

Help Plan Our Future Attendance Area Reconsideration

Our Lady of Peace School
November 6, 2018



Opening Prayer

Loving Father,

We thank you for the gift of Catholic education.

Please guide our discussions as we work together to plan our future. Help us to be open and transparent and gentle in our conversations. Help us to accept responsibility for all of the children that you have entrusted to our care. May our work together be completed with love and respect. We ask this in the name of your loving son, Jesus.

Amen. †



Territorial Acknowledgement



We would like to acknowledge that this meeting is taking place on the traditional territories of the people of the Treaty 7 region in Southern Alberta

Introductions



Mary Martin, Trustee, Wards 13 & 14



Cathie Williams, Trustee, Wards 11 & 12

Meeting Overview

- Introductions
- Our Path to Now
- Help Plan Our Future Guiding Principles
- Current Reality
- Proposal
- Table Talk
- Next Steps
- Thank You and Closing Prayer



Our Path to Now

- Our Lady of Peace School attendance area includes Millrise and Evergreen Estates
- Our Lady of the Evergreens School currently feeds to St. Stephen School in Southwood for junior high
- The Evergreen community has long advocated for a junior high closer to home
- Our Lady of Peace School feeds to Bishop O'Byrne

Our Path to Now

- Fall 2018 – Demographic information has been reviewed and an opportunity now exists to have grade 6 students from the community of Evergreen now feed to Our Lady of Peace School
- October 9 – OLE School Council Meeting
- October 10 – OLP School Council Meeting
- October 11 – St. Stephen School Council Meeting

HPOF Guiding Principles

- Reflecting the district philosophy of 'me to we' in all of our efforts.
- Committing to a high standard of academic achievement.
- Placing programs strategically to meet the diverse needs of students.
- Implementing planning strategies that are guided by what is best for students.
- Working with government to secure accommodation funding.
- Adjusting and consolidating boundaries to yield more viable populations in individual schools.
- Reducing deferred maintenance and operating costs by optimizing the use of our facilities.



Our Public Participation Goal

IAP2 Spectrum of Public Participation



Increasing Level of Public Impact →

Inform

To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.

Consult

To obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions.

Involve

To work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered.

Collaborate

To partner with the public in each aspect of the decision including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution.

Empower

To place final decision-making in the hands of the public.

Public participation goal

Our Public Participation Promise

IAP2 Spectrum of Public Participation



Increasing Level of Public Impact

**Promise
to the
public**

Inform

We will keep you informed.

Consult

We will keep you informed, listen to and acknowledge concerns and aspirations, and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.

Involve

We will work with you to ensure that your concerns and aspirations are directly reflected in the alternatives developed and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision.

Collaborate

We will look to you for advice and innovation in formulating solutions and incorporate your advice and recommendations into the decisions to the maximum extent possible.

Empower

We will implement what you decide.

