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## **BOUNDARY REVIEW AND FEEDER SCHOOL RELATIONSHIPS - OPTION #3 (REVISED)**

### FACTS:

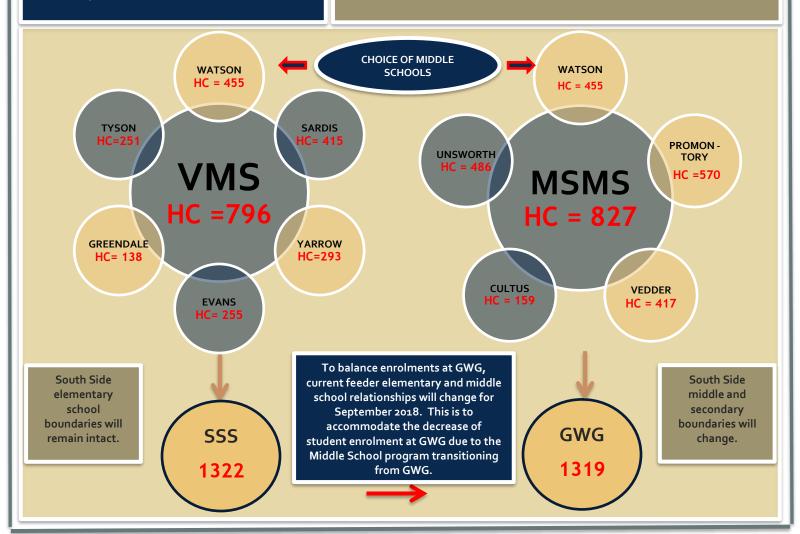
- ✓ Based on the 1701 September 2017 data, on average, 30% of the student enrolment at each of our schools is comprised of out of catchment students (some exceptions given closed boundaries, for example 100% of enroled students at Promontory reside in the Promontory catchment).
- ✓ This practice is aligned with what is written in Policy 531 School Admission and Choice, where the admission process should maximize the students' and parents' ability to choose the school and educational program that best meets the students' educational needs, subject to the availability of space, programs and resources as determined by the school district.

### **BOUNDARY CHANGES:**

- ✓ The district will redefine its elementary and middle feeder school relationships on the south side of the highway with the goal of balancing student enrolments at middle and secondary schools.
- ✓ No change is recommended affecting schools on the north side of the highway given existing functional capacities at all schools.

### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES:**

- ✓ Enrolments to be balanced at middle and secondary.
- ✓ All boundary changes are made to keep redefined Families of Schools together.
- ✓ Space for District Programs is a consideration.
- ✓ To maintain safety of students, safe walking routes (particularly for elementary students).
- ✓ To minimize elementary school students' walking distances.
- ✓ To create space to continue to accommodate student and parent choice Policy 531.

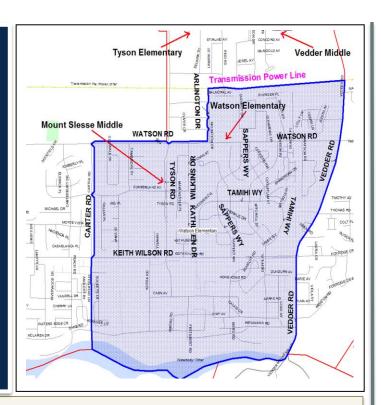


### **Watson Boundary:**

Students currently attending Watson elementary will have a choice with respect to the middle school they would prefer to attend starting September 2018. Please note that students choosing to attend Mount Slesse Middle School will transition to GWG Secondary School in grade 9. Similarly, students from the Watson catchment choosing to attend Vedder Middle School will transition to Sardis Secondary in grade 9.

Please note that the data analysis below includes the assumption that 50% of the students at Watson will choose to go to each middle school, which eventually impacts enrollments at Sardis Secondary and GWG Secondary schools.

The district will implement a clear registration process in the new calendar year to ensure students and parents have the ability to plan early and communicate their choice for middle school to the district.



#### PROJECTED ENROLMENT MIDDLE SCHOOLS ON THE SOUTH SIDE:

✓ Extrapolate the grade 6 numbers over three grades and it is easy to see each middle school will have an enrollment of over 900 students with a balanced population. This would be until we have built a new elementary-middle school on the south side.

It is assumed that in the future years Tyson, Evans, Sardis, Greendale, Yarrow and Watson (choice of middle school) will feed into Vedder Middle School. This does not include 30 Late French Immersion students from CMS - LFI will continue to run at both CMS and VMS.

		VEDDER MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECTED GRADE 6 STUDENTS													
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Gr 6		291	275	312	283	324	299	304	309	314	304	311	315	317	317

It is assumed that in the future years Unsworth, Cultus, Vedder, Watson (choice of middle school) and Promontory will feed into MSMS. Please note that these projections do not include local knowledge which may impact long term projections.

