

### **OPTION 6 (Consolidate 3 Schools into 2 Schools, with an addition)**

This option proposes the **construction of an addition** at St. Joseph School and

- 1) the transfer of Notre Dame School students to an expanded St. Joseph facility to join the St. Joseph school community in a K-8 regular track (RT) school; and
- 2) the closure of St. Michael School and the transfer of the French Immersion program for Northumberland to the Notre Dame site, creating a single-track K-8 French Immersion (FI) school.

This proposal is dependent on Ministry of Education approval and funding of a classroom addition to St. Joseph large enough to include new student population transferring from Notre Dame.

School Boundary/Catchment changes: the former RT catchments of Notre Dame and St. Joseph would be combined into one new catchment area serving the expanded St. Joseph facility. The FI catchment in Northumberland would be transferred to the Notre Dame site.

#### **Advantages:**

- All FI St. Michael school students would move together to Notre Dame School site with improved learning environment and green space.
- All former Notre Dame students would move together to the expanded St. Joseph site with improved learning environment and similar green space.
- Enrolment at the expanded St. Joseph site would be optimal for class organization and allocation of resources (approx. 450).
- Notre Dame would become a single track French Immersion program location which could have positive marketing aspects and would be unique to Cobourg.
- Utilization of Notre Dame as a French Immersion site would be approximately 90% based on current enrolment of FI students, which allows for potential growth of French Immersion program into the future.
- Notre Dame site would no longer be over capacity. Removal of portapak on Notre Dame site as it would no longer be needed to accommodate students.
- The closure of St. Michael School would generate an operating cost savings.
- The closure of St. Michael School would eliminate significant future capital renewal needs.
- Maintains St. Joseph School facility and Notre Dame School Facility as active assets.
- No demolitions would be required, and a shorter construction period than if a new school were built in its entirety.
- Fewer accommodation issues to deal with during the construction phase as existing St. Joseph students could stay on site during the construction of the addition.

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**Disadvantages:**

- Does not address any of the facility issues at Notre Dame.
- The St. Joseph School community will be inconvenienced during the construction phase as it would be expected that current students would remain on-site during construction.
- Proposal is not aligned with Board preferential accommodation structure of dual-track programs on one site.
- Possibility of families being split between two schools if children within the same family are not in the same stream.
- The size of the addition would require more capital dollars than Option 5, but less than Option 2 as renovation/retrofit of Notre Dame would not be undertaken.
- Closure of the St. Michael School located beside a Catholic church.
- The Board will now have one closed school in its facility inventory to dispose of.

<b>Enrolment Projections &amp; Utilization</b>					
SCHOOL	OTG	2017 – 18 PROJ	2018 – 19 PROJ	2022 – 23 PROJ	2027 – 28 PROJ
St. Joseph	484	452	451	408	424
Utilization		93%	93%	84%	88%
Notre Dame	230	197	201	204	214
Utilization		86%	87%	89%	93%
Total	714	649	652	612	638
Total Utilization		91%	91%	86%	89%