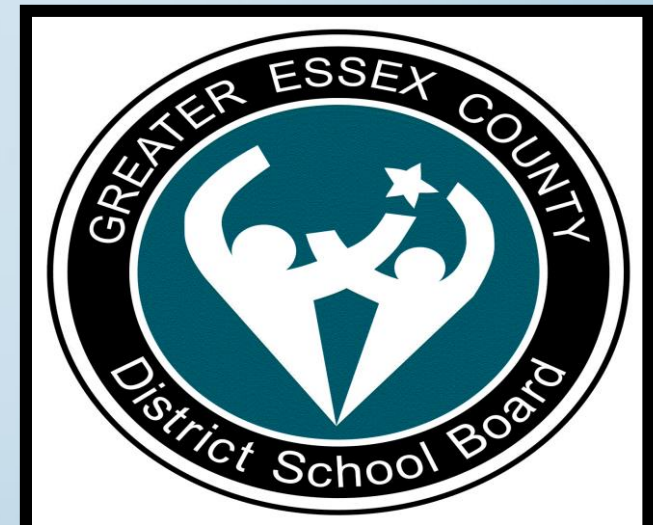




Leamington Area

Community Meeting #2

Thursday,
April 20, 2017



APPROVED TRUSTEE MOTION

THE BOARD APPROVED THE IMMEDIATE COMMENCEMENT OF A STANDARD PROGRAM ACCOMMODATION REVIEW THAT INCLUDED GORE HILL PS, M.D. BENNIE PS, MILL STREET PS, MT. CARMEL-BLYTHESWOOD PS, AND QUEEN ELIZABETH PS , AS SET OUT IN THE PROGRAM ACCOMMODATION REVIEW – INITIAL STAFF REPORT, DATED DECEMBER 13, 2016.

Committee Orientation Session

Committee Roles and
Responsibilities

Accommodation Review Process

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The 'Leamington Area' of elementary schools (5 mentioned) has a total student population of approximately 1419.

The On the Ground (OTG) capacity is 1833, meaning there is an excess of nearly 414 student places among these schools.

