

PUBLIC ASSEMBLY

School Attendance Zones and Building Use in Laval

Laval Junior Academy

October 8, 2026



COMMISSION SCOLAIRE SIR-WILFRID-LAURIER
SIR WILFRID LAURIER SCHOOL BOARD





Acknowledgement of the Land

I would like to honour the existence of the First Peoples by acknowledging that the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is on the traditional land of the Kanien'keha:ka or Mohawk nation.

The Mohawk Nation is also known as the "Eastern Door Keepers" and is a member of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy which also includes the Seneca, Cayuga, Tuscarora, Onondaga and Oneida Peoples.

In the spirit of truth, reconciliation, and collaboration, we honour our relationship with the Indigenous Community and respect the history, culture, and language of Canada's original peoples.





Welcome



Participation Guidelines

- Please do not bring food in the auditorium.
- Please silence your cell phone.
- Please remain seated during the presentation.
- Please reserve your questions for the designated period at the end of the presentation.
- Please help us maintain a respectful environment.





Agenda

7 pm to 7:15 pm | Consultation process and timeline

7:15 pm to 8:15 pm | Presentation: decision making criteria, current situation, scenarios, financial and pedagogical impacts

8:15 pm to 9:00 pm | Question period

9:00 pm to 9:15 pm | Next steps and closing remarks

Timeline

Dates	Information
October 6 and October 8, 2026	Public Assemblies
October - December 18	Consultation Period Following the Public Assemblies Feedback on the scenarios proposed by the school board, which impact the Deeds of Establishment and Three-Year Plan for the Allocation and Destination of Immovables
October 21, 2026	Special Information Session for Employees (7:30)
November 25, 2026	Council of Commissioners Meeting Public Consultation (7:45) Questions on scenarios or presentation of briefs
December 18, 2026	End of Consultation Period
January 27, 2027	Council of Commissioners Meeting - Council adopts the retained scenario(s) - Stakeholders will be advised of retained scenario(s) following their adoption
February 2027	Registration and Re-registration Period for Schools Affected by the Consultation



Decision-Making Criteria

Quality, equity, and responsible use of resources

- **Student Enrolment:** 5-year trends and demographic projections
- **Building Capacity:** Enrolment vs. available school capacity
- **Building Condition:** Condition, maintenance and investment needs
- **Location:** Proximity to other schools and student needs
- **Staffing:** Collective agreements and employment conditions
- **Finances:** Overall financial situation of the school board

Consultation Process

Hold a public assembly to present scenarios for changes
under consideration by the school board

Collect feedback from all stakeholders

Consider and evaluate the feedback alongside enrolment data and educational, building, and financial considerations

Plan for the future by making informed decisions that support student success and the long-term sustainability of the Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board





Our Current Reality

SWLSB Enrolment

- Student enrolment in Laval is steadily declining
- Some buildings are operating below their full capacity

SWLSB Financial Situation

- The school board has an accumulated deficit of 7.5 million as of the 2024-2025 school year and a projected 8.3 million deficit for the 2025-2026 school year.
- We must optimize the use of our resources
- We must reflect on how to sustain the quality of SWLSB educational services to serve students equitably across the Laval, Lanaudière, and Laurentides regions

