



Boundary Review for Eglinton Junior Public School, Hodgson Middle School, and Northlea Elementary and Middle School

To: Committee of the Whole

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Strategic Directions

- Provide Equity of Access to Learning Opportunities for All Students

Recommendation

It is recommended:

- a) That the junior attendance area for Northlea Elementary and Middle School be expanded to include the portion of the Eglinton Junior Public School junior attendance area that is located east of Cardiff Road (including both sides of Cardiff Road) and north of Eglinton Avenue East, effective 1 September 2020;
- b) That the intermediate attendance area for Northlea Elementary and Middle School be expanded to include the portion of the Hodgson Middle School intermediate attendance area that is located east of Cardiff Road (including both sides of Cardiff Road) and north of Eglinton Avenue East, effective 1 September 2020;
- c) That, only for the 2019-2020 school year, all JK to Grade 5 English track students who reside in the portion of Eglinton Junior Public School's junior attendance area described in Part a) above be allowed to register at either Eglinton Junior Public School or Northlea Elementary and Middle School;
- d) That, only for the 2019-2020 school year, all Grades 6 to 8 English track students who reside in the portion of Hodgson Middle School's intermediate attendance area described in Part b) above be allowed to register at either Hodgson Middle

- e) That all students who reside in the portion of Eglinton Junior Public School's junior attendance area described in Part a) above and attend Eglinton Junior Public School as of the end of the 2019-2020 school year be allowed to remain at Eglinton Junior Public School until they graduate;
- f) That all Eglinton Junior Public School students who reside in the proposed boundary change area described in Part a) as of the 2019-2020 school year be allowed to keep their current intermediate school pathway (Hodgson MS) until they graduate from Grade 8; and
- g) That all students who reside in the portion of Hodgson Middle School's intermediate attendance area described in Part b) above and attend Hodgson Middle School as of the end of the 2019-2020 school year be allowed to remain at Hodgson Middle School until they graduate.

Context

The schools involved in the Boundary Change Review are Eglinton Junior Public School, Hodgson Middle School, and Northlea Elementary and Middle School. These schools are located in Ward 8 (Trustee Laskin) and Ward 11 (Trustee Chernos Lin).

The Yonge-Eglinton area continues to experience significant accommodation pressures. Projected population and associated school enrolment growth is being driven largely by new residential development, the majority of which falls within the attendance area of Eglinton Jr PS.

Eglinton Jr PS is a dual-track English/Extended French JK to Grade 5 school that currently has 605 students and is operating at 110% utilization. Enrolment is projected to increase to 719 in 2023 and 779 in 2028. The school does not have sufficient physical space to accommodate the projected enrolment growth. Eglinton Jr PS sits on a 1.6 acre site that cannot accommodate portables.

Over the past ten years, numerous accommodation solutions have been implemented in the Yonge-Eglinton area to address enrolment pressures at many of the area elementary schools. Phase one of the Yonge-Eglinton Program Area Review was completed in 2015. It resulted in a series of grade changes, boundary changes, and program adjustments. The Ministry of Education also approved two capital projects in the area in 2016 – a replacement school at Davisville Jr PS and a 12-classroom addition at Hodgson MS. In 2018, the Board of Trustees also approved a boundary change between Eglinton Jr PS and Maurice Cody Jr PS as well as the redirection of

nine developments away from the Eglinton Jr PS to Whitney Jr PS. Despite the approval and implementation of these changes, enrolments at Eglinton Jr PS continue to grow beyond the site's capacity to accommodate.

As approved in the TDSB's Long-Term Program and Accommodation Plan 2018-2027, phase two of the Yonge-Eglinton Program Area Review began in early 2019 to discuss potential solutions involving a number of elementary schools in the area. However, in light of recent announcements by the Ministry of Education regarding class sizes and funding, the review was suspended until the fall of 2019 to give staff time to review and accommodate these changes. Secondary properties are also being considered as opportunities to address continued accommodation pressures in the Yonge-Eglinton area.

Given the immediate need to reduce enrolment pressures at Eglinton Jr PS, a boundary change review between Eglinton Jr PS, Hodgson MS, and Northlea E & MS is still being continued. While this boundary change is not an adequate solution for the long term, it will help to ease enrolment pressures at the Eglinton Jr PS for the next couple years (alongside continued development redirections away from Eglinton Jr PS).

