



Waterford Valley High 2019-20 School System Review

Second Round of Consultations - February 2020

Avalon Region, Zone 15

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Cowan Heights
Elementary

St.
Matthew's
Elementary

Hazelwood
Elementary

St. Mary's
Elementary

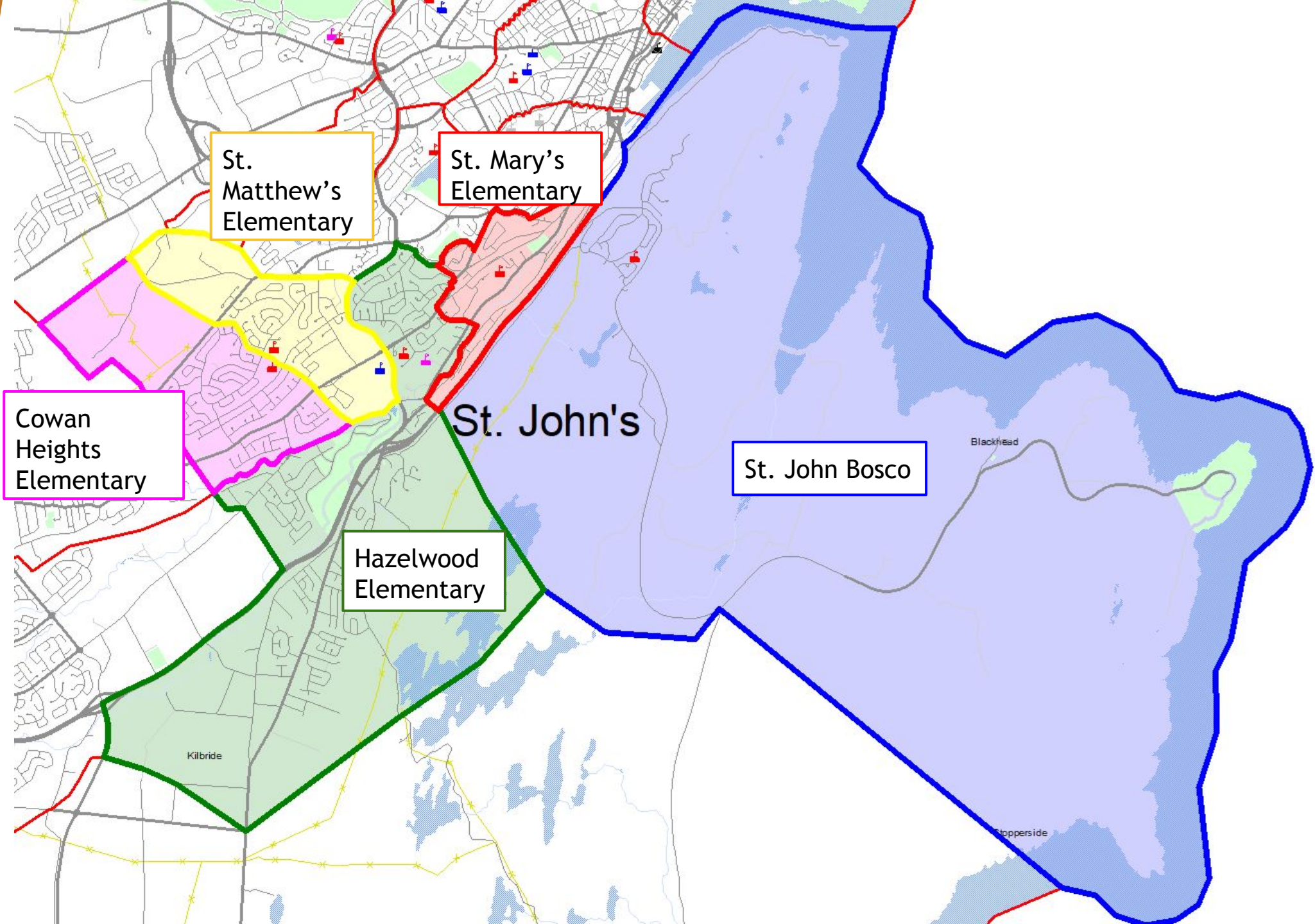
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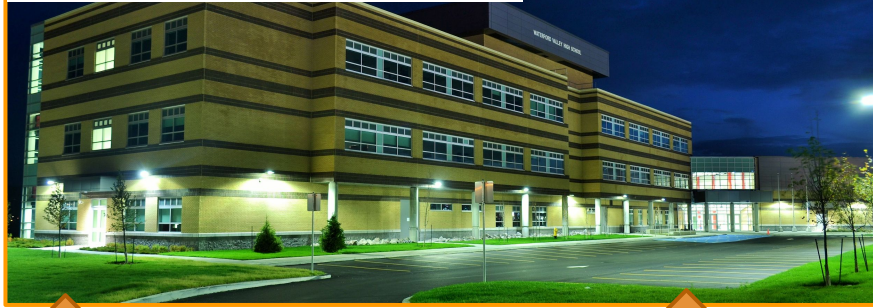
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Junior High

