

GREATER ESSEX COUNTY DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL INFORMATION PROFILE

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Date: March 28, 2012

VALUE TO THE STUDENT

Student Outcomes at the School

Over the past three years, has the trend of the EQAO test scores been greater than, equal to, or less than the Board's average?

Grade 3 Reading:

less than

Grade 3 Writing: I

2009/2010, greater than

2010/2011, less than

Grade 3 Mathematics:

less than

Grade 6 Reading:

less than

Grade 6 Writing:

less than

Grade 6 Mathematics:

less than the Board's average.

Range/Variety of Staff and Program Offerings

Does the school have a Principal?

Yes

Does the school have a Vice principal (% administrative time; % teaching time)

Yes, 50% administrative time and 50% teaching time.

Does the school have office staff? (secretary, general duty clerk)

one secretary.

What is the time allotment for office staff? (daily and weekly)

5 days a week, 7 hours a day.

Does the school have a designated library teacher? (% time allotted)

50% teacher librarian.

Does the school have a designated music teacher? (grades taught)

designated vocal music teacher for Grades 1 – 5 and instrumental music teacher for Grades 6, 7 and 8.

Does the school have English as a Second Language staff? (grades taught)

one teacher for Grades 4 – 8.



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Is there sufficient enrolment to support a full time Junior Kindergarten (JK) teacher and program?

Yes, however, we believe in the merits of the integrated model.

Is there sufficient enrolment to support a full time Senior Kindergarten (SK) teacher and program?

Yes, however, we believe in the merits of the integrated model.

Over the past 5 years, the number of extra staff required beyond that generated by enrolment to support program?

The school enrolment does fluctuate over the school year but we have not required additional staff with the exception of Educational Assistants for special needs students. LTO to reduce class size from grades 4-8

Identify the number of triple grades, over the past five years.

nil

Does the school have a Special Education program? (number of classes)

4

Is the school a site for related programs? (e.g. Best Start, Hub, Ontario Early Years, etc)

Yes, YMCA After-School program, Laurentian College Reading Buddies, Big Brother/Big Sister, Ontario Early Years and Kids Alliance.

Are there any other special education programs offered at the school?

No

Average classroom size:

796 sf

Size, condition and amenities of library (office, computer area etc)

1848 sf, condition 3 out of 5, small circulation desk, small amount of shelves, reading area, no computers

Existence, size and condition of music room:

800 sf, condition 2.5

Size and condition of JK/SK purpose built space including description of amenities (fenced play area, internal washrooms, cubbies or cloak area etc)

840 sf, 776 sf and 1145 sf, washroom sink in each area and fenced play area outdoors

Size and condition of other specialty rooms:

LSAT 752 sf; SERR 1440 sf; OEY 2690 sf

Existence, size and condition of auditorium:

Closed due to structural issues

Size of gymnasium, type and condition of divider(if any):

3620 sf, no divider

Dimensions of basketball and volleyball main courts:

Basketball 41'6" v 67'6" and volleyball 30' x 60'



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Does the school have an area which can accommodate the total school population for assemblies etc?
 yes

Extra Curricular Programs/Activities and Student Participation

Please complete the chart, identifying all extra -curricular programs and activities at the school, whether sports related or otherwise.

Activity	Girls or Boys Intramural	Girls or Boys Interschool	No. of student participants
YMCA After School			15
Laurentian College Reading Buddies			20
Big Brothers/Big Sisters			12
Band			25
EcoSchools			35
Art Club			25
Playground Coaches			10
Bus Patrols			2
Foot Patrols			10
Breakfast Club Helpers			7
Kids Alliance			8
	Volleyball		100
	Dodgeball		100
	Ultimate Chicken		100
	King Cone		100
	Soccer		100
	Baseball		100
	Floor Hockey		100
		Cross Country	30
		Soccer	30
		Volleyball	30
		Basketball	30
		Floor Hockey	20
		Track and Field	50

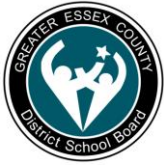
Student Transportation

Currently, what percentage of student population is within walking distance per GECDSSB transportation policies?

82%

Currently, what percentage of student population is transported by school bus per GECDSSB transportation policies?

13%



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How would relocation of students to adjoining schools impact the percentage of students within walking distance per GECSDB transportation policies?

0% would be within walking distances of Brock

9% would be within walking distances of Taylor

18% would be within walking distances of Dougall

How would relocation of students to adjoining schools impact the percentage of students transported by school bus per GECSDB transportation policies?

100% would be eligible for transport to Brock

91% would be eligible for transport to Taylor

82% would be eligible for transport to Dougall

School Grounds

Size of existing site (acreage)

2.12 acres

Amount of asphalt (square footage) and condition rating:

28,690 sf rating 2 out of 5

Number of parking spaces (excluding handicap)

22

Number of parking spaces required by municipality:

42

Number of handicap parking spaces:

1

Condition rating of paving for parking:

4,790 sf rating 1 out of 5

Size of bus bay (number of buses) and location:

2 buses; bus bay on west side of school

Availability of Kiss and Ride area and location:

no

Playground amenities

Existence, size and condition of soccer pitch?

no

Existence and condition of baseball diamond?

No

Size of green play area?



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22,400 sf

Description and condition of playground equipment:

Playground Equipment is comprised of two small independent climbers that were installed in 2005 and are suitable for age group from 12 months to 12 years old. The surfacing material for the playground is engineered wood fibre which is in good condition. Overall the playground equipment and surfacing is in good condition.