Youth Sector Enrolment Across SWLSB

Enrolment data 2026-2027 (prelim) to 2020-2021

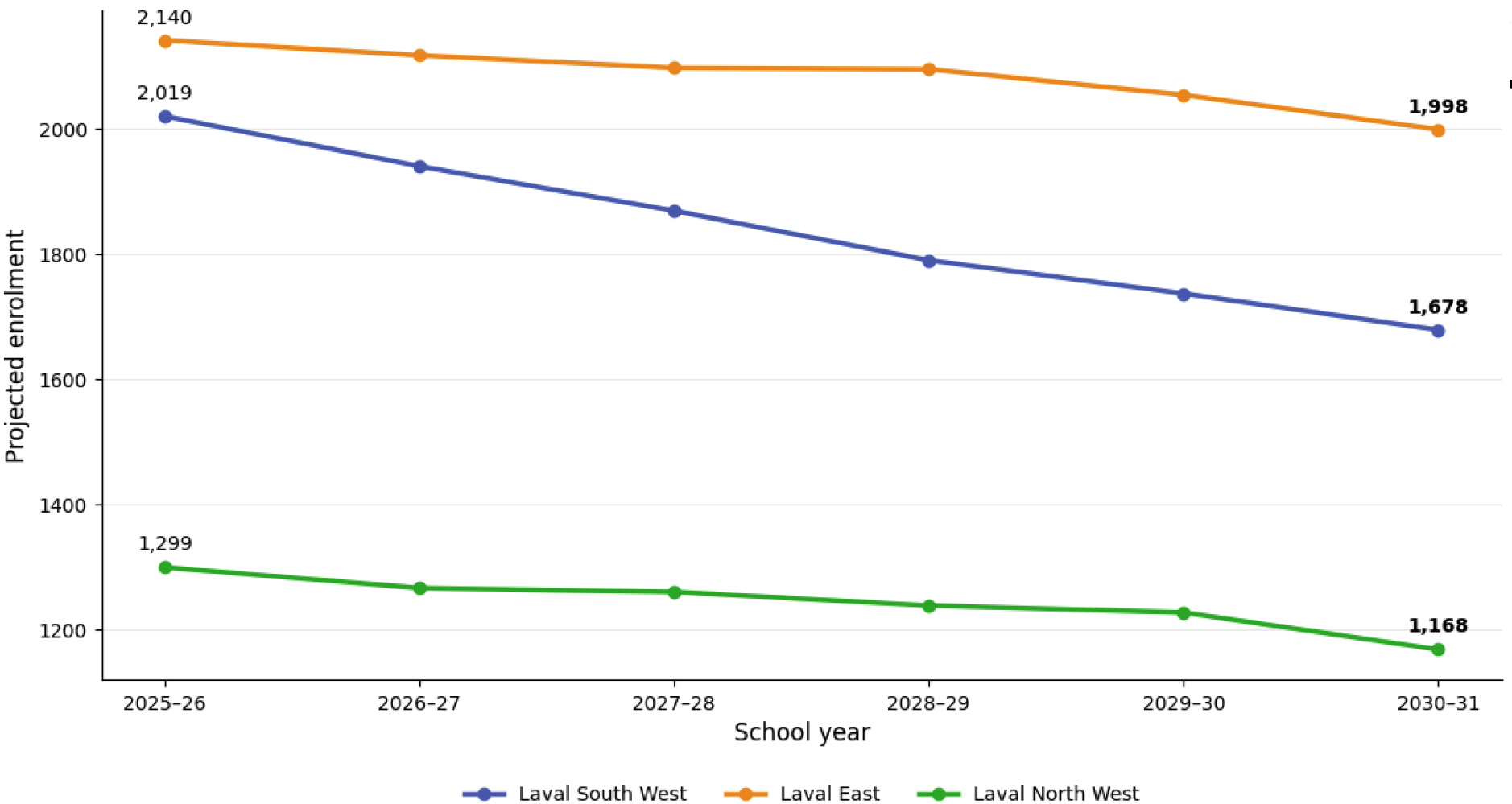
SWLSB ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS	PRELIM 2026-27 Sep 24	Diff with 2025-26	TOTAL 2025-26	Diff prev year	TOTAL 2024-25	Diff prev year	TOTAL 2023-24	Diff prev year	TOTAL 2022-23	Diff prev year	TOTAL 2021-22	Diff prev year	TOTAL 2020-21	Diff SINCE 2020-2021
LAVAL (11)	3342	-107	3449	-139	3588	-33	3621	-73	3694	-24	3718	-25	3743	-401
LAURENTIDES (11)	2792	6	2786	31	2755	-98	2853	-24	2877	60	2817	152	2665	127
LANAUDIÈRE (5)	1606	88	1518	15	1503	122	1381	12	1369	44	1325	45	1280	326
TOTAL - ELEMENTARY (27)	7740	-13	7753	-93	7846	-9	7855	-85	7940	80	7860	172	7688	52
SWLSB HIGH SCHOOLS	PRELIM 2026-27 Sep 24	Diff with 2025-26	TOTAL 2025-26	Diff prev year	TOTAL 2024-25	Diff prev year	TOTAL 2023-24	Diff prev year	TOTAL 2022-23	Diff prev year	TOTAL 2021-22	Diff prev year	TOTAL 2020-21	Diff SINCE 2020-2021
LAVAL (3)	2095	-6	2101	-56	2157	-61	2218	-60	2278	-5	2283	-116	2399	-304
LAURENTIDES (5)	2252	-55	2307	-94	2401	-32	2433	-4	2437	9	2428	157	2271	-19
LANAUDIÈRE (1)	283	1	282	5	277	-11	288	26	262	15	247	7	240	43
TOTAL - SECONDARY (9)	4630	-60	4690	-145	4835	-104	4939	-38	4977	19	4958	48	4910	-280
TOTAL SWLSB (36)	12370	-73	12443	-238	12681	-113	12794	-123	12917	99	12818	233	12585	-215

Enrolment data captured on September 24, 2026.

