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REPORT

SUBJECT: **ST. HELEN SCHOOL ACCOMMODATION REVIEW**
PROPOSED BOUNDARIES

SUBMITTED TO: St. Helen School Accommodation Review Committee

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ST. HELEN SCHOOL ACCOMMODATION REVIEW

PROPOSED BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENTS

INTRODUCTION:

When reviewing a school for potential closure, Board policy 7.4 requires the following:

- A report outlining boundary changes that would be required if the school is closed.

BACKGROUND:

Statistical information is based on the current area for St. Helen School being divided into three segments:

- Current JK to grade 6 students who reside in the St. Helen boundary, west of Indian Road (including only the west side of Indian) would be directed to Sacred Heart School. In addition, students who reside south of, and including Rosedale Avenue and west of (not including) Murphy Road, would also be directed to Sacred Heart School. Current grade 7 students who reside in this area will be given the option of attending St. Anne or Gregory Hogan for grade 8 to graduate with their current peer group. Should these students prefer to go to Sacred Heart for grade 8, they could complete an out of school boundary application.
- All students who reside south of Michigan (including the south side of Michigan), east of Indian Road and north of (not including) Rosedale Avenue would be directed to St. Anne School.
- All students who reside in the current St. Helen area, north of Michigan and south of Errol Road would be directed to Gregory Hogan School.(see Map – Appendix 1).

Current enrolment has been adjusted to include only students who reside within the boundary for each school (Appendix 2). All out of boundary students would be redirected to their home schools.

Enrolment projections using current boundaries, have been adjusted to include only students who reside within the boundary for each school (Appendix 3).

Students from St. Helen boundary area are redistributed in accordance with proposed boundaries (Appendix 4).

Enrolment projections are provided for proposed boundary areas (Appendix 5).

Sample school organization charts for 2003-04 are provided for Gregory Hogan, Sacred Heart and St. Anne Schools to demonstrate the number of classrooms required (Appendix 6, 7 & 8).

SUMMARY:

