



Meeting Date: May 17, 2023

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Report No: CAO-17-2023

Subject: TVDSB Attendance Area Review Preliminary Findings

Recommendation:

THAT Report CAO-17-2023, re: TVDSB Attendance Area Review Preliminary Findings be received for information.

Purpose:

The purpose of this report is a follow-up report to CAO-4-2023 that provides preliminary findings of studies undertaken by the Thames Valley District School Board (TVDSB) to address the student distribution imbalances across secondary schools in London and area.

Background:

At the March 1, 2023 Attendance Area Review Committee meeting, information was brought forward in response to the attendance area-wide review that the Thames Valley District School Board is undertaking.

Attached to this Report is a copy of the slide presentation that speaks to the presentation and the preliminary findings with proposed scenarios that was presented to the review committee.

Analysis:

Municipal staff met with representatives from the TVDSB on May 1, 2023 to review the preliminary findings and there are two topic areas that are brought to Council and public for consideration.

Topic Area 1 – Medway High School

On Slide 11, there are currently three elementary schools that are recognized as “split-feeders” and the proposed change is to eliminate feeder schools that are split. As such, Slide 16 references the elementary schools that would support the population for Medway High School (the change would have six schools instead of nine).

Topic Area 2 – French Immersion

On Slide 15, the breakdown shows the current system where there are two schools (Sir Frederick Banting and Sir Wilfred Laurier) that provide the catchment area for Middlesex-London. The proposed change is the addition of a new school being Clarke Road Secondary School which would be the catchment area for Middlesex County as the additional school providing French immersion.

Next Steps:

Staff have engaged with our school board trustees and are planning to have host a delegation at an upcoming council meeting where this topic can be raised and discussed.

As the school board is in process of looking for feedback, residents can provide their comments at www.tvdsb.ca/LAAR as this website also contains additional supplementary documents as well as recordings of meetings that have been held for this work (including school meetings – found under School Related News).

Financial Implications:

N/A

Strategic Plan:

This matter aligns with following strategic priorities:

- Engaged Community

Taking part in dialogue with our school board trustees and allowing for residents to review and provide input will assist with the growth pressures that are being experienced as the TVDSB looks to create a stable model to accommodate further growth across the region.

Attachments:

Attachment – City of London Secondary Panel Attendance Area Review, dated March 1, 2023