A public meeting was held on 23 May 2019 at Northlea E & MS. The proposed boundary change was presented and attendees were provided with an opportunity to ask questions and offer feedback.

The proposed junior and intermediate boundary change areas were amended slightly prior to the public meeting to include addresses on the west side of Cardiff Road. This amendment was made in response to feedback received from community members prior to the public meeting. There was concern that the originally-proposed boundary running down the middle of Cardiff Road would effectively send students residing on that street to different schools. Appendix A contains enrolment data showing the impact of the proposed boundary change on the schools. Appendices B and C contain maps that show the current and proposed boundaries.

In general, parents, guardians and community members were supportive of the proposed boundary change. Questions were asked with respect to the following:

- **French programming impacts:** The proposed boundary changes affect English attendance areas. The decision to admit students into a French program at any school is contingent on space availability in any given year.
- **Residential development potential in the Northlea E & MS attendance area, and whether that would have an impact on long-term projections at the school:** Staff responded that there is currently one active residential

development application in the current Northlea E & MS attendance area and another active development application in the proposed boundary change area. Both applications were factored into the enrolment projections for Northlea E & MS.

The City of Toronto also provided the TDSB with long-term population forecasts for the Midtown in Focus study area. These population estimates did not include the entirety of the Northlea E & MS attendance area but staff incorporated the long-term growth associated with a small area (Bayview Avenue and Eglinton Avenue East) into the school's long-term projections. There could also be development potential along Eglinton Avenue East, between Sutherland Drive and Laird Avenue. This area is currently designated as 'Mixed Use' so the area could at some point be redeveloped with mid-rise buildings. No applications have been submitted to date so this has not been reflected in the school's enrolment projections.

Long-term accommodation plans for the Yonge-Eglinton area and status of the Yonge-Eglinton Phase 2 Program Area Review: Staff informed meeting attendees that Phase 2 of the Yonge-Eglinton Program Area Review will resume in the fall. The Local Feasibility Team's recommendations that were originally presented to the Program Area Review Team are still on the table; new options that could potentially involve more schools and/or secondary school properties will also be presented to the team and community members at that time.

The proposed boundary change provides Eglinton Jr PS and Hodgson MS with some immediate accommodation relief beginning in September 2019 until longer-term solutions can be implemented. Residential developments in the Eglinton Jr PS attendance area will also continue to be redirected elsewhere. In addition, staff continues to investigate all available avenues to support the TDSB's requirement for a new elementary school in the area.

Action Plan and Associated Timeline

If approved, the boundary change would be effective 1 September 2020. For the 2019-2020 school year, JK to Grade 8 students residing in the proposed boundary change would be extended the option of attending Eglinton Jr PS, Hodgson MS, or Northlea E & MS for English programming. Beginning in the 2020-2021 school year, any new JK to Grade 8 student residing in the proposed boundary change area would be directed to Northlea E & MS for English programming.

The Student Accommodation Plan is presented in Appendix D.

Resource Implications

No capital requirements are anticipated as a result of this boundary change. Staffing requirements at Eglinton Jr PS, Hodgson MS, and Northlea E & MS are subject to annual enrolment projections and staffing cycles.

Communications Considerations

Information and results of this report will be posted on the TDSB's Accommodation Review website. Information and notice of the Board decision will also be provided through the school's website, the school's profile page on the TDSB website, backpack/school email circulation, and will be emailed to all attendees to the public meeting who provided email addresses.

Notation will be added to the street guide notifying anyone using the 'Find Your School' search function of the Board-approved changes and directing them to the latest information about the outcome of this review.

JK to Grade 8 students who reside in the proposed junior and intermediate boundary change areas and who are attending (or are pre-registered to attend) Eglinton Jr PS or Hodgson MS in the 2019-2020 school year will be contacted individually to indicate their school preference for the 2019-2020 school year.

