



REPORT TO:	Planning and Priorities Advisory Committee
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TITLE OF REPORT:	Initial Attendance Area Review Report Adelaide Metcalfe and Strathroy-Caradoc Elementary Panel Attendance Area Review
PRESENTERS: <i>(list ONLY those attending the meeting)</i>	Geoff Vogt, Superintendent of Facility Services and Capital Planning Ben Puzanov, Manager of Planning Cassandra Harms, Planner
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PRESENTED FOR:	Approval
Recommendations: <i>(only required when presented for approval)</i>	THAT Administration proceed with the Adelaide Metcalfe and Strathroy-Caradoc Elementary Panel Attendance Area Review and establish an Attendance Area Review Committee for the purpose of obtaining public feedback regarding the accommodation options included in the Initial Attendance Area Review Report.
Purpose: <i>(include context)</i>	To provide an overview of the accommodation options for relieving enrolment pressure, balancing enrolment, and preparing for a future new school in Strathroy-Caradoc and establish an Attendance Area Review Committee for the purpose of obtaining public feedback regarding the accommodation options included in the Initial Attendance Area Review Report.
Content:	<p>Background</p> <p>This report is a review of elementary attendance areas in Strathroy-Caradoc and Adelaide Metcalfe. The full Initial Attendance Area Review Report is included in Appendix A.</p> <p>Enrolment in Strathroy-Caradoc is not balanced across the elementary panel due to the location of ongoing and planned new housing developments in the community. As a result, Administration is projecting continued enrolment pressure at Caradoc North PS. Schools located in Strathroy will continue to operate below capacity until land in the North Meadows Secondary Plan area is developed.</p> <p>The potential boundary changes outlined in this report would assist in relieving enrolment pressure at Caradoc North PS while balancing enrolment at Mary Wright PS and North Meadows PS in Strathroy. A</p>

new elementary school will also be needed in the long-term to support the planned housing developments in the community.

The goals of this review are as follows:

- Manage current and projected enrolment to reduce reliance on portables and continue offering students exceptional learning environments;
- Reduce reliance on school bus transportation by designating students to their most proximal school;
- Reduce overall empty pupil places; and
- Better position TVDSB to pursue Capital Priorities Program funding from the Ministry of Education for a new elementary school in Strathroy.

This review considers several accommodation options, divided into three phases, involving Caradoc North PS, Mary Wright PS, North Meadows PS, and Adelaide-W.G. MacDonald PS. Caradoc PS was included as part of this review and Administration explored attendance area changes that would relieve enrolment pressure at this school; however, given the distribution of students within the attendance area, no changes are being recommended here as part of this review. TVDSB will pursue Capital Priorities Program funding for an addition in order to manage enrolment at Caradoc PS.

There are several active development applications in Strathroy, including in the North Meadows Secondary Plan area that will yield several hundred housing units on its own. Since attendance areas were last updated in Strathroy-Caradoc, the Municipality has expanded Strathroy's settlement area boundary. As a result, much of the new development happening in the south end of the community is occurring in Strathroy but is outside of the Mary Wright PS attendance area, creating pressure at Caradoc North PS. Conversely, the enrolment at North Meadows PS is projected to decline slightly until land in the North Meadows Secondary Plan area begins to develop.

Accommodation Options

Below is a summary of the preliminary accommodation options. Details, including enrolment projections and utilization, are included in Appendix A.

Implementation of the decision of the Board of Trustees is proposed to be phased, with Phases 1 and 2 being implemented for the 2026-2027 school year and Phase 3 to be implemented upon the opening of the new Strathroy Elementary School.

Phase 1

Option 1 (Recommended by Administration)

In this option, a portion of the Caradoc North PS attendance area would be designated to Mary Wright PS. The area will contain approximately 66 students in 2026. This will reduce enrolment pressure and portable requirements at Caradoc North PS in the long term and allow students who reside in Strathroy to attend a more proximal school.