In Laval, since the 2020-2021 school year, we have seen a decline in enrolment of **401 elementary students** and **304 high school students**, for a total of **705 students**.



MEQ Enrolment Projections - Laval Regions





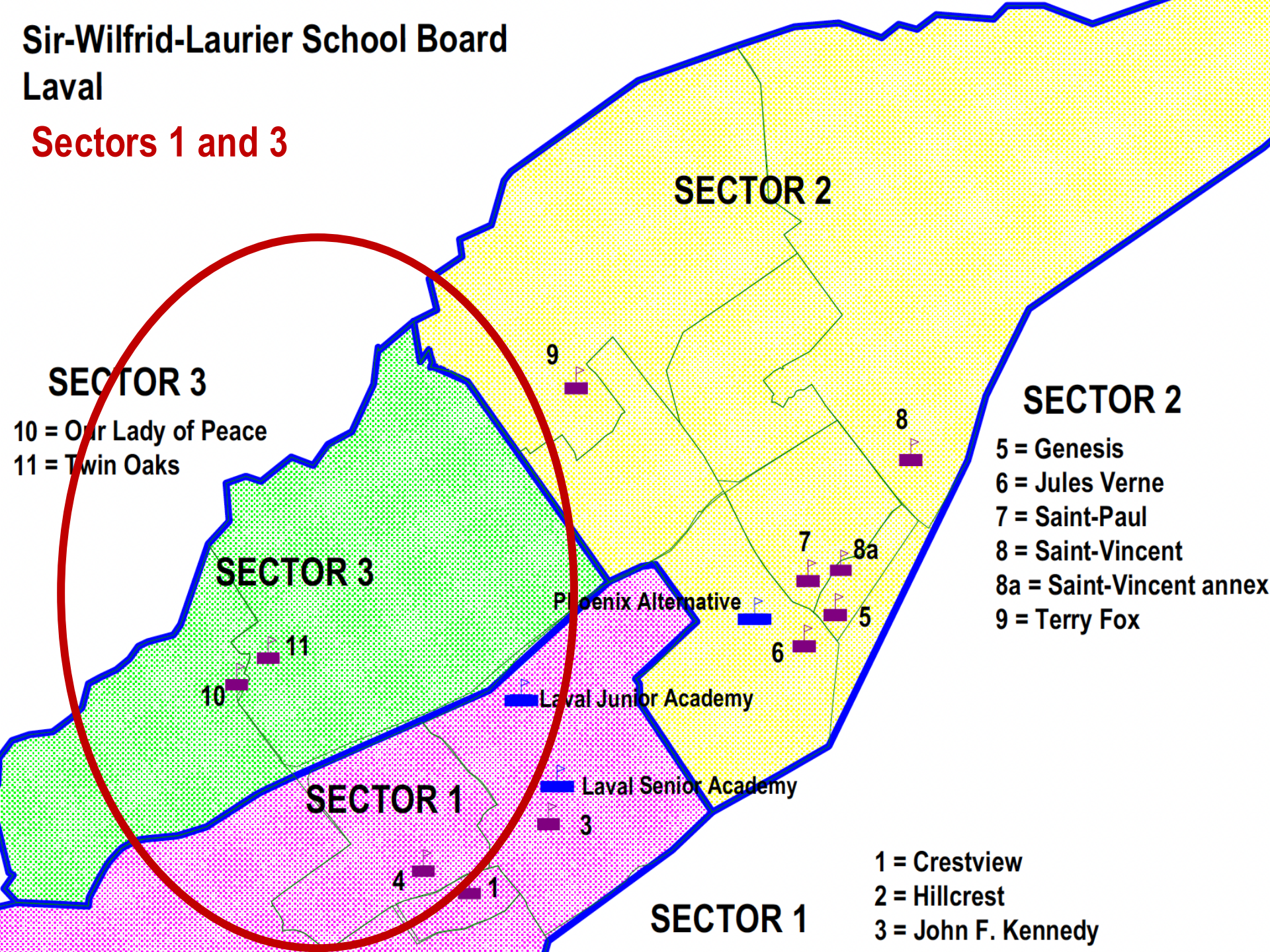
Optimize the use of buildings based on the elementary schools' enrolment in sectors 1 and 3

- **Souvenir Elementary School**
- **Crestview Elementary School**
- **Twin Oaks Elementary School and**
- **Our Lady of Peace Elementary School**