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Cape Spear Lighthouse
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Waterford Valley High (10-12)



St. John Bosco (K-9)



Beaconsfield Junior High (7-9)



Cowan Heights Elementary (K-7)



Hazelwood Elementary (K-6)



St. Mary's Elementary (K-6)



St. Matthew's Elementary (K-7)



Overview - System Review

- The review of this system is due to the current and ongoing enrolment pressures at St. Mary's Elementary (K-6), i.e. the school's population currently exceeds its capacity, impacting program delivery.
- Update memo sent to the parents/guardians of St. Mary's Elementary and Hazelwood Elementary on December 5, 2019.
- Report provided on ThoughtExchange results (link in December 5, 2019 memo).
- Based on the ThoughtExchange results and discussions with the St. Mary's Elementary school community, the District recognized that further consultation was required.
- Updates regarding the Waterford Valley High School System review were provided to the Board of Trustees during the December 7, 2019 and the February 1, 2020 Board of Trustees meetings.
- District staff committed to providing additional options for change to the school communities for comment prior to making a recommendation to the Board of Trustees.

Considerations for System Review

Waterford Valley High

- Waterford Valley High School (10-12) was designed for a capacity of 860 students.
- If Waterford Valley High School included all Grade 9 students in the system, the total enrolment would exceed 900 students for multiple years within a 10 year projected period (2021-2026).
- Waterford Valley High School does not have the capacity to house all of the Grade 9 students in this system, i.e. to be reconfigured to a Grades 9 to 12 school. This restricts our options when considering changes to other schools in the system.

Considerations for System Review

- Moving only the grade 6 class from St. Mary's into Beaconsfield is possible but is not desirable, because they would be the only class of grade 6 students in the school.
- Changing the student attendance zone of St. Mary's Elementary K-6 is not a feasible option as in order to achieve a optimal school population we would have to take a significant portion of the school attendance zone and assign it to another school.

Considerations for System Review

- As a result, any proposed changes would involve other schools in this system which have extra space.
- Hazelwood Elementary (K-6) and St. John Bosco (K-9) are the two schools in this system with the closest proximity to St. Mary's Elementary.
- Both Hazelwood Elementary and St. John Bosco have the extra space required to accommodate students from St. Mary's Elementary.

Considerations for Review

Consequently, the ongoing review of this system consists of the following options to recommend to the Board of Trustees:

1. Maintain status quo for St. Mary's Elementary (K-6), understanding the impact on programming as outlined later in this presentation.
2. Rezoning of the student attendance zone for Hazelwood Elementary (K-6) to include the attendance zone for students currently attending St. Mary's Elementary in Grades 5 and 6.
3. Rezoning of the student attendance zone for St. John Bosco (K-9) to include the attendance zone for students currently attending St. Mary's Elementary in Grades 5 and 6. Students previously zoned for St. Mary's would attend St. John Bosco for Grades 5 to 9.