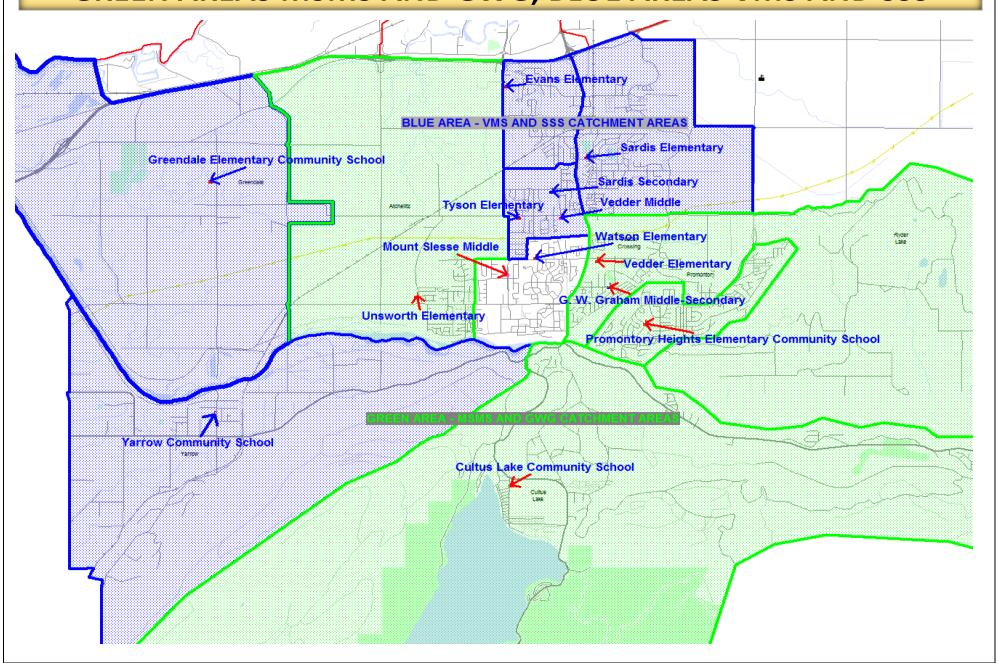
		MOUNT SLESSE MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECTED GRADE 6 STUDENTS													
Gr 6	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
		322	327	340	330	325	322	376	339	360	350	352	354	355	352

### PROJECTED ENROLMENT FOR HIGH SCHOOLS ON THE SOUTH SIDE:

ALL PROGRAMS GWG SECONDARY AFTER RECONFIGURATION															
Grade		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Total		1300	1303	1414	1380	1342	1331	1388	1392	1388	1425	1434	1471	1502	1476

ALL PROGRAMS SSS AFTER RECONFIGURATION															
Grade		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Total		1322	1150	1039	1080	1113	1210	1217	1253	1280	1271	1299	1288	1294	1301

# BOUNDARIES – OPTION 3 (REVISED) GREEN AREAS MSMS AND GWG; BLUE AREAS VMS AND SSS



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# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS - OPTION #3 (REVISED)

### Q&A:

### **GREENDALE, YARROW AND WATSON:**

- ✓ Students currently attend MSMS in grade 7. Will this option be available for students at the Middle School level for the next many years, especially if they already have a sibling attend MSMS?
  - Yes, attending MSMS will be an option as we want to ensure that we accommodate families. We will ensure we keep track of these students to ensure consistency in communication.
- ✓ If students are attending MSMS as a middle school, will they have a choice of going to SSS in their high school years?
  - o We will allow choice for these students as long as we have space and resources available at SSS.
- ✓ Will current middle school Greendale, Yarrow and Watson students have a choice of attending SSS will they be grandfathered?
  - Current middle school students will be accommodated as long as space and resources are available at SSS.
     One of the key factors for consideration will be to ensure we keep siblings together and to ensure consistency for families. This will also make it easier for transportation for busy families.

### **CULTUS:**

- ✓ Will current middle school Cultus Elementary students have a choice of attending SSS will they be grandfathered?
  - Current middle school students will be accommodated as long as space and resources are available at SSS.
     One of the key factors for consideration will be to ensure we keep siblings together and to ensure consistency for families. This will also make it easier for transportation for busy families.

### **GENERAL:**

- ✓ Looking at the data it seems SSS long term will have a smaller population. Will families going through MSMS to GWG be given the opportunity to attend SSS through the district choice policy?
  - Options to attend a cross boundary school are always available to all families. This is much more common at the high school level, where students are looking to take some unique courses or a program at one of our three high schools in the district. We will ensure we provide choice and flexibility to ensure all students can access the programs they require for post high school plans.
- ✓ Will secondary students have an opportunity to take courses at both high schools on the south side?
  - As a district we will look at opportunities to align high school timetables where feasible so students can take a unique combination of courses (E. g., a south side student attending the hairstyling program on the north side).
- ✓ In the past GWG Middle Secondary offered fewer options for senior students due to smaller enrolment. Will there be equal opportunities for senior secondary students with respect to senior level academic classes?
  - As GWG Middle Secondary transitions to a 9-12 high schools, we will have more academic class options at the senior level. We will also continue to offer unique program and class choice at all three of our high schools to promote choice.
- ✓ Will I be informed in a timely manner in regards to transportation options for my child's new middle and high schools before the start of the school year?
  - As in previous years, all students will be informed in advance before the start of the new school year regarding bussing options if they are beyond the walk limit and if they have regular or courtesy rider status.