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Sectors 1 and 3





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Preliminary enrolment September 24, 2026

SECTOR 1	Crestview	Hillcrest	JFK	Souvenir
Current enrolment	153	414	246	328
MEQ capacity	327	414	342	621
MEQ projected enrolment 2030-2031	137	371	220	294
MEQ capacity used	47%	100%	72%	53%

SECTOR 3	OLP	TOES
Current enrolment	202	464
MEQ capacity	207	736
MEQ projected enrolment 2030-2031	184	423
MEQ capacity used	98%	63%



Proposed Scenario

- Closure of Our Lady of Peace Elementary School
- Transfer of Our Lady of Peace Elementary School students
- Transfer of Crestview Elementary School general education students

Resulting Impacts

- Modification of Souvenir Elementary School attendance zone
- Modification of Crestview Elementary School attendance zone
- Modification of Twin Oaks Elementary School attendance zone



Rationale for the Closure of Our Lady of Peace

- Smallest school in the sector with a capacity of 207 students
- Larger schools have available capacity to accommodate all Our Lady of Peace student.
- Minimizes disruption by keeping students with their friends and peers
- Creates a more balanced use of school capacity
- Reduces operating and facility costs
- Supports the responsible and sustainable use of public resources



Rationale for the Transfer of Crestview Students (General Education) to Souvenir

- Providing general education for students with a more traditional school environment
- Create more balanced class compositions by bringing general-education students together.
- Offer students more opportunities to learn, socialize and participate in activities with peers their own age.

Rationale for the Transfer of Students to Souvenir

- Souvenir has sufficient capacity to accommodate the entire Our Lady of Peace student population, allowing them to retain their relationships and sense of belonging.
- Souvenir has sufficient capacity to accommodate the Crestview general education population.
- It makes better use of the available space in schools in the sector.
- It provides similar starting times for students.
- It allows us to use the same buses that we already have.



Proposal for the Transfer of Students to Souvenir

In-Zone Students

- **152** Our Lady of Peace students
- **19** Our Lady of Peace students with a choice of Souvenir or Twin Oaks
- **38** Crestview students – general education pathway

Total In-Zone: 209 students

Out-of-Zone Students

- **11** Our Lady of Peace students
- **21** Crestview students – general education

Total Out-of-Zone: 32 students

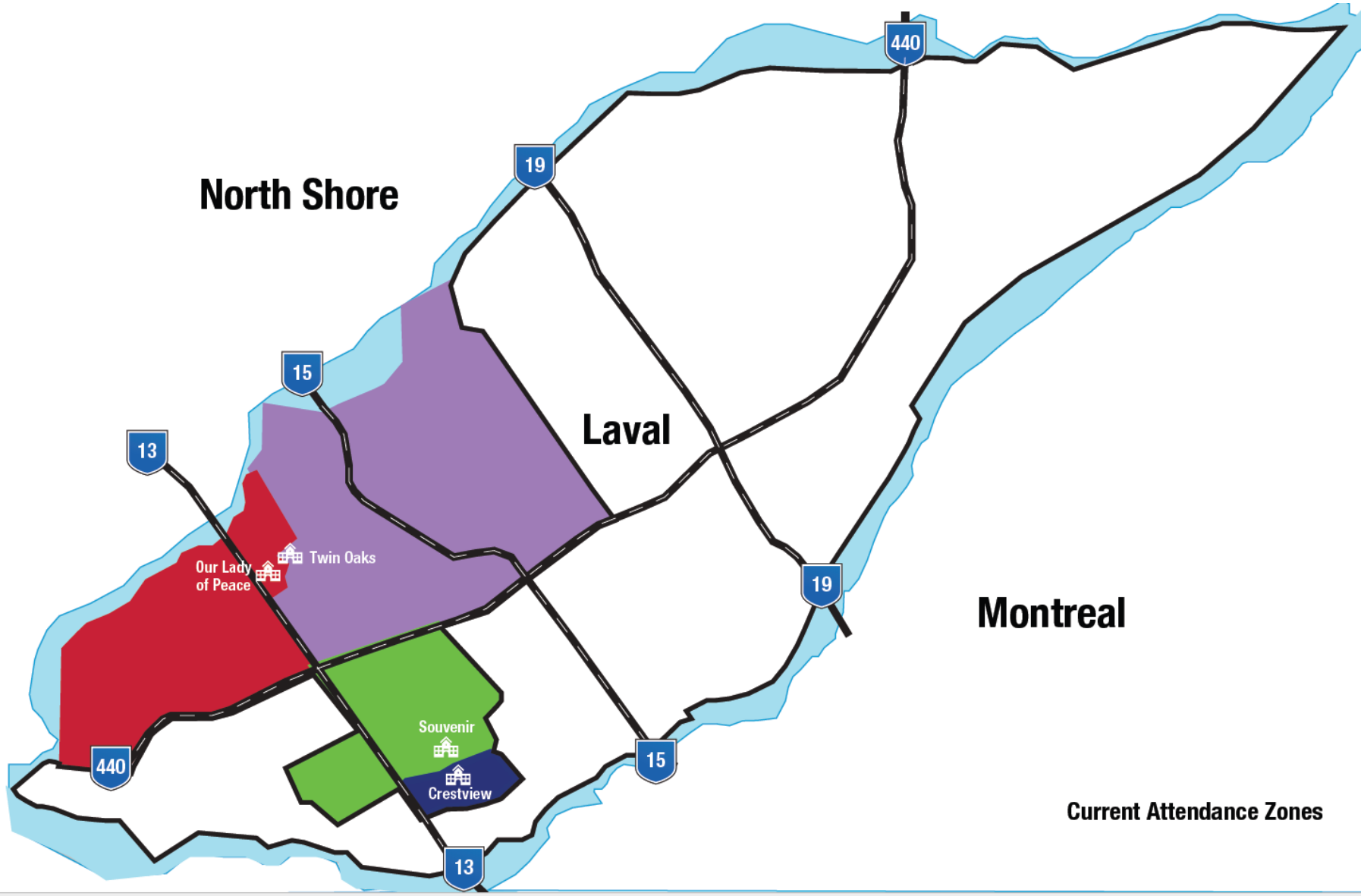
(Could be accommodated based on available space in the grade requested.)