(any approved changes would begin in the 2020-21 school year)

Considerations for Status Quo

If Grade 5 and 6 students continue to attend St. Mary's Elementary

St. Mary's Elementary Enrolment Projection (Status Quo)

7+1 room
capacity

	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	Rooms
2019	32	25	25	19	37	29	23	190	9
2020	20	32	25	26	18	34	30	185	10
2021	15	21	33	27	25	17	36	174	9
2022	18	16	21	34	26	24	18	157	8
2023	22	18	16	22	33	24	25	160	9
2024	22	22	19	17	21	32	25	158	9
2025	22	22	23	20	17	20	33	157	9
2026	22	22	23	24	19	16	22	148	8
2027	22	22	23	24	23	18	17	149	8
2028	22	22	23	24	23	22	19	155	8
2029	22	22	23	24	23	22	23	159	8

Enrolment projections for St. Mary's Elementary have been updated to account for Kindergarten registrations as follows:

With 17 students currently registered for Kindergarten in September 2020, we would expect no more than 20 students in Kindergarten (this allows for up to three late registrations).

As this is lower than our earlier estimates, future Kindergarten projections have been adjusted down by a percentage.

St. Mary's Elementary 2020-21 (K-6) - Status Quo

Projected Enrolment

	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total Enrolment	Room
2020	20	32	25	26	18	34	30	185	up to 10 rooms needed

Projected Class Configurations

8 Classrooms	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	Total Enrolment
Grade	K	1	2	3	4	5/6	5	6	8 classes
Total Students	20	32 (2 teachers in one room)	25	26 (potentially 2 teachers in one room)	18	18 Combined class	25	21	185

St. Mary's Elementary 2020-21 (K-6) - Status Quo

Programming and Services Considerations

- The school has a capacity of 7 classrooms and is using the Library Learning Commons as an 8th instructional space.
- Additional classroom requirements would require team teaching (two teachers in the same classroom) in Grade 1.
- Grade 3 could potentially require a team teaching environment as well based on the projection of 26 students
- There will be limited space to work with small groups of students.
- There are issues with storage of supplies and equipment which have to be managed.

St. Mary's Elementary 2020-21 (K-6) - Status Quo

Programming and Services Considerations

- As per current practice, the gymnasium will need to be used as an instructional space for physical education, music, and band.
- Due to the Library Learning Commons (LLC) being used as an instructional classroom space, the school effectively does not have an LLC.
- The Kindergarten room is the largest classroom in the school. Due to the student enrolment projections for Grade One, the Kindergarten and Grade One classes will need to switch rooms, resulting in the lack of a washroom space in the relocated Kindergarten class. Kindergarten students would have to use the main student washrooms located in the hallway or walk through the Grade One class.

St. Mary's Elementary 2020-21 (K-6) - Status Quo

Programming and Services Considerations

- Based on the Grade 6 ICF registration to date, there would be an estimated 21 students in that program, as well as a combined Grade 5/6 class with 18 students.
- Eight or more regular classroom spaces will be required for all of the projected ten year period.
- Team teaching will continue to be used as an instructional approach to address space limitations.

St. Mary's Elementary 2020-21 (K-6) - Status Quo

Programming and Services Considerations

- Some of the programming issues due to enrolment pressures for 2020-21 are expected to continue for a projected 10 year period.
- Any unexpected increase in student enrolment during this projected period may result in additional pressures on programming, i.e. requirement for individualized special programs, demand for team teaching, etc.

