.

RECOMMENDATION:

Be it resolved that the Halton District School Board directs staff to undertake a school boundary review for the French Immersion program at Aldershot High School; with an expected completion date by February 2020.

Discussion:

In September 2019, the Grade 9 I-STEM program was launched at Aldershot HS. The I-STEM program is projected to attract 43% of English students and 62% of FI current Grade 8 students from the Aldershot Elementary school.. Coupled with the relocation of the IB program at Burlington Central HS and the number of students switching to the English program, it is projected that a limited number of students will elect the FI program at Aldershot HS. As outlined in the table below, for the 2019-2020 school year there were only 9 students enrolled in the Grade 9 FI program at Aldershot HS. For the upcoming school year, preliminary indications from the school is that there are only 7 students that may be enrolling in the Grade 9 FI program at the school.

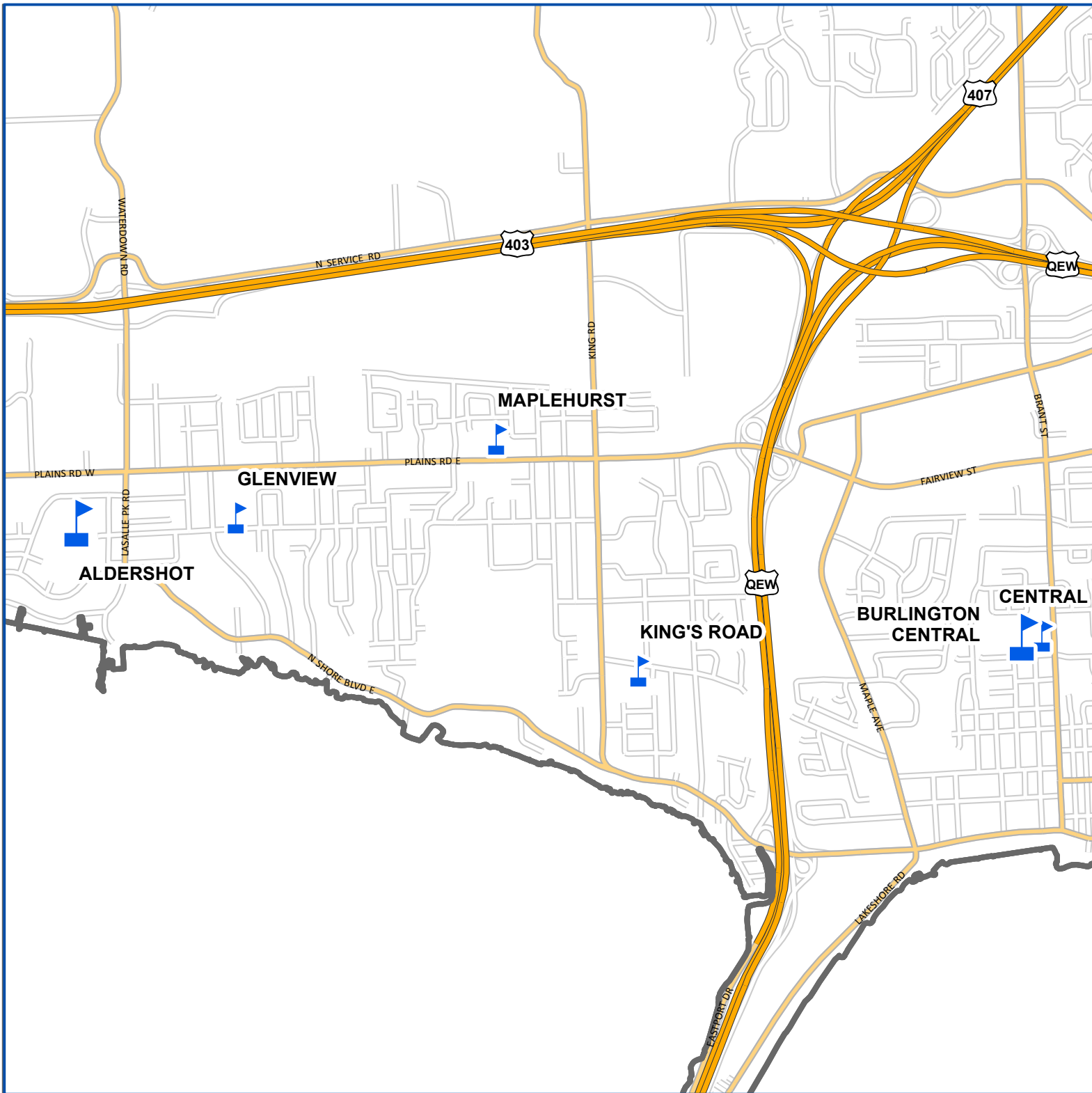
Aldershot Grade 9 Enrolment	English	ISTEM	French Immersion	TOTAL
2019-20	59	110	9	178
Projections 2020-2021	55	200	7	247

Historically the Grade 9 FI class at Aldershot High School averages 23 students. With the introduction of the I-STEM program, lower numbers are projected to enter the FI program. Future Grade 9 FI cohorts project enrolments of 8 students. Within four years the FI program Grades 9 -12 at Aldershot High School is projected to decrease from 101 students in 2018 to under 35 students by 2022, severely impacting the viability of the French Immersion Program at the school. It is recommended the FI program at Aldershot High School be reviewed, and therefore an FI program school boundary review needs to be undertaken for Aldershot HS, with an expected completion date of February 2020.

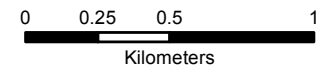
Respectfully submitted,

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