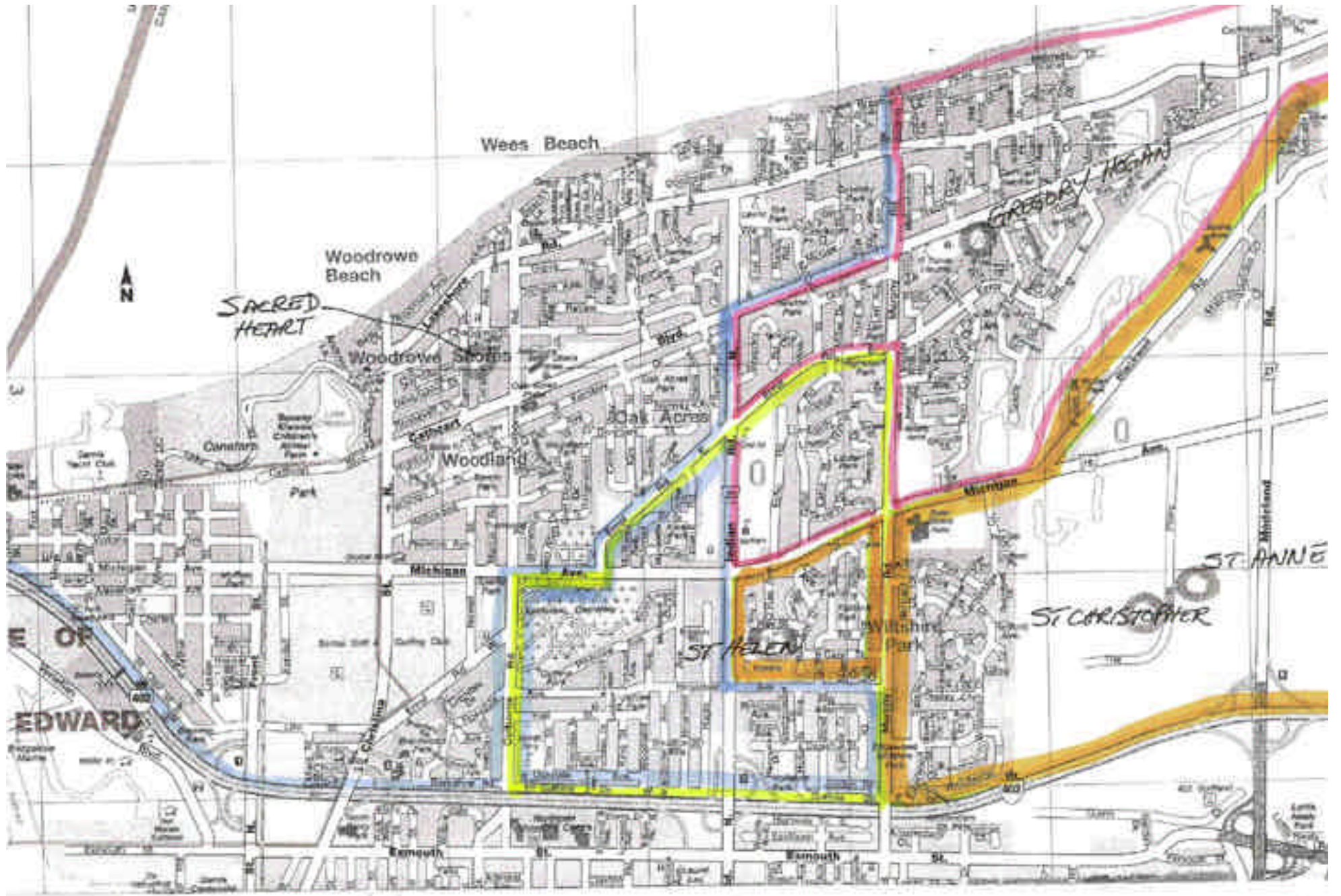
The Ministry OTG Capacity for Gregory Hogan School is 229.00, however the Potential Board Capacity is 269.00. The proposed boundaries for Gregory Hogan School would result in a full-time equivalent enrolment of 265.00 for September 2003. Students can be adequately accommodated using the eleven classrooms available at Gregory Hogan School.

The Ministry OTG Capacity for Sacred Heart School is 387.50, however the Potential Board Capacity is 403.00. The proposed boundaries for Sacred Heart School would result in a full-time equivalent enrolment of 389.00 for September 2003. Students can be adequately accommodated using the sixteen classrooms available at Sacred Heart School.

The Ministry OTG Capacity for St. Anne School is 302.00. The Potential Board Capacity is 342.00. The proposed boundaries for St. Anne School would result in a full-time equivalent enrolment of 310.50 for September 2003. Students can be adequately accommodated using twelve of the available fourteen classrooms.

There are a total of 44 classrooms currently being used in North Sarnia (2002-03). If St. Helen School closes, the projected organizations for 2003-04 will utilize only 39 classrooms of the available 41 classrooms in north Sarnia (Appendix 9), but still maintain average class sizes of 24.09, 25.10, and 25.88 at Gregory Hogan, Sacred Heart and St. Anne Schools respectively.

If St. Helen School closes, the three remaining schools in north Sarnia will still benefit from "small school size". In a 1996 article about school size in Eric Digests, Deborah Meier defines small schools as enrolling 300 to 400 students. Although the article suggests that "suitable size is likely to vary from place to place," "none recommend fewer than 300 (students)".