The Utilization Rate is 77%



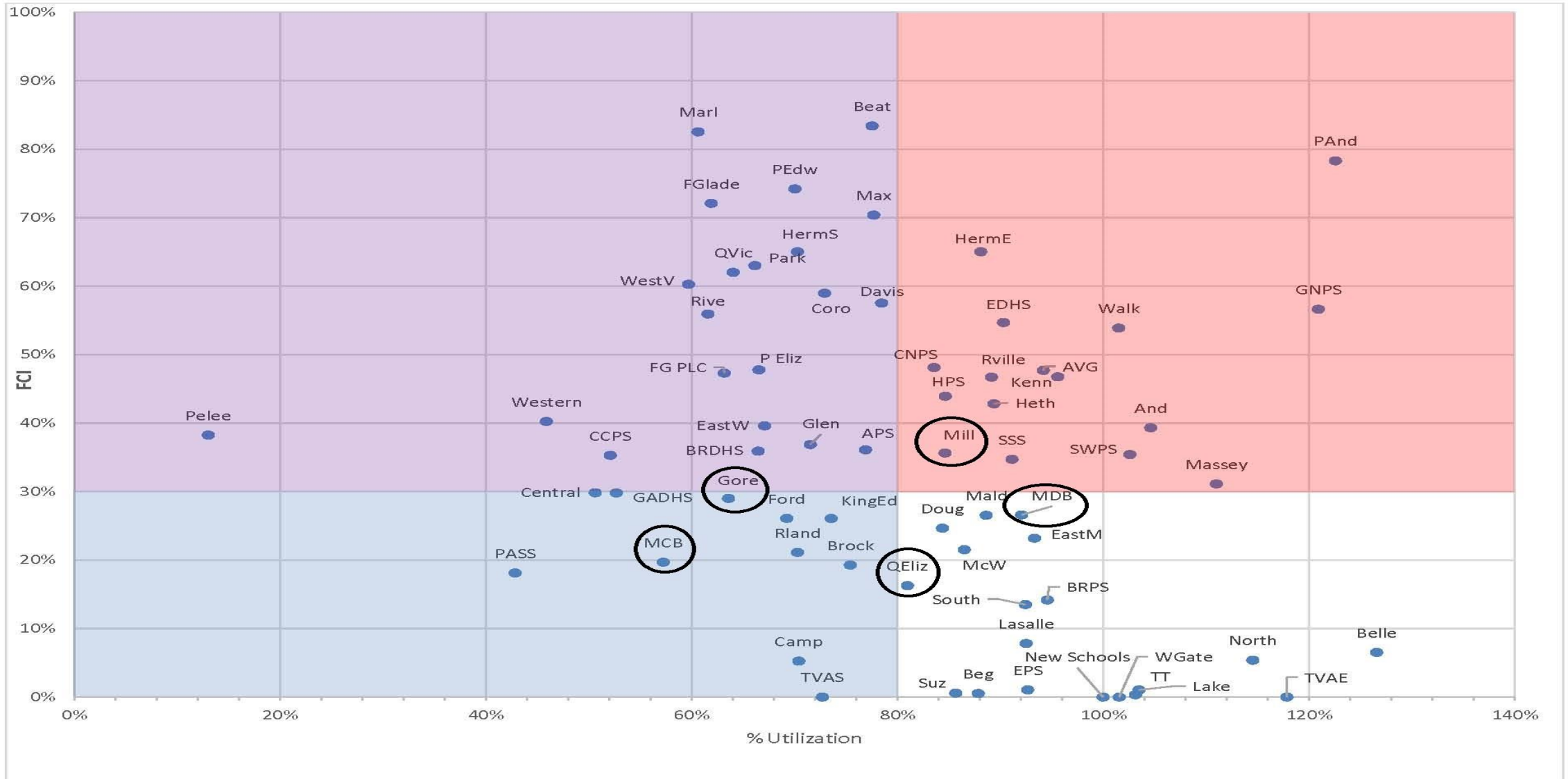
Enrolment and Utilization

		2016		2021		2026	
School	OTG Capacity	Enrolment	Utilization %	Enrolment	Utilization %	Enrolment	Utilization %
Gore Hill	338	223	66%	216	64%	213	63%
M.D. Bennie	291	262	90%	252	87%	229	79%
Mill Street	280	221	79%	179	64%	172	61%
Mt. Carmel-Blytheswood	351	219	62%	202	58%	197	56%
Queen Elizabeth	573	494	86%	460	80%	437	76%
TOTAL	1833	1419	77%	1309	71%	1248	68%

Facility Condition / Operational Costs

School	Construction	2016 FCI	5-Year Renewal \$	Operational Cost \$	AODA Compliance
Gore Hill	1954	29%	\$2,240,963	\$172,677	Yes
M.D. Bennie	1959	27%	\$1,947,425	\$201,520	Yes
Mill Street	1967	36%	\$2,665,950	\$259,314	Yes
Mt. Carmel-Blytheswood	1952	20%	\$1,578,150	\$200,176	Yes
Queen Elizabeth	1955	16%	\$1,831,935	\$316,216	Yes

FCI vs UTILIZATION



Accommodation Options Recommended

- 1) Mill Street PS close effective June 2017 and be declared surplus to the Board's needs. Students currently in the Mill Street PS catchment area who are on and north of Talbot Street West will transition to Mt. Carmel-Blytheswood PS and the remaining students currently in the Mill Street PS catchment area south of Talbot Street West will transition to Queen Elizabeth PS effective September 2017. The boundary will be adjusted accordingly.

- 2) The Board will submit a School Consolidation Capital (SCC) business case to the Ministry of Education for a 550 pupil place new school building. Upon Ministry approval, this new JK-8 school construction would be a consolidation of the Gore Hill PS and MD Bennie PS student populations, on the MD Bennie site. Upon construction of the new school, Gore Hill PS would be closed and declared surplus to the Board's needs, and the students would transition into the new building. The boundaries would be adjusted accordingly.

- 3) A phased-in dual track French Immersion JK and SK program at Gore Hill PS to begin for September 2017. Each year thereafter, a French Immersion grade level program will be added. If the Ministry approves the previous recommendation, the French Immersion program would continue to exist in the newly built consolidated school. The boundaries for FI would encompass the entire Leamington family of schools.

