

Enrolment Criteria
and
Transportation Boundary Consultations
for
St. Michael's High School
and
Hadley & Philemon Wright High Schools

Council of Commissioners – January 28th, 2020

Planning and Review Agenda

- * Consultations
- * Important Considerations
- * Purpose of a Enrolment Criteria and Transportation Boundary
- * Present Situation & Challenges
- * Moving Forward – Proposed Enrolment Criteria and Transportation Boundary for Council of Commissioners January 28, 2020

Consultations

- * St. Michael's High School – Nov 5, 7:00 p.m.
- * Hadley/PWHS – Nov 12, 7:00 p.m.
- * Wakefield Elementary School – Nov 20, 7:00 p.m.
- * Chelsea Elementary School – Nov 21, 7:30 p.m.
- * Poltimore Elementary School – Nov 27, 7:00 p.m.
- * Queen Elizabeth Elementary School – Nov 28, 7:00 p.m.
- * Wakefield Home and School – Dec 12, 8:00 p.m.

Important Consideration

- * **Education Act - Article 275** – Equitable distribution of resources and alignment of administrative and pedagogical practices
 - * In reference to enrolment criteria & transportation boundaries – Boundaries exist for all WQSB schools with the exception of St. Michael's and Hadley/PWHS

Important Considerations

- * **Education Act – Article 4** - Parents have a right to choose their school (With conditions and without the right of transportation if the choice is not within the boundary of their residence)
- * **Every student, or the student's parents if the student is not of full age, shall have the right to choose, every year, the school that best reflects their preferences** from among the schools of the school board whose jurisdiction the student comes under that provide services to which the student is entitled. (re-registrations and cross boundary requests)
- * **The exercise of the right to choose a school is subordinate to the enrolment criteria** established pursuant to **section 239** where the **number of applications for enrollment in a school exceeds the school's capacity**
- * **The exercise of the right does not entail the right to require transportation services** where the transportation services required for the student concerned exceed the limits established by the school board.

Important Considerations

- * Cross Boundary Requests 2019-2020
 - * 94 requests for renewal – all approved
 - * 52 new requests
 - * 41 approved – (9 of those at Hadley/PWHS)
 - * 11 not granted
 - * Of those not granted, 7 Symmes/D'Arcy, 1 Lord Aylmer, 3 PETES, 1 South Hull

Purpose of an Enrolment Criteria and Transportation Boundary

- * To consistently and equitably apply enrolment criteria and transportation boundaries for all schools within the Western Quebec School Board territory
 - * To ensure the long term viability and stability of WQSB schools
 - * To maximize the efficient use of resources.

Present Situation

- * St. Michael's HS is nearing capacity with unclear enrolment criteria (Education Act - Article 239)

*The enrollment criteria must give priority to students coming under the jurisdiction of the school board and, as far as possible, **to students whose place of residence is nearest to the school premises.***

- * Space available at Hadley/PWHS
- * No enrolment criteria nor transportation boundary exists between St. Michael's HS and Hadley/PWHS
- * Inequity and inefficiencies in transportation system