DISTRIBUTION OF CURRENT NORTH SARNIA STUDENTS
(as at September 16, 2002)

CURRENT GRADE	GREGORY HOGAN					SACRED HEART, SARNIA					ST. ANNE, SARNIA					ST. HELEN					
	Total Attending	Less O/A	Plus O/A (at STAN)	Plus O/A (at STH)	Actual GAH Area	Total Attending	Less O/A	Plus O/A (at GAH)	Plus O/A (at STH)	Actual SHS Area	Total Attending	Less O/A	Plus O/A (at GAH)	Plus O/A (at STH)	Actual STAN Area	Total Attending	Less O/A	Plus O/A (at GAH)	Plus O/A (at SHS)	Plus O/A (at STAN)	Actual STH Area
JK	19				19	20				20	16	-2		1	15	22	-1			1	22
K	15	-2	1		14	20				20	20	-4	1		17	24				1	25
1	18		1		19	22				22	33	-3			30	17	-1			1	17
2	24	-1	1	1	25	23				23	25	-2	1	2	26	32	-3			1	30
3	28		1		29	30	-1			29	25	-5			20	28	-2			2	28
4	24	-1		1	24	34	-1			33	34	-1			33	27	-1	1	1		28
5	26	-2	1		25	37		1	1	39	36	-3	1	3	37	37	-4				33
6	30	-1		1	30	40			1	41	46		1		47	33	-3				30
7	21	-2		1	20	36	-1			35	25	-3		2	24	33	-3	1	1	1	33
8																					
TOTAL	205	-9	5	4	205	262	-3	1	2	262	260	-23	4	8	249	253	-18	2	2	7	246

Information presented on this report reflects total number of students rather than full-time equivalent students.

A total of 53 students attending school within this area, reside outside the boundary for the school they attend.

Thirty-five of these students are from within this area; eighteen reside within boundaries other than these three schools.

Note: Student demographic information was extracted from the school's student administration system on September 16, 2002.

CURRENT BOUNDARIES - ENROLMENT HISTORY & PROJECTIONS

(Projections use only in boundary students)

GREGORY HOGAN

ACTUAL	JK	SK	GR 1	GR 2	GR 3	GR 4	GR 5	GR 6	GR 7	GR 8	TOTAL	* FTE
October 31, 1997	17	23	25	20	29	27	32	28	42	43	286	266.00
October 31, 1998	25	20	26	25	23	29	29	34	29	41	281	258.50
October 31, 1999	18	26	21	26	28	24	28	31	34	31	267	245.00
October 31, 2000	17	19	28	22	26	28	20	29	30	32	251	233.00
October 31, 2001	10	16	23	28	26	25	32	21	30	28	239	226.00
****September 16, 2002	19	14	19	25	29	24	25	30	20	32	237	220.50
PROJECTED												
October 31, 2003	17	20	14	19	25	29	24	25	30	20	223	204.50
October 31, 2004	17	18	20	14	19	25	29	24	25	30	221	203.50
October 31, 2005	17	18	18	20	14	19	25	29	24	25	209	191.50
October 31, 2006	17	18	18	18	20	14	19	25	29	24	202	184.50
October 31, 2007	17	18	18	18	18	20	14	19	25	29	196	178.50

**** MINISTRY OTG CAPACITY**

***** POTENTIAL BOARD CAPACITY**

CAPACITY:	229.00	269.00
FTE SEPTEMBER 2003:	204.50	204.50
% OCCUPIED SEPT. 2003:	89.3%	76.0%

SACRED HEART, SARNIA

ACTUAL	JK	SK	GR 1	GR 2	GR 3	GR 4	GR 5	GR 6	GR 7	GR 8	TOTAL	* FTE
October 31, 1997	33	39	38	34	48	40	39	52	51	43	417	381.00
October 31, 1998	22	37	36	39	36	45	47	42	53	49	406	376.50
October 31, 1999	19	20	35	33	40	38	44	52	42	53	376	356.50
October 31, 2000	20	19	25	34	35	41	38	47	52	44	355	335.50
October 31, 2001	22	23	24	27	33	36	40	35	52	55	347	324.50
****September 16, 2002	20	20	22	23	29	33	39	41	35	50	312	292.00
PROJECTED												
October 31, 2003	20	20	20	22	23	29	33	39	41	35	282	262.00
October 31, 2004	20	21	20	20	22	23	29	33	39	41	268	247.50
October 31, 2005	20	21	21	20	20	22	23	29	33	39	248	227.50
October 31, 2006	20	21	21	21	20	20	22	23	29	33	230	209.50
October 31, 2007	20	21	21	21	21	20	20	22	23	29	218	197.50

