



**ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC**  
**DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**  
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## **REPORT**

**SUBJECT:** **ST. HELEN SCHOOL ACCOMMODATION REVIEW  
TRANSPORTATION IMPLICATIONS**

**SUBMITTED TO:** **ST. HELEN SCHOOL  
ACCOMMODATION REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**DATE OF MEETING:** **OCTOBER 1, 2002**

**PREPARED BY:** **KEVIN FITZPATRICK  
Manager of Transportation**

**PRESENTED BY:** **KEVIN FITZPATRICK  
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**BACKGROUND**

Situated at 975 Hay Street, St.Helen School services an area of 3.97 square kilometers in north Sarnia. Presently only one bus services this school providing transportation for 51 eligible students. The average ride time of twenty-six minutes is comparable to the district average of 33 minutes. Ride time ranges from 6 minutes to 44 minutes. This bus is operated by McGill Bus Lines from Sarnia.

**POLICY AND PROCEDURES**

The provision of transportation to students within the region is governed by the following policies:

The Education Act permits the Board to provide transportation but does not obligate it to do so.

1. Only students qualified to be admitted in a school operated by the Board may be eligible for transportation service under the following provisions:
  - a. Students in Junior Kindergarten or Senior Kindergarten who reside greater than 800 metres from the school will be eligible for transportation.
  - b. Students in Grade one or Grade two who reside greater than 1000 metres from the school will be eligible for transportation.
  - c. Students in Grade three through Grade eight who reside greater than 1600 metres from the school will be eligible for transportation.

**2. Distance Calculations**

- a. The distances stated in the Distance Eligibility Criteria shall be used to determine eligibility. The distances measured will be the shortest safe walking route along road or walkway from school property to home property.
- b. The Transportation Department using transportation software with the appropriate municipal map will make all measurements for transportation purposes.

**3. Eligibility Other Than Distance**

At the discretion of the Transportation Department, transportation may be provided for a period up to one school year under the following circumstance:

- a. The walking route is deemed to be unusually hazardous by the Transportation Department.

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- b. The provision of transportation shall be provided to a student for a physical disability upon completion of a medical certificate.

These exceptions would be reviewed annually.

**CONDITIONS OF SERVICE**

**1. Riding Time**

- a. Other than in exceptional circumstances, students in Elementary School will not spend more than 60 minutes on the bus, one way, each day.
- b. Other than in exceptional circumstances, students in Secondary School will not spend more than 75 minutes on the bus, one way, each day.

**2. Distance to Bus Stops - Urban** (as defined by the Transportation Department)

- . In urban areas students in Elementary School (excluding students in the French Immersion program), shall not be required to walk more than 800 metres to the bus stop from the nearest point of access of their property.
  - a. In urban areas students in Secondary School (excluding students in the French Immersion program), shall not be required to walk more than 1600 metres to the bus stop from the nearest point of access of their property.
  - b. French Immersion students in Grades Junior Kindergarten - Graduation may be picked up and dropped off at centrally located bus stops as designated by the Transportation Department.

**3. Distance to Bus Stops - Rural**

- . In rural areas, where possible, students shall not be required to walk more than 800 metres from the resident gate to a designated bus stop.
  - a. Where houses are grouped in rural areas, students will be requested to utilize community stops, which will be determined by the Route Technician.
  - b. In rural areas, every attempt will be made to ensure that Junior Kindergarten through Grade 1 students are picked up and dropped off as close to their home laneway as safety will allow.

**4. Stop Location**

Bus stop locations shall be a minimum of 300 metres apart, and should allow a minimum of 150 metres of clear vision in both directions. Bus stops should not be located on a steep grade, brow of a hill or a blind curve. All stop locations are subject to conditions under the Ontario Highway Traffic Act.

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**5. Loading Guidelines**

- . Bus loading guidelines shall be as follows whenever possible:
  - o Grades K-6 - Manufactured rated capacity
  - o Grades 7-Graduation - Manufactured rated capacity less 33%

Standing or sitting in stairwells will not be permitted under any circumstances.

**PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION**

Students currently attending St.Helen would be directed to Gregory Hogan, St Anne, and Sacred Heart. All students would be bused due to distance. Five additional runs would be required to service students.