Option 2

This option builds on Option 1 and would designate an additional 48 students who reside south of Carroll Street to Mary Wright PS. Mary Wright PS has site capacity to support these additional students, especially with proposed changes as part of Phase 2; however, this would reduce enrolment at Caradoc North PS more considerably. This option was formulated to provide an opportunity for the community to provide feedback on moving all students currently attending Caradoc North PS but living with the settlement area of Strathroy to Mary Wright PS.

Phase 2

Option 1 (Recommended by Administration)

In this option, a small portion of the Mary Wright PS attendance area would be designated to attend North Meadows PS. This option would only affect approximately 29 students residing between the Thames River and Metcalfe Street.

Option 2

Option 2 includes a larger portion of the Mary Wright PS attendance area to be designated to North Meadows PS. This area is between the Thames River and the rail corridor and will contain approximately 143 students.

Phase 3

The final phase proposes that an attendance area be created around the North Meadows Secondary Plan area, the Strathroy settlement area boundary north of Second Street, and a portion of Mary Wright PS between Metcalfe Street and the rail corridor. A portion of current North Meadows PS students would be designated to the new school once it opens. The timing for the new elementary school would be dictated by development and student yields in the North Meadows Secondary Plan Area. The new school will have an OTG of approximately 430 pupil places.

Proceeding with this option would also alter the current Adelaide-W.G. MacDonald PS attendance area by designating the portion that is

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	<p>located in Strathroy, specifically the area north of Second Street and the North Meadows Secondary Plan area, to the future school. No students are expected to reside in this area when the changes are implemented.</p> <p>The timeline for submitting a business case for the new school to the Ministry of Education depends on how quickly housing developments in the North Meadows Secondary Plan area progress and when new students arrive.</p>
Connection to Committee Mandate:	This report pertains to student accommodation planning in the Thames Valley District School Board.
Financial Implications:	The costs to complete the subject attendance area review will be accommodated within the 2024-2025 budget.
Timeline:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>October 2024</u>: establish website to solicit feedback and answer questions regarding the boundary options under consideration • <u>October 2024 - November 2024</u>: establish Attendance Area Review Committee (AARC) • <u>November 2024</u>: Host AARC Meeting • <u>November 2024 - February 2025</u>: Coordinate school-level AARC Subcommittee meetings • <u>February - March 2025</u>: Review school community feedback and prepare Final Attendance Area Review Report • <u>April 2025</u>: Provide Final Attendance Area Review Report to Trustees • <u>May 2025</u>: Public Delegations meeting • <u>May 2025</u>: Decision of the Board of Trustees • <u>September 2026</u>: Implementation of the Decision of the Board of Trustees (Phases 1 and 2 only, with Phase 3 to be implemented upon the opening of the new Strathroy Elementary School)
Communications:	Administration is assembling a communications plan as part of the public consultation program for this attendance area review.
Appendices:	<p><u>Appendix A</u>: Adelaide Metcalfe & Strathroy-Caradoc Attendance Area Review recommendation slides</p> <p><u>Appendix B</u>: Initial Attendance Area Review Report for the Adelaide Metcalfe and Strathroy-Caradoc Elementary Panel Attendance Area Review</p>

Strategic Priority Areas:

Relationships: Students, families, and staff are welcomed, respected, and valued as partners: Yes

Promote and build connections to foster mutually respectful communication among students, families, staff and the broader community: Yes

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Create opportunities for collaboration and partnerships: Yes

Create opportunities for equitable access to programs and services for students: Yes

Equity and Diversity:

Students and all partners feel heard, valued, and supported: Yes

Programs and services embrace the culture and diversity of students and all partners: Yes

Achievement and Well-Being:

More students demonstrate growth and achieve student learning outcomes with a specific focus on numeracy and literacy: No

Staff will demonstrate excellence in instructional practices: No

Enhance the safety and well-being of students and staff: Yes

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