Sustainable Decisions

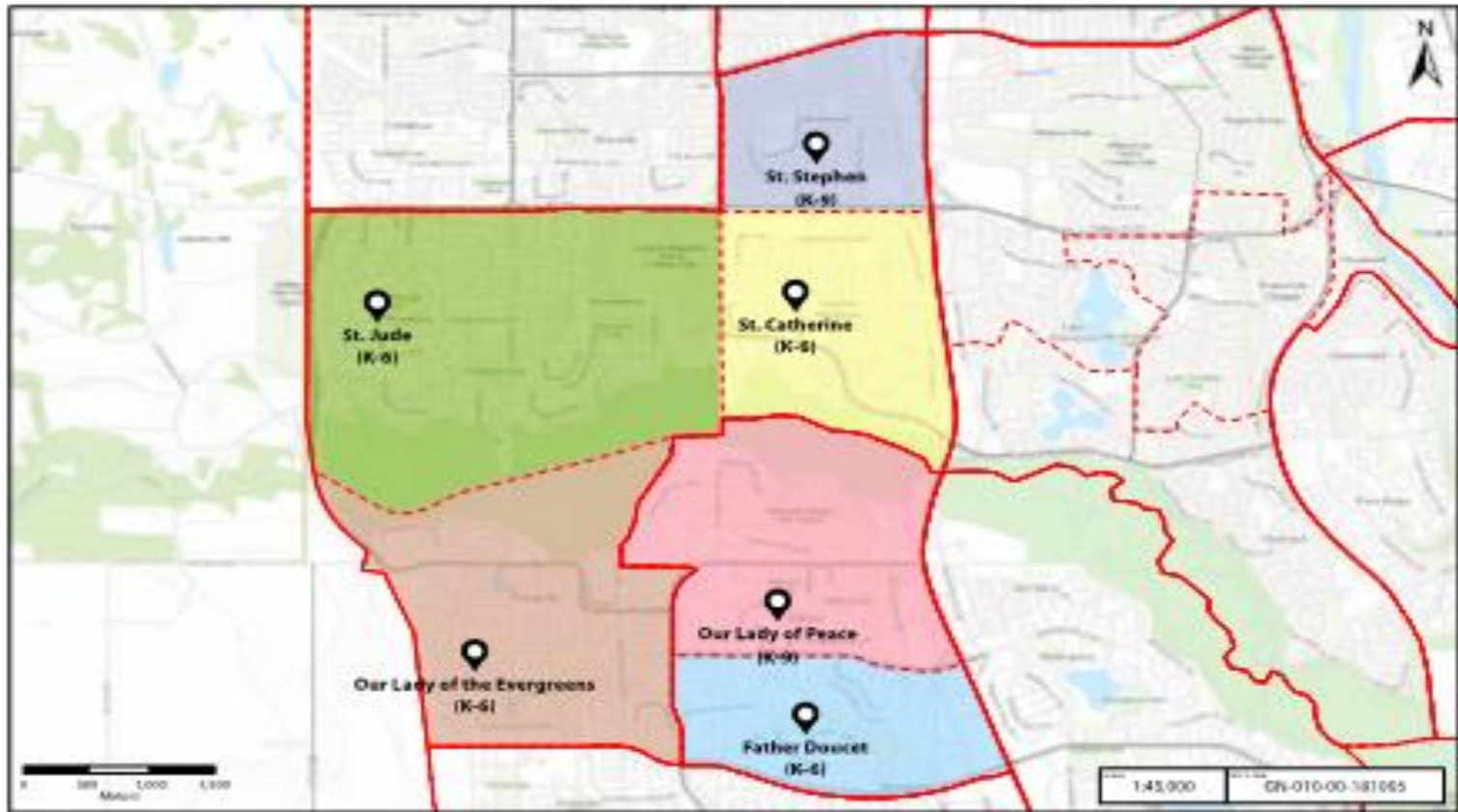


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International Association for Public Participation

- ❖ Sustainable decisions combine all four elements:
 - ❖ Technically feasible
 - Educationally sound and in the best interest of students
 - ❖ Economically viable
 - Fiscal responsibility
 - ❖ Environmentally compatible
 - Provincial and district parameters
 - ❖ Publicly acceptable
 - From 'me to we' thinking
 - All stakeholders

Current Reality



Southwest Schools

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|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Father Doucet School (K-6) | St. Catherine School (K-6) | Elementary Boundary |
| Our Lady of Peace School (K-6) | St. Jude School (K-6) | Junior High Boundary |
| Our Lady of the Evergreens School (K-6) | St. Stephen School (K-6) | |