Considerations for K-4 Configuration at St. Mary's Elementary

If students from St. Mary's attend grade 5 and 6 at Hazelwood Elementary or attend grades 5 to 9 at St. John Bosco

St. Mary's Elementary Enrolment Projection (K-4)

7+1 room
capacity

	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	Rooms
2019	32	25	25	19	37	29	23	190	9
2020	20	32	25	26	18			121	7
2021	15	21	33	27	25			121	6
2022	18	16	21	34	26			115	6
2023	22	18	16	22	33			111	7
2024	22	22	19	17	21			101	6
2025	22	22	23	20	17			104	6
2026	22	22	23	24	19			110	6
2027	22	22	23	24	23			114	6
2028	22	22	23	24	23			114	6
2029	22	22	23	24	23			114	6

St. Mary's Elementary 2020-21 - Reconfigured to K-4

Programming and Services Considerations

- There would be enough regular classroom spaces to meet programming needs without having to double up classes at certain grade levels and then avail of team teaching.
- An appropriate space could be developed for a Library Learning Commons to meet the expectations of the Education Action plan.
- A space could be developed over time for a music room, which would include the proper storage of the equipment required for that program.
- The gymnasium could be used during the instructional school day solely for the physical education program. This would allow the Physical Education teacher to better utilize this space.

St. Mary's Elementary 2020-21 - Reconfigured to K-4

Programming and Services Considerations

- Two regular classroom spaces could be designated for Grade One, eliminating the need for the Kindergarten class to be relocated to a room which doesn't have a washroom (the extra classroom space would be required for this group for the following 3 years as well).
- Appropriate instructional spaces could be available as needed to support specialized programming and small group instruction. (Ex. reading support, student services, individualized programs delivered by various itinerant teachers, etc.)

Considerations for Hazelwood Elementary

If students from St. Mary's attend Hazelwood for grades 5 and 6

Hazelwood Elementary Enrolment Projection (K-6 including St. Mary's Elementary 5-6)

25 room
capacity

	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	Rooms
2019	90	55	64	73	55	74	81	492	22
2020	65	92	54	62	75	89	106	543	24
2021	74	66	90	52	64	93	93	532	23
2022	65	75	65	87	54	88	96	530	23
2023	66	66	73	63	89	78	92	527	23
2024	66	67	65	71	64	121	81	535	23
2025	66	67	66	63	72	85	125	544	24
2026	66	67	65	64	64	89	89	504	23
2027	66	67	65	64	65	83	92	502	23
2028	66	67	65	64	65	83	86	501	23
2029	66	68	65	64	65	83	91	507	23

Hazelwood Elementary (K-6) 2020-21 Rezoned to Include Grades 5 and 6 - St. Mary's Elementary

Programming and Services Considerations

- This school has an estimated capacity for 620 students and has 25 regular classroom spaces.
- The projected K-6 enrolment for 2020-21, with the addition of Grades 5 and 6 from St. Mary's Elementary, is 543 students.
- With the addition of students from St. Mary's Elementary, there would be a total of 89 students in Grade 5 (estimated to be 4 classes based on current class caps).
- With the addition of students from St. Mary's Elementary, there would be a total of 106 students in Grade 6 (estimated to be 4 classes based on current class caps).

Hazelwood Elementary 2020-21 (K-6) Rezoned to Include Grades 5 and 6 - St. Mary's Elementary

Programming and Services Considerations

- Students would continue to have the opportunity to apply to Intensive Core French in Grade 6.
- The school has the required specialty areas to support K-6 programming, i.e. gymnasium, music room, library learning commons, instructional support rooms, etc.
- The school has a cafeteria/school lunch program.