Grand Total: 241 students

If all students transfer to Souvenir.

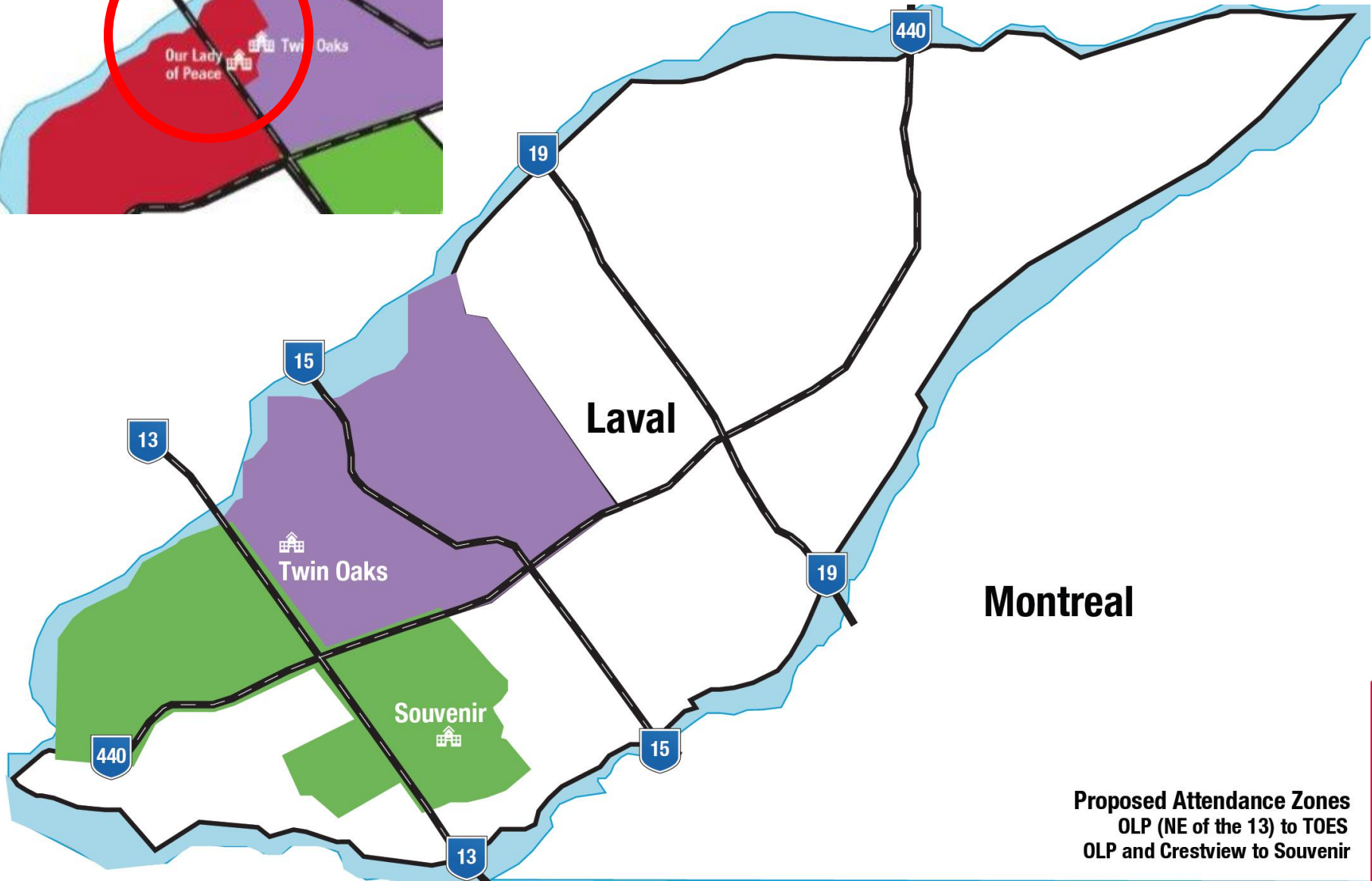


Souvenir, Twin Oaks, OLP and Crestview Current Attendance Zones



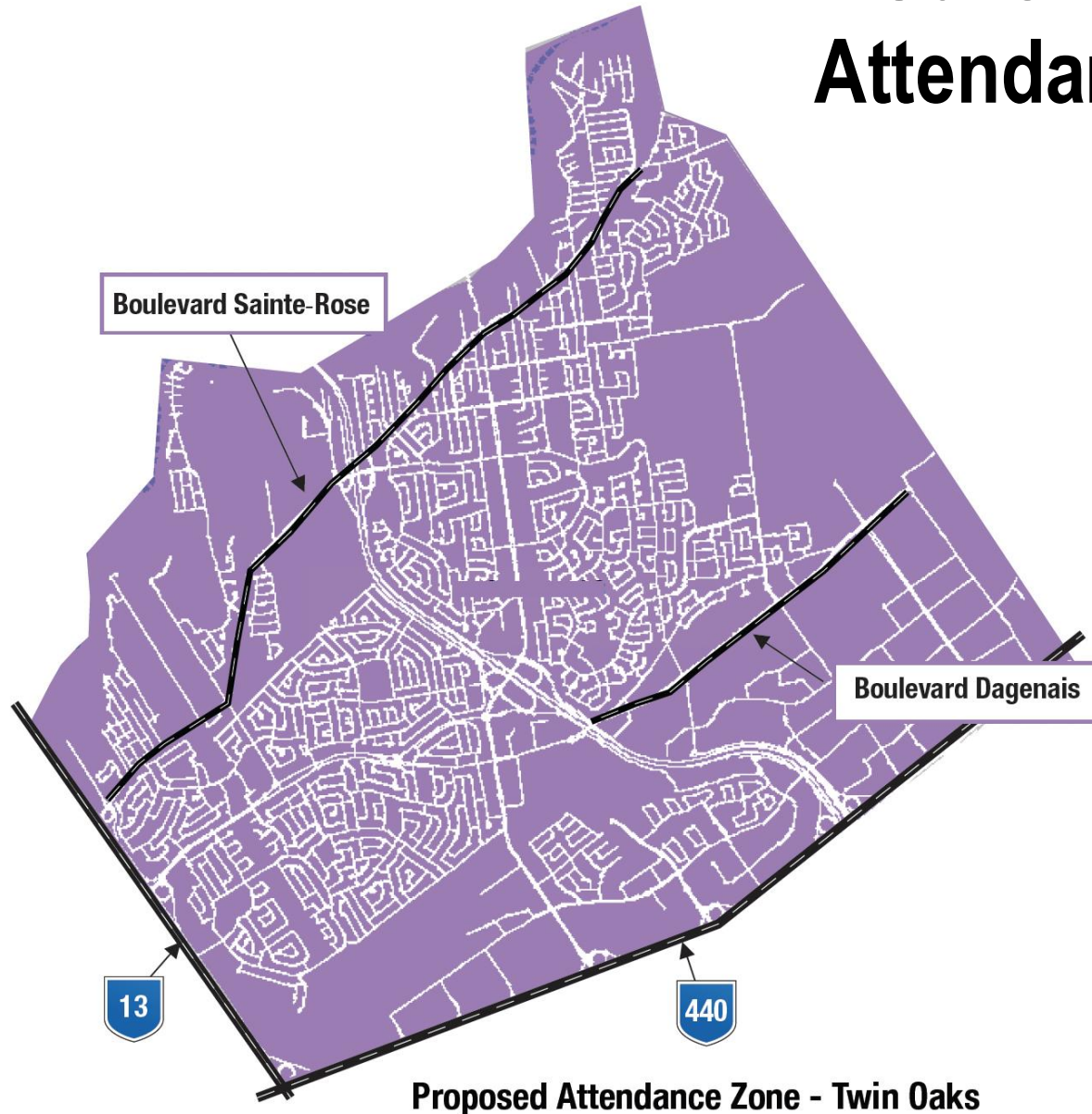
Current Attendance Zones

Souvenir and Twin Oaks Proposed Attendance Zones



Proposed Attendance Zones
OLP (NE of the 13) to TOES
OLP and Crestview to Souvenir