Present Situation

ENROLMENT OVERVIEW - 5 YEARS

SCHOOL	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2019-2020	2015-2019	SCHOOL CAPACITY	19-20 SPACE AVAILABLE
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS	Sept. 30	Sept. 30	Sept. 30	Sept. 30	Sept. 30	K4 full time	Difference		
Buckingham	176	150	144	127	138	14	-38	312	160
Chelsea	293	288	281	292	316		23	312	-4
Dr. S.E. McDowell	256	269	275	281	258	17	2	312	37
Eardley	357	359	360	359	349		-8	445	96
Greater Gatineau	414	449	469	480	478		64	486	8
Lord Aylmer	632	624	659	662	645		13	614	-31
Onslow	61	67	72	85	86	10	25	110	14
Pierre Elliott Trudeau	512	561	569	536	549		37	737	188
Poltimore	44	32	37	30	31	8	-13	87	48
Queen Elizabeth	43	52	66	77	77	8	34	110	25
South Hull	415	436	449	462	443		28	481	38
St. John's	107	118	108	108	114	10	7	317	193
Wakefield	293	303	306	296	297		4	330	33
Elementary Total	3603	3708	3795	3795	3781		178		
SECONDARY SCHOOLS									
Hadley/PWHS/L.P.	1004	1064	1078	1139	1189		185	1600	411
Pontiac	377	394	382	366	370		-7	800	430
St. Michael's	82	92	100	128	147		65	174	27
Symmes/Darcy McGee	988	1017	1024	1030	1101		113	1100	-1
Secondary Total	2451	2567	2584	2663	2807		356		
K TO 11 SCHOOLS									
Dr. Wilbert Keon	148	142	150	146	136	9	-12	500	355
G. Theberge	104	99	106	97	97	7	-7	300	196
Golden Valley	277	252	244	250	254	8	-23	500	238
Maniwaki Woodland	156	194	194	205	205	9	49	342	128
Namur	78	84	91	91	95	11	17	175	69
Noranda	93	88	82	88	103		10	465	362
K to Eleven Total	856	859	867	877	890		34		
GRAND TOTALS	6910	7134	7246	7335	7478		68		

Present Situation

2019-2020 CURRENT ENROLMENT WITHOUT BOUNDARY		
MUNICIPALITIES	ST. MICHAEL	HADLEY/PWHS
Alleyn & Cawood	2	0
Bowman	2	0
Cantley	3	52
Chelsea	31	157
Denholm/Val-des-Monts/Val-des-Bois (Poltimore)	10	18
Gatineau	4	714
Gracefield	8	0
Kazabazua	10	0
La Peche	58	138
Lac Ste-Marie	3	1
Low	16	4
POPULATION FOR ABOVE MUNICIPALITIES	147	1084