**** MINISTRY OTG CAPACITY**

***** POTENTIAL BOARD CAPACITY**

CAPACITY:	387.50	403.00
FTE SEPTEMBER 2003:	262.00	262.00
% OCCUPIED SEPT. 2003:	67.6%	65.0%

ST. ANNE, SARNIA

ACTUAL	JK	SK	GR 1	GR 2	GR 3	GR 4	GR 5	GR 6	GR 7	GR 8	TOTAL	* FTE
October 31, 1997	38	27	45	32	46	35	47	46	53	42	411	378.50
October 31, 1998	31	41	39	46	35	49	36	50	46	55	428	392.00
October 31, 1999	24	25	27	28	37	23	49	31	48	40	332	307.50
October 31, 2000	20	25	25	28	30	41	24	49	30	49	321	298.50
October 31, 2001	23	25	28	24	30	31	43	25	46	31	306	282.00
****September 16, 2002	15	17	30	26	20	33	37	47	24	48	297	281.00
PROJECTED												
October 31, 2003	20	16	17	30	26	20	33	37	47	24	270	252.00
October 31, 2004	20	21	16	17	30	26	20	33	37	47	267	246.50
October 31, 2005	20	21	21	16	17	30	26	20	33	37	241	220.50
October 31, 2006	20	21	21	21	16	17	30	26	20	33	225	204.50
October 31, 2007	20	21	21	21	21	16	17	30	26	20	213	192.50

**** MINISTRY OTG CAPACITY**

***** POTENTIAL BOARD CAPACITY**

CAPACITY:	302.00	342.00
FTE SEPTEMBER 2003:	252.00	252.00
% OCCUPIED SEPT. 2003:	83.4%	73.7%

ST. HELEN

ACTUAL	JK	SK	GR 1	GR 2	GR 3	GR 4	GR 5	GR 6	GR 7	GR 8	TOTAL	* FTE
October 31, 1997	28	37	34	35	42	27	41	42	38	32	356	323.50
October 31, 1998	29	26	36	38	35	43	30	42	43	38	360	332.50
October 31, 1999	26	30	29	39	37	35	41	32	41	40	350	322.00
October 31, 2000	18	31	31	28	41	36	36	41	33	36	331	306.50
October 31, 2001	24	17	30	31	25	39	36	34	40	33	309	288.50
****September 16, 2002	22	25	17	30	28	28	33	30	33	40	286	262.50
PROJECTED												
October 31, 2003	21	23	25	17	30	28	28	33	30	33	268	246.00
October 31, 2004	21	22	23	25	17	30	28	28	33	30	257	235.50
October 31, 2005	21	22	22	23	25	17	30	28	28	33	249	227.50
October 31, 2006	21	22	22	22	23	25	17	30	28	28	238	216.50
October 31, 2007	21	22	22	22	22	23	25	17	30	28	232	210.50

**** MINISTRY OTG CAPACITY**

***** POTENTIAL BOARD CAPACITY**

CAPACITY:	302.00	375.50
FTE SEPTEMBER 2003:	246.00	246.00
% OCCUPIED SEPT. 2003:	81.5%	65.5%

* FTE is the full-time equivalent enrolment, which is the count of students based on the percentage of time they attend school. A pupil enrolled in junior kindergarten or kindergarten is therefore counted as .5. Ministry grant calculations and the assignment of staff to schools are based on the FTE enrolment.

** MINISTRY OTG (On the Ground) CAPACITY is the number of full-time equivalent pupil places currently identified by the Ministry of Education for classroom use, exclusive of portables.

*** POTENTIAL BOARD CAPACITY represents the Ministry OTG Capacity adjusted for available classroom spaces in the school that are currently loaded differently in the Ministry's facilities inventory system that is updated annually (eg- Segregated Special Education Classes, Computer Labs, Music Rooms, etc.).