School bus stops have been placed at strategic locations but are subject to change through parental consultations. (*See Map – Proposed Routes*)

Ride time for these students would average 8 minutes ranging from 4 minutes to 11 minutes. Current average ride time for these students is 26 minutes.

Present Cost of Transportation	\$15,280.18
Projected Cost of Transportation	\$153,365.11
Additional Cost of Transportation	<b>\$134,084.93</b>

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Proposed Bus Stops (Map Attached)

**Gregory Hogan**

Opening Bell: <File Missi Closing Bell: <File Missi

**Run 1 - Orange**

Number of Students: 52 (presently enrolled in St. Helen)

Stop	Pick-up Time		Time at School
1	8:26:00	1337 MURPHY RD ,SARNIA	8:35:00
2	8:28:00	ECHO RD , SARNIA & LOMBARDY DR ,SARNIA	8:35:00
3	8:28:00	GIFFEL RD , SARNIA & LOMBARDY DR ,SARNIA	8:35:00
4	8:29:00	SEVERIN DR S , SARNIA & LANG ST ,SARNIA	8:35:00
5	8:30:00	LANG ST , SARNIA & LINDEN WAY ,SARNIA	8:35:00
6	8:31:00	SEVERIN DR N , SARNIA & LOMBARDY DR ,SARNIA	8:35:00

**St. Anne (Sarnia)**

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**Run 2 - Yellow**

Number of Students: 53 (presently enrolled in St. Helen)

Stop	Pick-up Time		Time at School
1	8:22:00	HAY ST , SARNIA & O'RAE AVE ,SARNIA	8:30:00
2	8:23:00	BEL AIRE DR , SARNIA & HAY ST ,SARNIA	8:30:00
3	8:23:00	BEL AIRE DR , SARNIA & FAIRLANE AVE ,SARNIA	8:30:00
4	8:24:00	FAIRLANE AVE , SARNIA & WILSON DR ,SARNIA	8:30:00
5	8:24:00	GRIFFITH RD , SARNIA & SOLE ST ,SARNIA	8:30:00

**Sacred Heart (Sarnia)**

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**Run 3 - Green**

Number of Students: 59 (presently enrolled in St. Helen)

Stop	Pick-up Time		Time at School
1	8:16:00	DAGAN ST , SARNIA & WESTMINSTER DR ,SARNIA	8:25:00
2	8:18:00	BOND ST , SARNIA & JORDAN DR ,SARNIA	8:25:00
3	8:18:00	BOND ST , SARNIA & DAGAN ST ,SARNIA	8:25:00
4	8:18:00	BOND ST , SARNIA & ALLANDALE DR ,SARNIA	8:25:00

**Run 4 - Purple**

Number of Students: 57 (presently enrolled in St. Helen)

Stop	Pick-up Time		Time at School
1	8:14:00	HAGLE ST , SARNIA & STRATHMOORE AVE ,SARNIA	8:25:00
2	8:15:00	STRATHMOORE AVE , SARNIA & WOODLAND AVE ,SARNIA	8:25:00
3	8:16:00	PINEVIEW AVE , SARNIA & KENWOOD AVE ,SARNIA	8:25:00
4	8:18:00	HALL ST , SARNIA & TORO ST ,SARNIA	8:25:00
5	8:19:00	COURT ST , SARNIA & GUTHRIE DR ,SARNIA	8:25:00