Board Policy and Procedure Reference(s)

Accommodation and Program Review Policy P068, Section 6E

Appendices

- Appendix A: Planning and Enrolment Data
- Appendix B: Map of Current and Proposed Junior Attendance Areas
- Appendix C: Map of Current and Proposed Intermediate Attendance Areas
- Appendix D: Student Accommodation Plan

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Appendix A

Planning and Enrolment Data

Status Quo

No change to the Eglinton Jr PS, Hodgson MS, or Northlea E & MS attendance areas.

School Name	Grade Range	Capacity	Oct. 31, 2018		Oct. 31, 2023		Oct. 31, 2028	
			Enrolment	Utilization	Enrolment	Utilization	Enrolment	Utilization
Eglinton Jr PS	JK-5	548	605	110%	719	131%	779	142%
Hodgson MS*	6-8	390	534	137%	746	112%	885	133%
Northlea E & MS	JK-8	762	777	102%	811	106%	788	103%
Total		1,700	1,916	113%	2,276	115%	2,452	124%

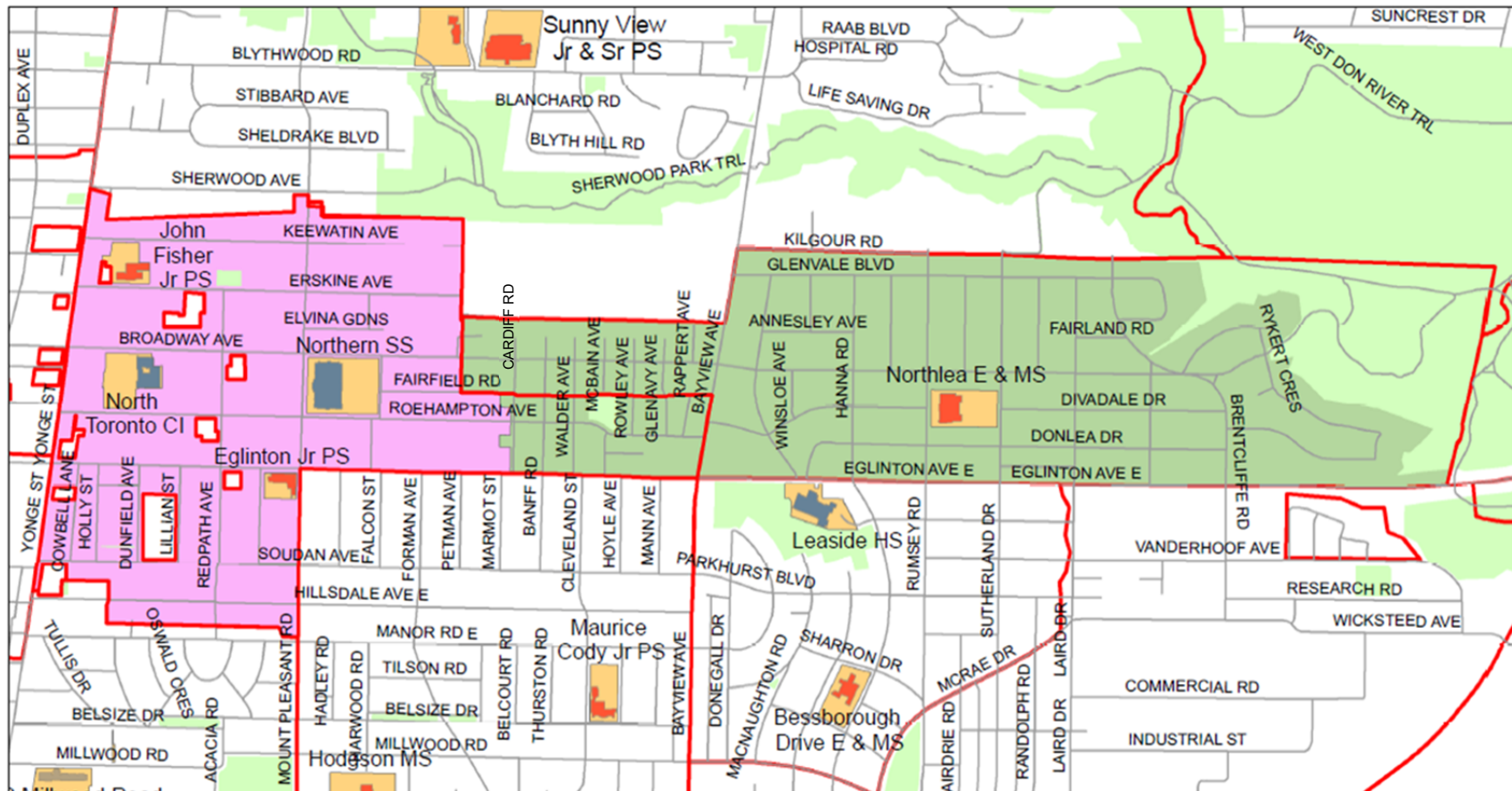
Staff Recommendation

Proposed boundary change assigns the area east of Cardiff Road (including homes on both sides of Cardiff Road) and north of Eglinton Avenue East from Eglinton Jr PS (JK to Grade 5) and Hodgson MS (Grades 6 to 8) to Northlea E & MS (JK to Grade 8).

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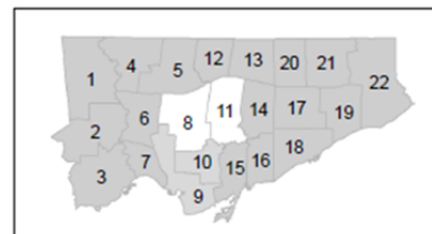
*Capacity to increase from 390 to 666 in September 2023 when the Ministry-approved 12 classroom addition is built.

Map of Current and Proposed Junior Attendance Areas



Legend:

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| Elementary School | Current Junior Attendance Area | Parks |
| Secondary School | Proposed Eglinton Jr PS Junior Attendance Area | Road |
| Site | Proposed Northlea E & MS Junior Attendance Area | |