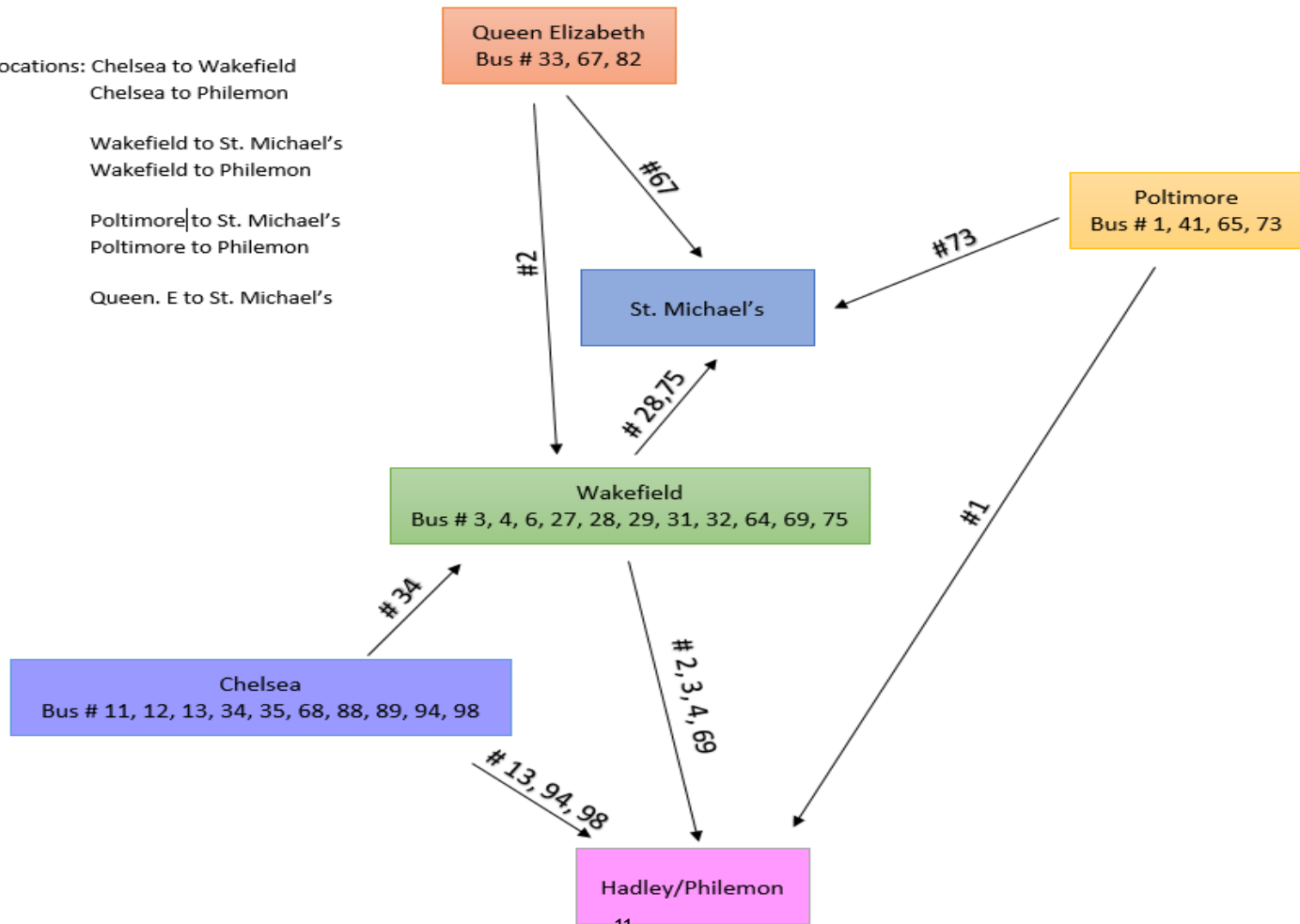
Present Situation

Transfer Locations: Chelsea to Wakefield
Chelsea to Philemon

Wakefield to St. Michael's
Wakefield to Philemon

Poltimore to St. Michael's
Poltimore to Philemon

Queen. E to St. Michael's



Challenges

- * Enrolment Criteria

- * At present, no way to determine who can attend St. Michael's in the event that there is no room in the school – (Art 239 – clearly states preference for those living closest to the school)