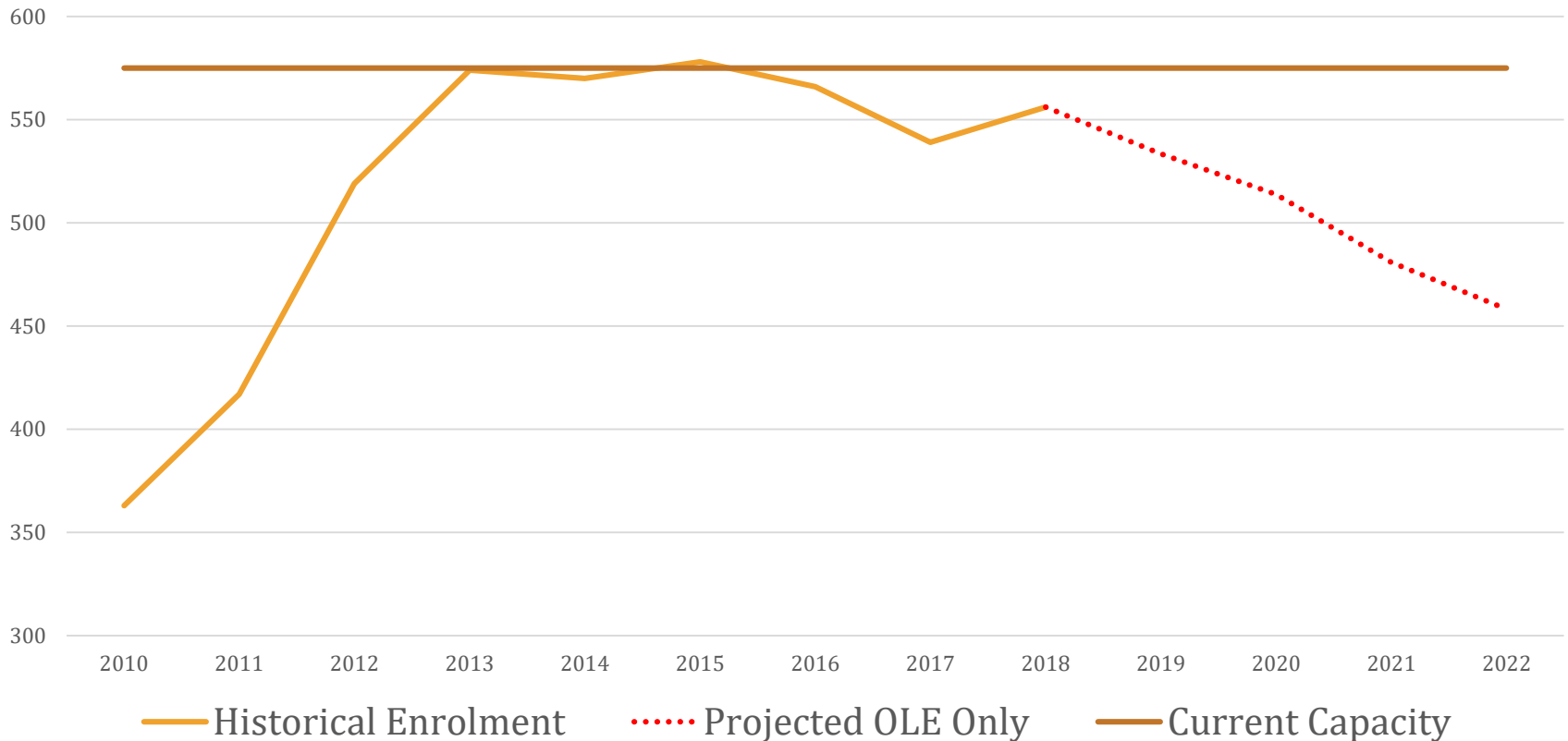
Current Reality

Planning Considerations:

- Evergreen community has stabilized
- Attendance area used is for 2017-2018
- Natural corridors are usually considered in the development of attendance areas (south of Fish Creek)
- Anticipated Growth vs. Actual Development
- Federal and Civic Census
- Calgary Transit Routes