Twin Oaks Proposed Attendance Zone



Souvenir Proposed Attendance Zone



Proposed Attendance Zone - Souvenir



Transportation Impact

- **Our Lady of Peace to Souvenir**
 - No additional buses required
 - Bus travel time increased by approximately 10 to 15 minutes
- **Crestview (General Education) to Souvenir**
 - One additional bus will be required (\$110,000)
 - Bus travel time increased by approximately 10 minutes



OLP and Crestview (General Education)

Transferred to Souvenir

Projected enrolment 2027-2028

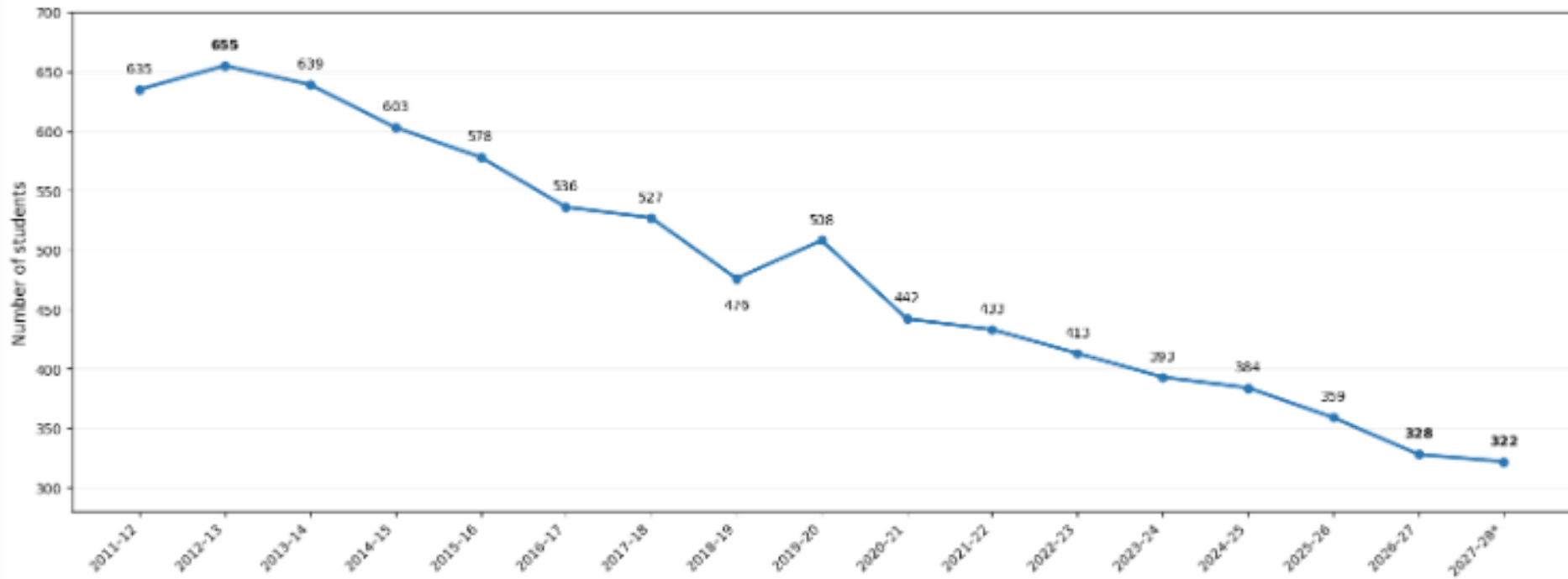
WITH GRADE PROGESSION	Current OLP	Current Crestview	Current Souvenir	Proposed Souvenir With Grade Progression 2027-28
Student Enrolment	202	59 General Education	328	563
MEQ capacity	207	327	621	621
MEQ capacity used	98%	47%	53%	90.6%