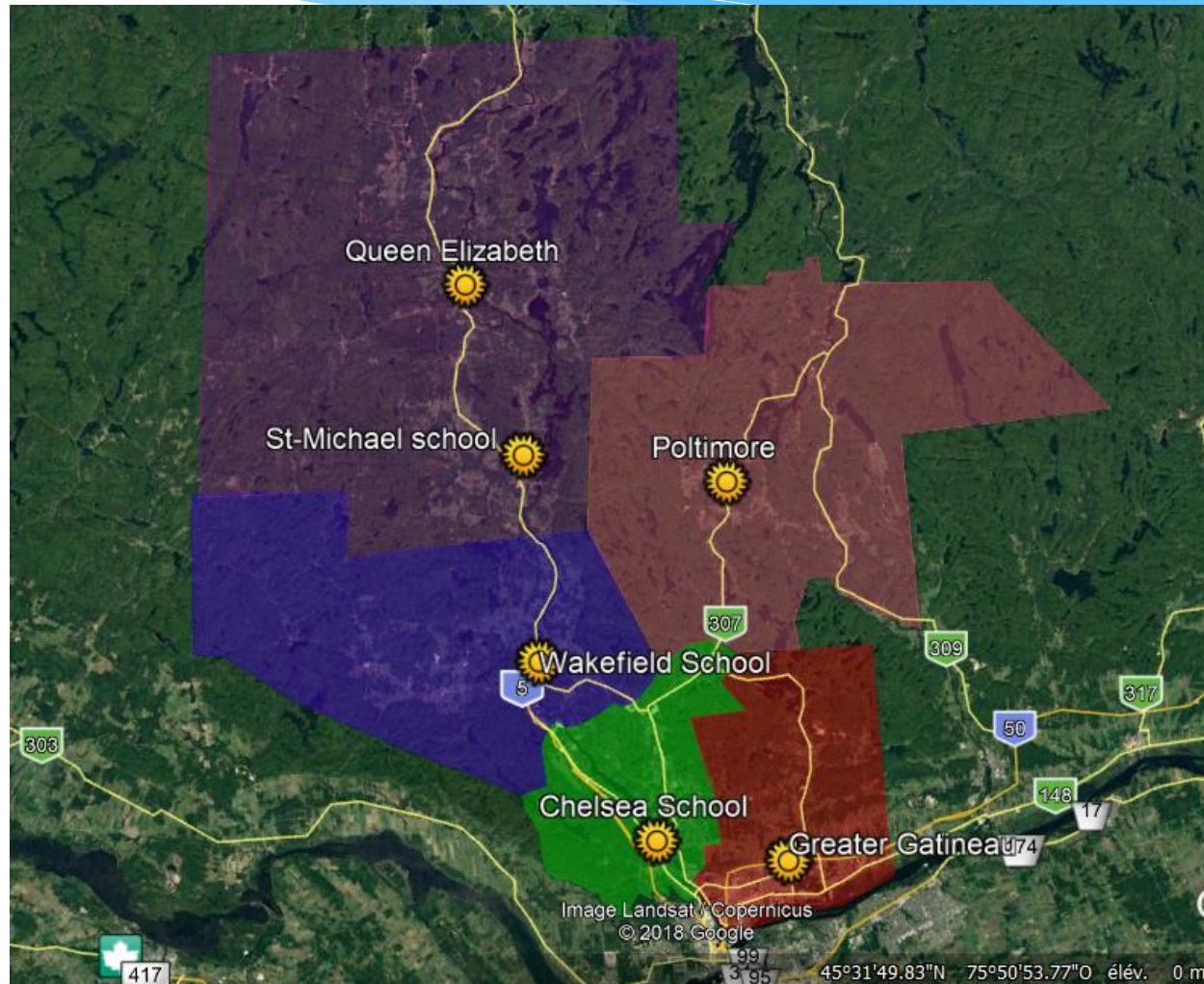
- * Transportation

- * Establishing bus transfers with 3 schools (Chelsea, Poltimore & Wakefield Schools)
- * Inefficient, while resources could be used in other areas to alleviate travel times

Moving Forward

- * Establish enrolment criteria and transportation boundaries that ensure the viability and stability of WQSB schools
- * Align WQSB practices and policies to ensure compliance with Article 4, 239, 275 of the Education Act
- * Maximize the efficient use of human, financial and material resources of the school board for student success.

Elementary Enrolment Criteria and Transportation Boundary



Proposed Enrolment Criteria and Transportation Boundary for Council of Commissioners January 28, 2020

- * Respond to the feedback from the community consultations
- * Establish Enrolment Criteria for 2020-2021 school year for St. Michael's and Hadley/PWHS
- * Grandfather all existing affected students who are currently enrolled at St. Michael's or Hadley/PWHS
- * Respect Articles, 4, 239, 275

Proposed Enrolment Criteria and Transportation Boundary for Council of Commissioners January 28, 2020

- * Starting from existing elementary school enrolment criteria and transportation boundaries, the following enrolment criteria for St. Michael's and Hadley/PWHS is recommended:
 - * Queen Elizabeth Boundary to St. Michaels's
 - * Chelsea and Greater Gatineau Boundaries to Hadley/PWHS
 - * Wakefield & Poltimore Boundaries choice of either St. Michael's or Hadley/PWHS each school year (no transfers during the school year unless approved by both schools and complementary services) –
 - * Establish Transportation Hub in Wakefield with more efficient uses of transportation resources
 - * Aligned with Article 239

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- * Prioritize Siblings for Cross-Boundary Transfer request
- * For siblings, if a cross boundary is accepted, transportation may not be available after 2023-2024
(or when the last grandfathered student is no longer attending school)

Proposed Enrolment Criteria and Transportation Boundary for Council of Commissioners January 28, 2020

- * Administration supports the proposed enrolment criteria and transportation boundary
- * Recommend that the enrolment of St. Michael's be monitored closely each year
- * For new enrolment criteria and transportation boundary to apply for 2020-2021 school year a decision needs to be made at the January Council of Commissioners meeting

Proposed Boundary 2020-2021 Transportation

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