**** September 16 enrolment has been adjusted to show only in boundary students for grades JK to 7.

PROPOSED BOUNDARY REALIGNMENT FOR NORTH SARNIA

(as per attached map - Appendix 1)

IN-BOUNDARY DISTRIBUTION OF CURRENT NORTH SARNIA STUDENTS

(as at September 16, 2002)

CURRENT GRADE	GREGORY A. HOGAN		SACRED HEART		ST. ANNE		ST. HELEN			
	Boundary	From St. Helen	Boundary	From St. Helen	Boundary	From St. Helen	Boundary	To SHS	To St. Anne	To GAH
JK	19	3	20	14	15	5	22	-14	-5	-3
K	14	5	20	18	17	2	25	-18	-2	-5
1	19	4	22	10	30	3	17	-10	-3	-4
2	25	3	23	18	26	9	30	-18	-9	-3
3	29	7	29	16	20	5	28	-16	-5	-7
4	24	8	33	13	33	7	28	-13	-7	-8
5	25	2	39	23	37	8	33	-23	-8	-2
6	30	11	41	15	47	4	30	-15	-4	-11
7	20	9	35	17	24	7	33	-17	-7	-9
8										
TOTAL	205	52	262	144	249	50	246	-144	-50	-52
GRAND TOTAL	257		406		299		0			

* The seventeen students who are currently in grade 7 and reside in the new boundary area for Sacred Heart School will have the option of attending Gregory Hogan or St. Anne School for grade 8 to graduate with their peer group. Should any of these students prefer to attend Sacred Heart School, they could complete an out of school boundary application.

PROPOSED BOUNDARIES - ENROLMENT HISTORY & PROJECTIONS

(Projections use only in boundary students)

NOTE: September 16 enrolment has been adjusted to show only in boundary students for grades JK to 7.

The seventeen grade 8 stuents who reside in the new Sacred Heart boundary have been divided between Gregory Hogan (8 students) and St. Anne (9 students).

GREGORY HOGAN

PROJECTED	JK	SK	GR 1	GR 2	GR 3	GR 4	GR 5	GR 6	GR 7	GR 8	TOTAL	* FTE
October 31, 2003	21	23	19	23	28	36	32	27	41	37	287	265.00
October 31, 2004	21	22	23	19	23	28	36	32	27	41	272	250.50
October 31, 2005	21	22	22	23	19	23	28	36	32	27	253	231.50
October 31, 2006	21	22	22	22	23	19	23	28	36	32	248	226.50
October 31, 2007	21	22	22	22	22	23	19	23	28	36	238	216.50

CURRENT

** MINISTRY OTG CAPACITY

*** POTENTIAL BOARD CAPACITY

CAPACITY:	229.00	269.00
PROJECTED FTE SEPT/03:	265.00	265.00
% OCCUPIED:	115.7%	98.5%

SACRED HEART

PROJECTED	JK	SK	GR 1	GR 2	GR 3	GR 4	GR 5	GR 6	GR 7	GR 8	TOTAL	* FTE
October 31, 2003	32	36	38	32	41	45	46	62	56	35	423	389.00
October 31, 2004	32	34	36	38	32	41	45	46	62	56	422	389.00
October 31, 2005	32	34	34	36	38	32	41	45	46	62	400	367.00
October 31, 2006	32	34	34	34	36	38	32	41	45	46	372	339.00
October 31, 2007	32	34	34	34	34	36	38	32	41	45	360	327.00