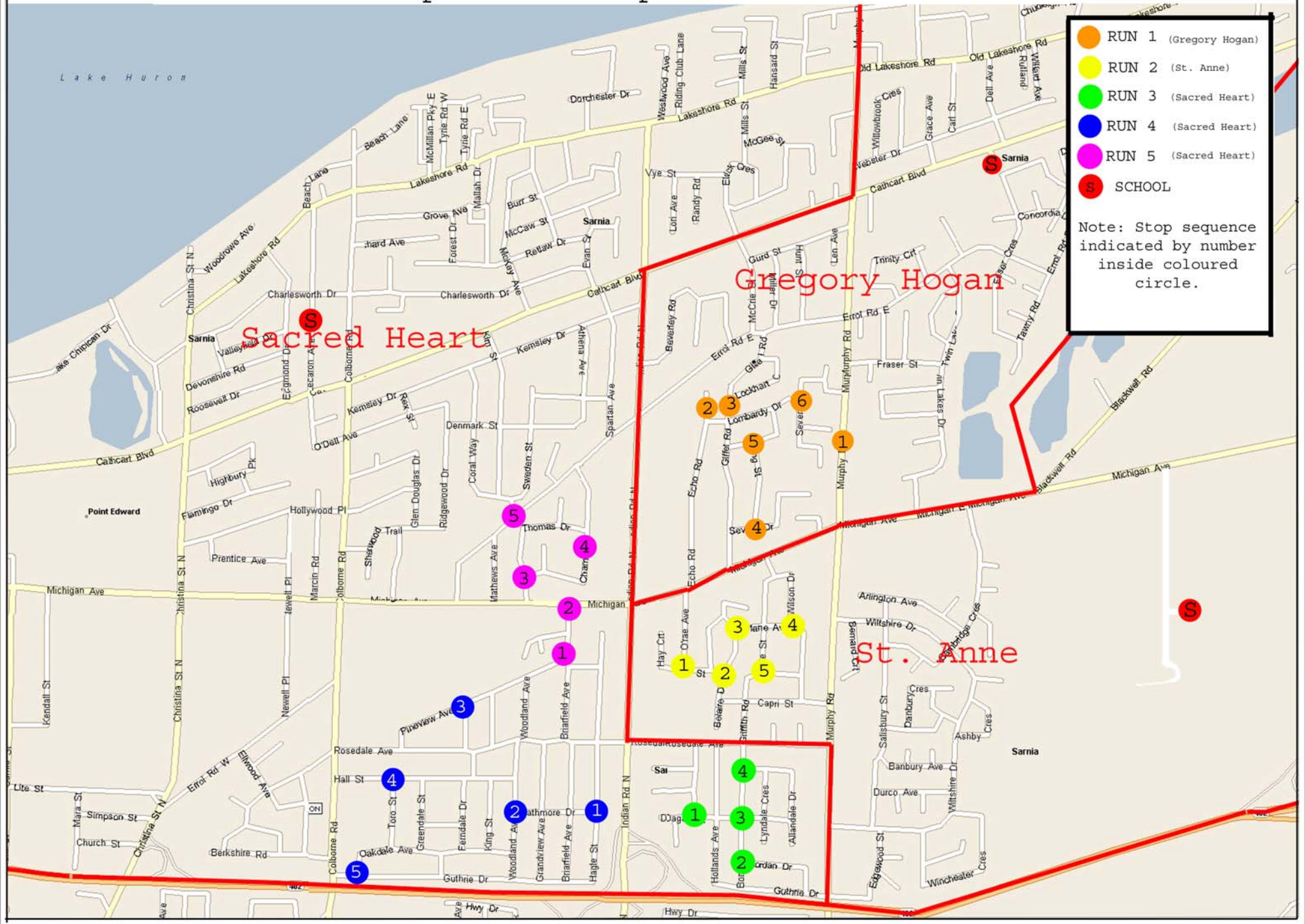
**Run 5 - Pink**

Number of Students: 33 (presently enrolled in St. Helen)

Stop	Pick-up Time		Time at School
1	8:16:00	BRIARFIELD AVE , SARNIA & PINEVIEW AVE ,SARNIA	8:25:00
2	8:17:00	MICHIGAN AVE & BRIARFIELD AVE ,SARNIA	8:25:00
3	8:18:00	CHAMPLAIN RD , SARNIA & THOMAS DR ,SARNIA	8:25:00
4	8:18:00	CHAMPLAIN RD , SARNIA & THOMAS DR ,SARNIA	8:25:00
5	8:20:00	ERROL RD E , SARNIA & KIM ST ,SARNIA	8:25:00

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## Proposed Bus Stop Locations



- RUN 1 (Gregory Hogan)
- RUN 2 (St. Anne)
- RUN 3 (Sacred Heart)
- RUN 4 (Sacred Heart)
- RUN 5 (Sacred Heart)
- SCHOOL

Note: Stop sequence indicated by number inside coloured circle.