Souvenir Enrolment

Enrolment since 2011-2012

- 2012-2013 | Peak enrolment **655**
- 2026-2027 | Current enrolment 328
- 2027-2028 | Projected enrolment 322



- 2027-2028 | Our Lady of Peace-Souvenir-Crestview merged projected enrolment: 563



Financial Impacts

Our Lady of Peace and Crestview (General Education) Merged with Souvenir

- Projected number of groups for the 2027-2028 school year with the current zones: **34 groups**
- Proposed merged model: **29 groups**
- Optimized school organization of the combined student population

	Number of groups 2027-2028	Grade progression (proposed scenario) Number of groups - Souvenir 2027-28
Our Lady of Peace	11	34
Souvenir	17	
Crestview (general education)	6	
Total groups	34	29
Difference	5 fewer groups	
Savings in teacher's envelope with Our Lady of Peace- Crestview-Souvenir merged	\$732,196	

Groups created with weighted enrolment.

Financial Impacts

Closing Our Lady of Peace

Our Lady of Peace	Cost
Operating costs - excluding salaries	\$127,805
Operating costs - leaving the building empty	\$50,490
SAVINGS	
Operating costs - excluding salaries	\$77,315
Teacher envelope	\$732,196
Other employment groups	\$124 187
Administrator	\$151,118
Total annual SAVINGS with the closure of OLP and optimization of classrooms at Souvenir	\$1,084,816



Pedagogical Impacts

Building on Each School's Strengths

Shared Priorities

- Stronger English and French literacy
- Support for different learning needs
- Students' social and emotional development

Strengths to Build On

- **Our Lady of Peace:** bilingual literacy, social and emotional development, positive school climate
- **Souvenir:** bilingual literacy, numeracy and mathematical thinking, safe and respectful learning environment
- **Crestview:** targeted bilingual literacy interventions, social communication, and self-awareness

An opportunity to build a new educational project that reflects the strengths of all three school communities.



Pedagogical Impacts

Supporting Students Through the Transition

- Transition activities and school visits before the move
- Opportunities for Our Lady of Peace, Crestview, and Souvenir students and staff to meet at Souvenir
- Individual transition planning for students who need additional support
- Review of each student's IEP, accommodations, and successful strategies
- Supports prepared before students arrive
- Follow up with students and families during the first weeks and first term

The objective is to ensure continuity in learning and a positive transition for every student.



Pedagogical Impacts

Programs and Learning

- Explore building on **Our Lady of Peace's STEAM experience** and Souvenir's interest in STEM
- Develop shared projects that support **literacy, French communication and mathematical thinking**
- Teachers from the three schools would help shape the new educational project
- Focus on ensuring **continuity in learning, confidence, and a sense of belonging**
- Students and staff would have opportunities to help shape the expanded school community



Pedagogical Impacts

Programs and Learning

Under the proposed move to Souvenir Elementary School, students from both Crestview and Our Lady of Peace will receive more French instructional time.

Current school	Grades 1 and 2 Cycle 1	Grades 3 - 6 Cycle 2 and 3
Crestview	36% ➡ 48% +3 hours taught in French	40% ➡ 44% +1 hour taught in French
Our Lady of Peace	36% ➡ 48% +3 hours taught in French	40% ➡ 44% +1 hour taught in French
More opportunities to learn and use French		



Our Commitment

- To listen
- To hear
- To consider
- To support the students and staff that are impacted by the scenarios retained
- No final decisions have been made

Your voice is an important part of this consultation.



Question Period Guidelines

- Please line up at one of the two microphones.
- Please introduce yourself.
- Questions should be related to the scenarios presented.
- Please limit your intervention to two minutes.
- One intervention per person to allow everyone to be heard
- Please be respectful of different perspectives.
- Personal attacks or disrespectful comments will not be tolerated.
- Please do not identify individual students or employees.
- The moderator may intervene to ensure the guidelines are respected.



**Question period
about the proposals presented**

consultations@swlauriersb.qc.ca



Next Steps and Closing Remarks

- This presentation will be posted on the school board's website
- A draft of the Three-Year Plan for the Allocation and Destination of Immovables and a draft of the Deeds of Establishment will be posted on our website as well.
- Written briefs can be sent to the following email:
consultations@swlauriersb.qc.ca
- Additional questions can also be sent to this email
- November 25, 2026: Additional public assembly.

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Thank you

Questions?

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