Description of specialty outdoor areas such as outdoor learning centre, greening project etc.

no

Any other information

School Building

Size of existing building (square feet):

88669 sf

Condition of windows and roof:

Windows meet CSA standard – horizontal sliders with bottom vent hoppers

Number of handicap accessible entrances:

0

Number and location of auto operators?

0

Number and size of handicap washrooms and amenities for students and staff?

no

Does the school have an elevator or lift?

no

Is the entire building wheelchair accessible?

no

Parental/Community involvement

Do volunteers work on regular basis in the school?

Yes, Laurentian College – provides reading buddies for our students (15)

Big Brothers/Big Sisters – provides mentoring for our students (15)

University of Windsor Volunteer Internship program – assist with students

Is the school involved in community projects/programs? (Explain)

Twice per year, University Community Church provides our students with opportunities to celebrate music and other engaging activities.

Our school has been involved on numerous occasions with the Senior Centre (Remembrance Day, Jingle Bell Friends, a paired drama event).



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Are there partnerships with other government programs? (eg OEY etc)

Ontario Early Years – provides families of young children with opportunities to play and network with other families

Are any daycare services available on site? (eg full day, latchkey etc)

There are not daycare services available on site.

VALUE TO THE SCHOOL BOARD

General

What is the current year Facility Condition Index (FCI) rating of the school?

Not available; school is deemed Prohibitive to Repair

What is the dollar value of building renewal backlog:

\$16,521,843

What is the projected FCI in 10 years time?

Not available; school is deemed Prohibitive to Repair

What is the projected dollar value of building renewal backlog in 10 years time:

\$20,597,124

Does the school have air conditioning?

no

Potential operating efficiencies realized, without this facility, re:

- Current dollar value of school operations
\$270,654
- Current dollar value of school maintenance
\$49,991
- Current dollar value of school renewal backlog
\$16,521,843
- Transportation

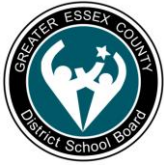
Impossible to determine at this time due to the yearly changing nature of bus routes based on student distribution and the nature of our multi-routing operation.

School location

What are the distances to adjoining schools?

Brock - 2.31km

Taylor - 1.22km



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Dougall - 1.45km

Would student school bus travel time increase/decrease to adjoining schools?

Impossible to determine at this time due to the yearly changing nature of bus routes based on student distribution and the nature of our multi-routing operation.

Enrolment vs. Available Space

What is the utilization rate for the school in comparison to the On the Ground (OTG) capacity?

57%

What is the out of district enrolment at the school?

23 students = 15%

Five year historical need of portables?

nil

Maximum number of portables that could be accommodated based on parking and washrooms?

Parking nil; washrooms 43

Does enrolment at the school exceed surplus space in adjacent schools?

no

What is the 5 year historical and projected student enrolment at the school?

Steady decline since 2008 but increased slightly in 2011; will continue to decline well beyond 2020

Culture at the School

Does staff remain at the school for 5+ years on average?

For the most part

Is there an impact on the school due to student transience?

Students at Benson frequently move in and out of district.

VALUE TO THE COMMUNITY

Is this the only school within the community?

Benson is not the only school within the immediate community. There are two public elementary schools within 1.5 kilometers of Benson.

Are the school building or grounds used regularly by community groups? List group, number of participants, space used and length of required time per week.

Benson is used by community groups 3 nights per week.

Monday's: Broomball (have not yet shown up) 6:30 – 8:30

Tuesday's: Volleyball Mixed League (WAMVL) (20) 6:30 – 10:30



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Wednesday's: Volleyball Mixed League (WAMVL) (20) 5:30 – 10:30

Is this the only facility in the vicinity that could be used for indoor community activities? (clarify)

This is not the only facility in the vicinity that could be used for indoor community activities.

Is this the only green space that could be used for community activities?

Our green space is not used for community activities.

Does the school site provide the only available parking for local parks and community use?

We do not provide parking for local parks and community use.

Does the school provide the only available parking for local parks and community use?

No

Is the school a partner in other government initiatives within the community?

No

Are there partnerships with other student related government programs? (eg OEY)

OEY

Are day care services available within the school? (eg full day or latchkey)

No

Does the school have partnerships that might be lost if the school closes?

The partnerships with Seniors Centre and University Community Church will be more challenging when Benson closes

Have students/grades/programs been relocated by past accommodation?

In June 2011, trustees voted to close Benson School and the students will be relocated to the Taylor site in the near future.

VALUE TO THE LOCAL ECONOMY

Does the school and community provide area secondary students opportunities for volunteer work to meet graduation requirements? (clarify)

We invite high school students to volunteer for library, special events and sports.

How easily accessible is the school? (eg public transit, urban locale, etc)

Located on Transit Windsor bus route, direct link to downtown terminal hub

Strategic urban locale in proximity to university campus, Campbell Avenue

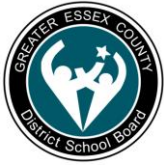
Well connected to surrounding neighbourhoods by existing sidewalk system, signalized crossings at major intersections

Is the school involved in other partnership arrangements with local employers/businesses?

Benson has recently partnered with BASF and their community communication program.

What potential future use of the school site may exist if closed?

Possible community use as located across street from Adie Knox community centre and Wilson Park (City of Windsor)



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Redevelopment for multiple residential, commercial or mixed use commercial/residential project located on busy Wyandotte Street corridor