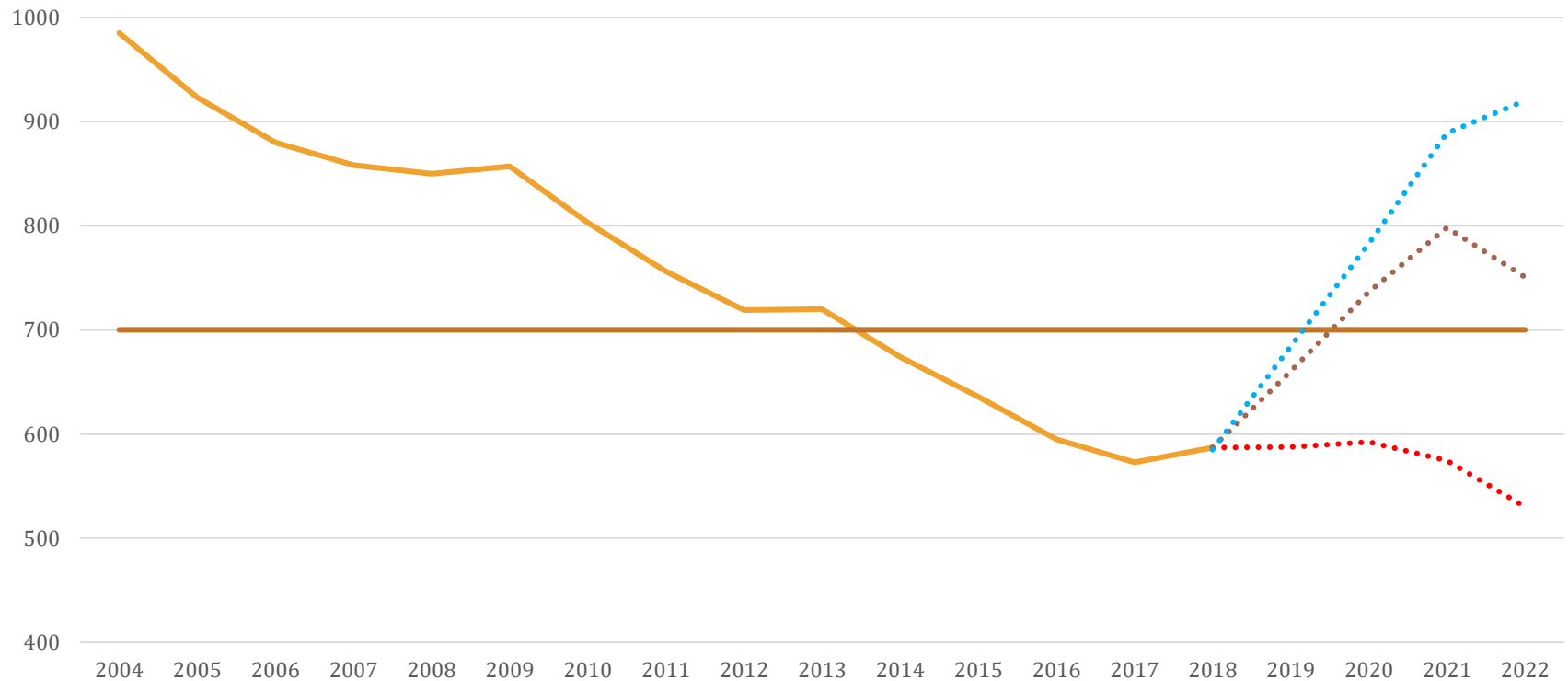
Current Reality - OLE

Our Lady of The Evergreens



Current Reality - OLP

Our Lady of Peace

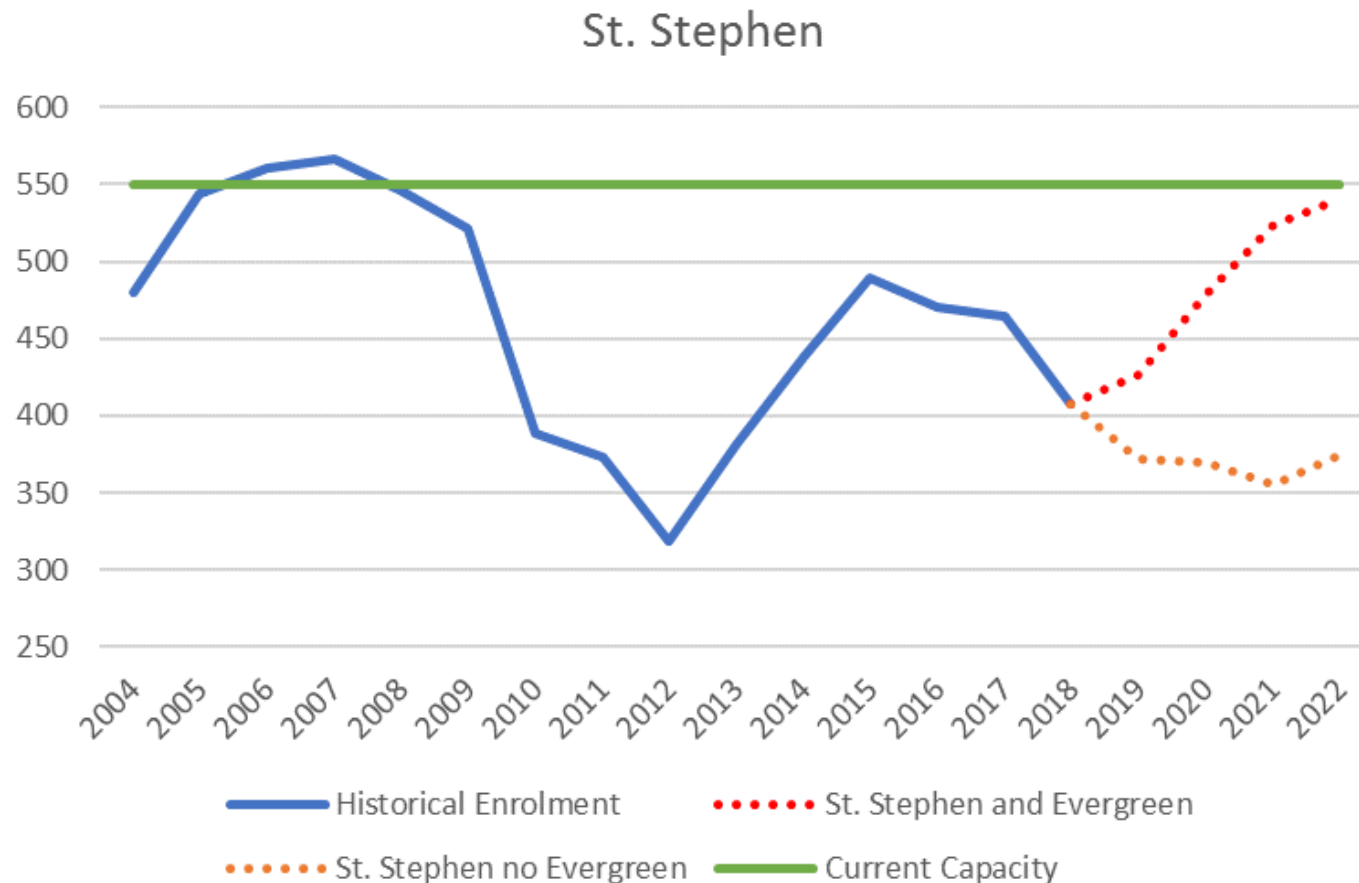


- Historical Enrolment
- OLP + OLE (Conservative)
- OLP+OLE (High)

- OLP Only
- Current Capacity

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Current Reality – St. Stephen



Attendance Area Proposal

- In considering the factors noted on the previous slides, the district's proposal for the attendance area for Our Lady of the Evergreens is:
 - K-6 resident students attend Our Lady of the Evergreens
 - 7-9 resident students attend Our Lady of Peace
 - Feedback will be collected tonight regarding a full implementation of this proposal or whether will it be staged in by grade level

Q&A from School Council Meetings

Transportation:

What is the walk limit?

The walk limit for junior high students is 2.4 km.

Will Route 857 continue to run?

857 route is a Calgary Transit route and is based upon # of riders.

What existing Calgary Transit routes could be used?

Routes 11, 12 & 52 are the routes most likely used by Evergreen students.

Q&A from School Council Meetings

Transition:

What are the plans for St. Stephen?

St. Stephen will continue to serve the communities of Southwood, Canyon Meadows, Woodlands and Woodbine.

What are the bell times at the schools?

Our Lady of Peace Bell Time: 8:05 AM, 2:36 PM

St. Stephen Bell Time: 8:15 AM, 2:43 PM

Our Lady of the Evergreens: 8:30 AM, 2:50 PM

Would students currently at St. Stephen have the option to stay?

Parents are entitled to seek permission to register their child as an out of boundary student at any Calgary Catholic school that is not under restricted enrolment. When a parent exercises this choice, transportation is not provided.



Q&A from School Council Meetings

Transition:

What will junior high class sizes look like?

Class sizes will continue to reflect district standards

Where will students go for high school?

There are no changes to high school attendance areas. This is an advantage of Evergreen students attending OLP: All grade 9s would attend the same high school. Currently, St. Stephen students attend Bishop Grandin and Evergreen students attend Bishop O'Byrne.

Will you move the Grade 8 students?

This is, in part, the purpose of tonight's consultation.

Q&A from School Council Meetings

Transition:

If OLP reaches capacity in 5-6 years, where will OLE students go?

