

South East Norfolk
Accommodation Review

Requests for Information

April 12, 2016

Are changes being proposed to take place for September 2016 as the chart shows?

There will be no changes for September 2016.

Will all the classes become split classes, at both FI locations, based on these numbers?

Development of the school organizations would follow the normal staffing process, with special consideration given to the notion of growing two successful FI programs.

What is the cap number on JK French immersion? 26? 36?

26 is a Board average, not a cap.

The predicted enrollment for JK's at both locations (13 students per year at Walsh and 12 students per year at Lakewood) seem very low. Will the GEDSB cap on immersion enrollment be shared between the two locations? (i.e. - 25 students in total accepted into JK split between the 2 locations).

Class-size caps apply at individual schools. At this point caps on French Immersion enrolment are a temporary solution. The Trustees will need to make a decision about caps on a go-forward basis.

With respect to the proposed boundary changes for French Immersion, could I please be provided with a breakdown of the number of students in each area by grade?

The following is the projected enrolment based on splitting the FI program between Walsh and Lakewood. Assuming this would be effective Sept 2017 the highlighted bands show the first year of implementation and the fifth year.

Projected FI Enrolment - Retained at Walsh											
Year	JK	SK	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
2016	19	16	19	9	24	12	5	0	0	0	104
2017	16	23	19	18	9	24	12	5	0	0	126
2018	13	19	27	18	18	9	24	12	5	0	145
2019	13	15	22	26	18	18	9	24	12	5	162
2020	13	15	18	21	26	18	18	9	24	12	174
2021	13	15	18	17	21	26	18	18	9	24	179
2022	13	15	18	17	17	21	26	18	18	9	172
2023	13	15	18	17	17	17	21	26	18	18	180
2024	13	15	18	17	17	17	17	21	26	18	179
2025	13	15	18	17	17	17	17	17	21	26	178

Projected FI Enrolment - Move to Lakewood											
Year	JK	SK	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
2016	17	26	21	8	15	7	6	0	0	0	100
2017	14	20	31	21	8	15	7	6	0	0	122
2018	12	17	24	30	21	8	15	7	6	0	140
2019	12	15	21	23	30	21	8	15	7	6	158
2020	12	15	17	20	23	30	21	8	15	7	168
2021	12	15	17	17	20	23	30	21	8	15	178
2022	12	15	17	17	17	20	23	30	21	8	180
2023	12	15	17	17	17	17	20	23	30	21	189
2024	12	15	17	17	17	17	17	20	23	30	185
2025	12	15	17	17	17	17	17	17	20	23	172

The topic of asbestos came up and Elgin PS was identified as one of the known buildings in GEDSB to have asbestos. Are any of the other 3 schools built pre 1990 in this ARC review known to contain undisturbed asbestos?

Almost every school built pre-1990 has some asbestos in it. The asbestos is managed, well documented and inspected regularly to ensure there is no risk to students or staff.

A specific request was made to determine which school an FI student would attend, given the family's address.

The family's question was answered. For confidentiality reasons, the family's name and address cannot be included.

Would the proposed renovation to Elgin PS remove most, if not all asbestos through the remediation process?

It would be our intent to remove as much of the existing asbestos as possible during a renovation/redevelopment of the scope proposed for Elgin.

If West Lynn PS were to remain open, would the school still incur the \$2,039,630 renewal costs in the next 5 years in addition to the cost of purchasing additional land, rezoning and constructing the proposed addition to the school?

If West Lynn were to remain open, we would likely plan to include most of the 5-year renewal costs to bring the building up to standard in addition to the costs of additional land and construction of an addition. We have not done a full cost study to know what those costs might be as the option is only in the discussion stage.

In the recommended report, how many additional classrooms would be required at Lakewood for the 100 students moving from Walsh?

Lakewood has capacity for 561 students with 389 currently enrolled, leaving 172 available spaces (561-389), so no additional classrooms would be required to move 100 students from Walsh to Lakewood.

Does Lakewood or the refreshed/renovated Elgin PS have the amount of classrooms required for dual track FI without causing capacity issues now and 10 years from now?

There is sufficient room at Lakewood and Elgin for a portion of a split-FI program. However, neither of the schools has available capacity for the full FI program. FI – Norfolk program is expected to reach 365 in ten years.

If FI were split between Walsh and another school, how many classrooms are required to facilitate such a split of 80+ students, JK to grade 8?

That would be determined through the normal process of organizing a school. The specific grade distribution of the students would determine how classes were established.

If Elgin closes, is the Enrichment campus included in the proposal at West Lynn or would Enrichment have to be moved to an alternate location?

The Board reviews the location of all Spec Ed Programs annually. It could be placed at another site in any given year. The proposal at West Lynn would not likely include the Enrichment Program as the board would be required to build additional space to accommodate this program there while there remains available space elsewhere in other Norfolk Schools.

Can you detail the funding that will be available for resources to create a new FI location. Is it the case that no additional funding is provided for French materials?

In creating a new FI location, for the most part, we're moving students who already had supports in place at their last school. New funding comes from the kindergarten students entering the system. There are no supports specifically for FI students, but the Board has, in the past, requested funds from the Ministry. In the interest of establishing a successful FI program, additional supports could temporarily be provided (e.g., smaller class sizes).

As a result of the Board's recommended action, how many students in South East Norfolk would be riding busses?

Chart on following page.

Total number of students eligible for transportation

School	Current Student Data (as of April 15, 2016)	Riders based on Administration's Proposal	Variance in Riders
Elgin	3	178	175
Lakewood	214	312	98
Lynndale	57	59	2
Walsh	398	274	-124
West Lynn	<u>129</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-129</u>
Total	801	823	22

If a school closes as a result of this ARC, how does the school population transition to its new location? How are the students and staff supported?

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