Hazelwood Elementary 2020-21 (K-6) Rezoned to Include Grades 5 and 6 - St. Mary's Elementary

Programming and Services Considerations

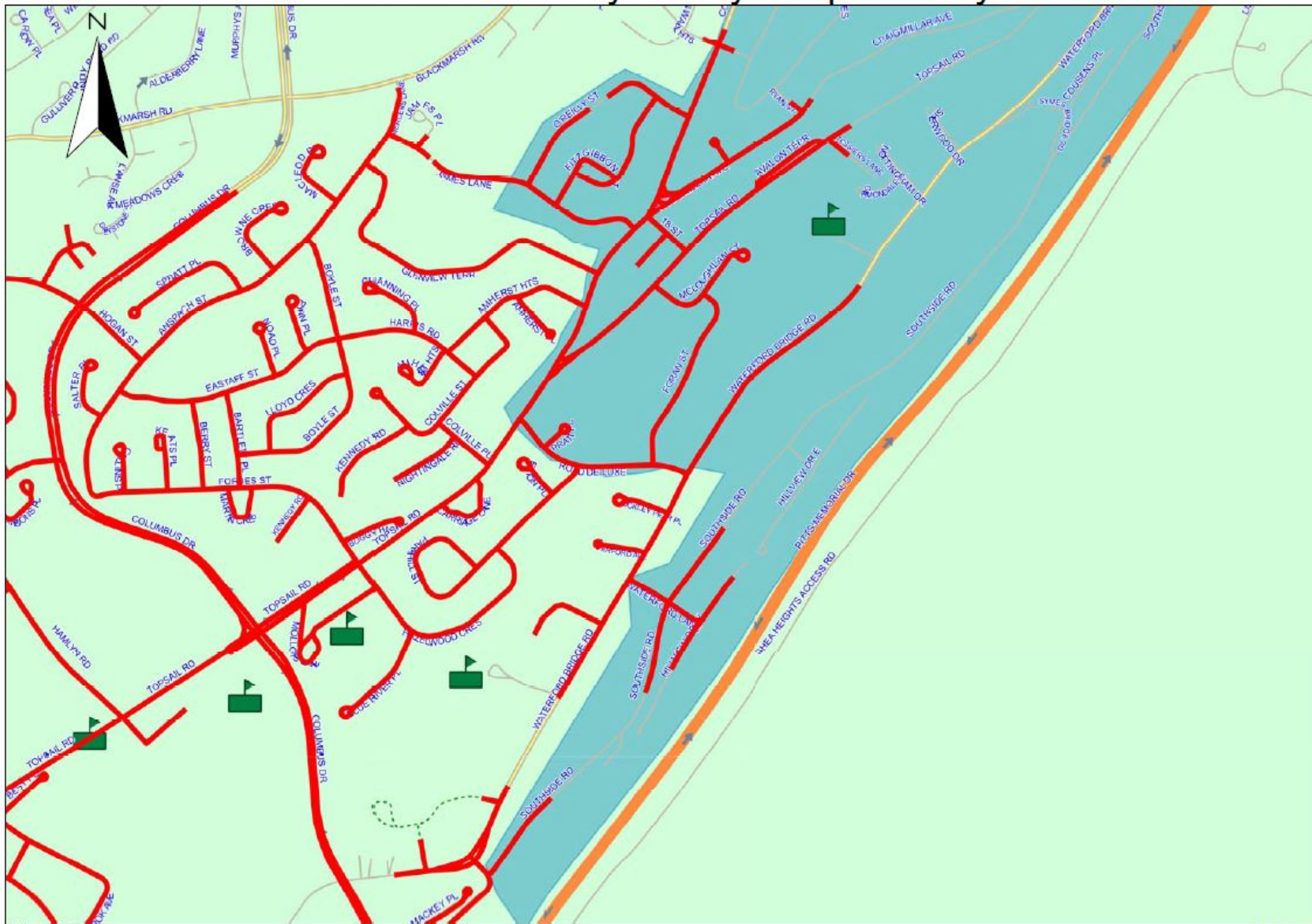
- The District acknowledges that if this change were to be implemented, the current Grade 5 students from St. Mary's Elementary would attend Hazelwood Elementary for one year, and the current Grade 4 students would attend for two years, before transitioning to Beaconsfield Junior High for Grades 7 to 9.