CURRENT

** MINISTRY OTG CAPACITY

*** POTENTIAL BOARD CAPACITY

CAPACITY:	387.50	403.00
PROJECTED FTE SEPT/03:	389.00	389.00
% OCCUPIED:	100.4%	96.5%

ST. ANNE, SARNIA

PROJECTED	JK	SK	GR 1	GR 2	GR 3	GR 4	GR 5	GR 6	GR 7	GR 8	TOTAL	* FTE
October 31, 2003	24	21	19	33	35	25	40	45	51	40	333	310.50
October 31, 2004	24	25	21	19	33	35	25	40	45	51	318	293.50
October 31, 2005	24	25	25	21	19	33	35	25	40	45	292	267.50
October 31, 2006	24	25	25	25	21	19	33	35	25	40	272	247.50
October 31, 2007	24	25	25	25	25	21	19	33	35	25	257	232.50

CURRENT

** MINISTRY OTG CAPACITY

*** POTENTIAL BOARD CAPACITY

CAPACITY:	302.00	342.00
PROJECTED FTE SEPT/03:	310.50	310.50
% OCCUPIED:	102.8%	90.8%

* FTE is the full-time equivalent enrolment, which is the count of students based on the percentage of time they attend school. A pupil enrolled in junior kindergarten or kindergarten is therefore counted as .5. Ministry grant calculations and the assignment of staff to schools are based on the FTE enrolment.

** MINISTRY OTG (On the Ground) CAPACITY is the number of full-time equivalent pupil places currently identified by the Ministry of Education for classroom use, exclusive of portables.

*** POTENTIAL BOARD CAPACITY represents the Ministry OTG Capacity adjusted for available classroom spaces in the school that are currently loaded differently in the Ministry's facilities inventory system which is updated annually (eg.- Segregated Special Education Classes, Computer Labs, Music Rooms, etc.).

COMPARISON OF NUMBER OF TEACHERS AND CLASSROOMS

SCHOOL	CURRENT #			PROPOSED			AVAILABLE CLASSROOMS (Based on Potential Board Capacity) September 2003
	FTE Teacher		#	FTE Teacher		#	
	JK / K	Gr. 1 - 8	Classrooms Being Used	JK / K	Gr. 1 - 8	Classrooms Required	
GREGORY HOGAN	1.0	8.0	9	1.0	10.0	11	11
SACRED HEART SARNIA	1.0	11.0	12	1.5	14.0	16	16
ST. ANNE, SARNIA	1.0	11.0	12	1.0	11.0	12	14
ST. HELEN	1.0	10.0	11				
TOTAL	4.0	40.0	44	3.5	35.0	39	41

PROPOSED BOUNDARIES - COMPARISON OF ENROLMENT AND PERCENTAGE OCCUPIED

SCHOOL	CAPACITY	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2003 EXCESS CAPACITY	2007 EXCESS CAPACITY
GREGORY HOGAN								
Enrolment		265.00	250.50	231.50	226.50	216.50		
Ministry OTG Capacity	229.00	115.7%	109.4%	101.1%	98.9%	94.5%	(36.00)	12.50
Potential Board Capacity	269.00	98.5%	93.1%	86.1%	84.2%	80.5%	4.00	52.50
SACRED HEART								
Enrolment		389.00	389.00	367.00	339.00	327.00		
Ministry OTG Capacity	387.50	100.4%	100.4%	94.7%	87.5%	84.4%	(1.50)	60.50
Potential Board Capacity	403.00	96.5%	96.5%	91.1%	84.1%	81.1%	14.00	76.00
ST. ANNE								
Enrolment		310.50	293.50	267.50	247.50	232.50		
Ministry OTG Capacity	302.00	102.8%	97.2%	88.6%	82.0%	77.0%	(8.50)	69.50
Potential Board Capacity	342.00	90.8%	85.8%	78.2%	72.4%	68.0%	31.50	109.50
TOTALS								
Enrolment		964.50	933.00	866.00	813.00	776.00		
Ministry OTG Capacity	918.50	105.0%	101.6%	94.3%	88.5%	84.5%	(46.00)	142.50
Potential Board Capacity	1014.00	95.1%	92.0%	85.4%	80.2%	76.5%	49.50	238.00
Excess Pupil Places		49.50	81.00	148.00	201.00	238.00		