If this were to occur, the district would engage with the community to determine alternatives that were economically viable and publicly acceptable.

Will OLP be able to handle the increased traffic (pick up and drop off)?

All schools are busy at the start and end of the day. Schools put procedures in place to ensure the safety of students. Following the direction of school staff will help ensure the safety of all students.

How will the school manage the increased numbers (e.g. inclement weather)?

Current enrolment is 581. Design capacity including modular classrooms is 875.

Table Talk

1. Do you have any questions about the information regarding the district's attendance area proposal that has been presented to you tonight?
2. Regarding students currently in Grade 8, what would be the strengths and challenges of allowing them to complete junior high at St. Stephen. What would be the strengths and challenges of moving them to OLP?
3. Are there any factors that we have failed to consider that may have a bearing on our final decision?

Table Talk – Round 1

Do you have any questions about the information regarding the district's attendance area proposal that has been presented to you tonight?

Table Talk – Round 2

Regarding students currently in Grade 8, what would be the strengths and challenges of allowing them to complete junior high at St. Stephen.

What would be the strengths and challenges of moving them to OLP?

Table Talk – Round 3

Are there any factors that we have failed to consider that may have a bearing on our final decision?

Next Steps

- Feedback from tonight's meeting will be collated and reviewed by the district
- Table Talk Feedback, Questions & Answers will be posted on school and district websites
- School administration will provide regular updates to school councils
- Parents will also be kept informed with respect to transition plans and information on transportation through updates from the school

Closing Prayer

God of love and mercy, You call us to be your people. You gift us with abundant grace. Make us a holy people, radiating the fullness of your love. Form us into a community of people who care, expressing Your compassion. Remind us day after day of our baptismal call to serve with joy and courage. Teach us how to grow in wisdom and grace and joy in Your presence, Through Jesus and in Your spirit we make this prayer,
Amen †

Thank
You