Hazelwood Elementary 2020-21 (K-6) Rezoned to Include Grades 5 and 6 - St. Mary's Elementary

Transportation Considerations

- Thirteen (20%) grades 5 and 6 students who are not currently bus-eligible at St. Mary's Elementary would be bus-eligible for Hazelwood Elementary.
- Fifteen (23%) grades 5 and 6 students who are currently bus-eligible at St. Mary's Elementary would not be bus-eligible for Hazelwood Elementary.

Hazelwood Elementary Family Responsibility Zone



Considerations for St. John Bosco

If students from St. Mary's attend St. John Bosco for grades 5 to 9

St. John Bosco Enrolment Projection (K-9 including St. Mary's Elementary 5-9)

25 room capacity

	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total	Rooms
2019	18	10	22	17	18	22	20	14	22	25	188	10
2020	19	18	11	23	17	53	52	44	14	22	273	13
2021	14	20	19	11	23	35	55	53	44	14	288	14
2022	13	14	21	19	10	48	36	56	53	44	314	15
2023	15	14	15	21	19	35	49	37	56	54	315	15
2024	14	15	15	16	21	52	36	50	37	56	312	15
2025	14	14	16	15	15	42	53	38	50	37	294	15
2026	13	13	14	15	14	32	44	55	38	50	288	15
2027	12	13	14	14	15	33	33	45	55	38	272	14
2028	11	12	13	14	14	38	34	35	45	55	271	14
2029	11	11	13	13	13	37	39	36	35	46	254	15

St. John Bosco (K-9) 2020-21 Rezoned to Include Grades 5 and 6 - St. Mary's Elementary

Programming and Services Considerations

- This school has an estimated capacity for 660 students and has 25 regular classroom spaces.
- The projected K-9 enrolment for 2020-21, with the addition of Grades 5 and 6 from St. Mary's Elementary, is 273 students.
- With the addition of students from St. Mary's Elementary, there would be a total of 53 students in Grade 5 (estimated to be 2 classes).
- With the addition of students from St. Mary's Elementary, there would be a total of 52 students in Grade 6 (estimated to be 2 classes).

St. John Bosco (K-9) 2020-21

Rezoned to Include Grades 5 and 6 - St. Mary's Elementary

Programming and Services Considerations

- Currently, there is no Intensive Core French program in Grade 6, although this could change with the addition of the students from St. Mary's Elementary.
- The school has the required specialty areas to support K-6 programming, i.e. gymnasium, music room, library learning commons, instructional support rooms, etc.
- If this change were to be implemented, former St. Mary's Elementary students would attend St. John Bosco for a minimum of 4 years (current Grade 5 students), or 5 years (current Grade 4 students), and then transition to Waterford Valley High for Grades 10-12.
- The school has a cafeteria/school lunch program.

St. John Bosco (K-9) 2020-21
Rezoned to Include Grades 5 and 6 - St. Mary's Elementary

Transportation Considerations

- All grade 5 and 6 students living inside the student attendance zone of St. Mary's Elementary would qualify for busing to St. John Bosco.

Next Steps

The District is once again asking for further feedback from your school community on the information and options outlined for St. Mary's Elementary. A second round of consultation using ThoughtExchange has now been launched and will run until Wednesday, March 11th at 11:59PM.

Please share your thoughts by clicking on the following link:

<https://my.thoughtexchange.com/#295917177>

Upon completion of the survey, district staff will prepare a summary report of the feedback to be shared with the Board of Trustees and the school community. All information will be reviewed and considered.

District staff will make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees, which is anticipated to be voted on at the March 28th public meeting of the Board. Should the Board choose to make adjustments to this system, they would take effect for the 2020-21 school year.

Based on the updated presentation provided by the District, what are your thoughts and perspectives on the options for St. Mary's Elementary (Waterford Valley High School System)?

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