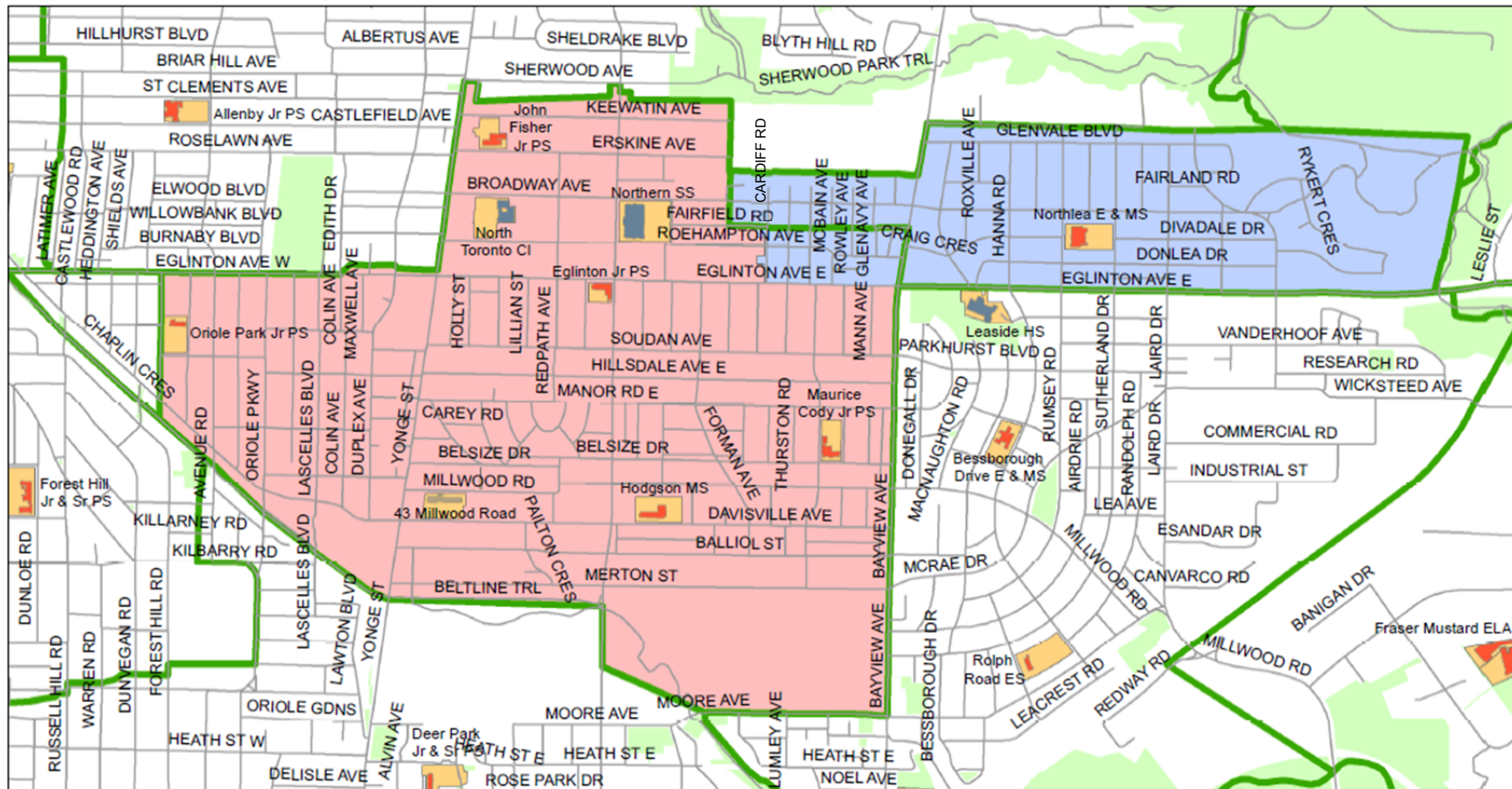


Please note:
The lines on this map representing the Attendance Areas are approximate. For specific information on designated schools to serve individual addresses, please consult the TGOB Street Guide.

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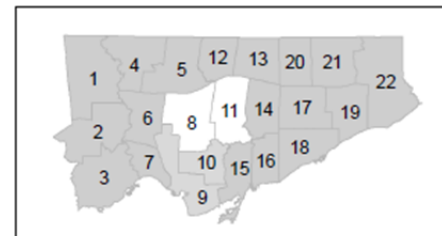
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Base Map- Geospatial Competency Centre
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Data- City of Toronto

Map of Current and Proposed Intermediate Attendance Areas



Legend:

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| Elementary School | Current Intermediate Attendance Area | Parks |
| Secondary School | Proposed Hodgson MS Intermediate Attendance Area | Road |
| Site | Proposed Northlea E & MS Intermediate Attendance Area | |



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Appendix D

Student Accommodation Plan

Overview:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand the Northlea E & MS junior and intermediate attendance areas to include the portions of the Eglinton Jr PS junior attendance area and the Hodgson MS intermediate attendance area that are north of Eglinton Avenue East and west of Cardiff Road (including addresses on both sides of Cardiff Road), effective 1 September 2020.
Details for each school:
<p>Eglinton Jr PS</p> <p>2019-20:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All JK to Grade 5 English track students who reside in the portion of Eglinton Jr PS's junior attendance area described above are allowed to register at either Eglinton Jr PS or Northlea E & MS. <p>2020-21 (full