

OPTION 5 (Consolidate 3 Schools into 2 Schools, with an addition)

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

- 1) the closure of St. Michael School and the transfer of the French Immersion Program to an expanded St. Joseph facility, which will become a dual-track K-8 FI/RT site.

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 St. Michael.

School Boundary/Catchment changes: the FI catchment of St. Michael would be transferred to St. Joseph. No changes to existing RT boundary for St. Joseph. No changes to existing RT boundary for Notre Dame.

Advantages:

- All St. Michael school students would move together to St. Joseph with improved learning environment and green space. Notre Dame community would not be affected by any boundary changes, and the existing school community stays in their current facility.
- Families that were formerly RT at St. Michael have already been transferred to St. Joseph, and this would bring that community back together again.
- Aligns with Board preferential accommodation structure of dual-track program in one site.
- Creates a dual-track FI site with approximate equal populations in FI and RT.
- 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.
- Fewer capital dollars required for the addition compared to Options 2 and 6. Likely need an approximate 6 classroom addition due to current excess capacity at St. Joseph.

Disadvantages:

- Does not address any facility condition issues at Notre Dame.
- Does not address over-capacity issue at Notre Dame, thereby continuing to require portables/portapak on site.
- 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.
- 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.

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Enrolment Projections & Utilization					
SCHOOL	OTG	2017 – 18 PROJ	2018 – 19 PROJ	2022 – 23 PROJ	2027 – 28 PROJ
St. Joseph	438	389	402	388	405
Utilization		89%	92%	89%	92%
Notre Dame	230	260	250	224	233
Utilization		113%	109%	97%	101%
Total	668	649	652	612	638
Total Utilization		97%	98%	92%	96%