implementation):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boundary change is implemented and all students living within boundary change area and currently attending Eglinton Jr PS are able to choose to remain at Eglinton Jr PS or switch to Northlea E & MS. Students who have chosen to remain at Eglinton Jr PS as of the end of the 2019-20 school year will also have the option to follow the pathway to Hodgson MS in Grade 6. All new students from the boundary change area are assigned to Northlea E & MS for English programming.
<p>Hodgson MS</p> <p>2019-20:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Grades 6 to 8 English track students who reside in the portion of Hodgson MS's intermediate attendance area described above are allowed to register at either Hodgson MS or Northlea E & MS. <p>2020-21 (full implementation):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boundary change is implemented and all students living within boundary change area and currently attending Hodgson MS are able to choose to remain at Hodgson

MS or switch to Northlea E & MS. All new students from the boundary change area are assigned to Northlea E & MS for English programming.

Northlea E & MS

2019-20:

- All JK to Grade 8 English track students who reside in the proposed boundary change area (junior and intermediate) will have the option to attend Northlea E & MS.

2020-21 (full implementation):

- Boundary change is implemented and all students living within boundary change area and currently attending Eglinton Jr PS or Hodgson MS are able to choose to remain at their respective school, or switch to Northlea E & MS. All new students from the boundary change area are assigned to Northlea E & MS.