- 4) If the proposed accommodation option # 1, is approved, the Board will then pursue capital funding from the Ministry of Education and upon approval;

Priority 1

The construction of a new consolidated Queen Elizabeth PS; or

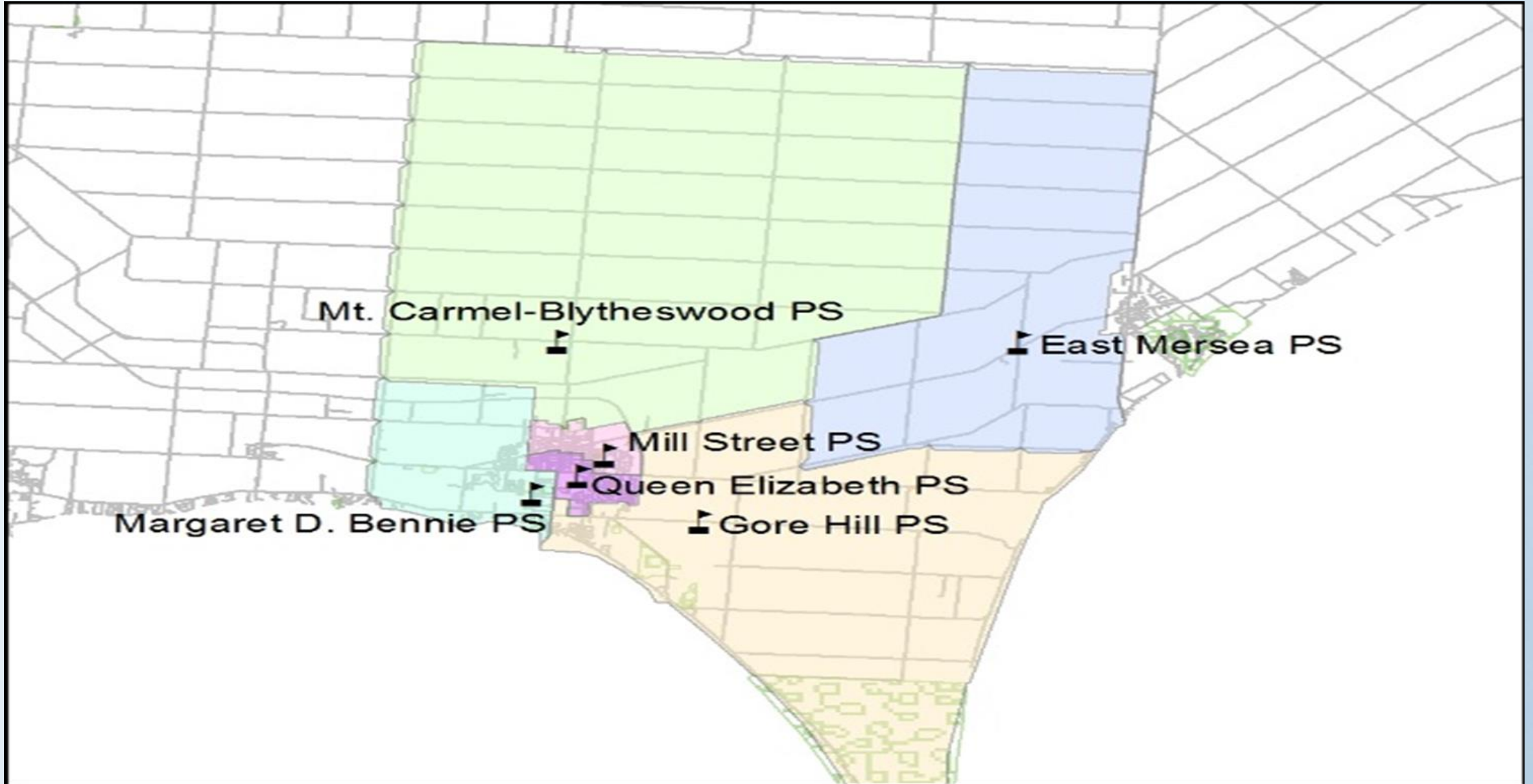
Priority 2

The construction of a five room addition to the newly consolidated Queen Elizabeth PS.

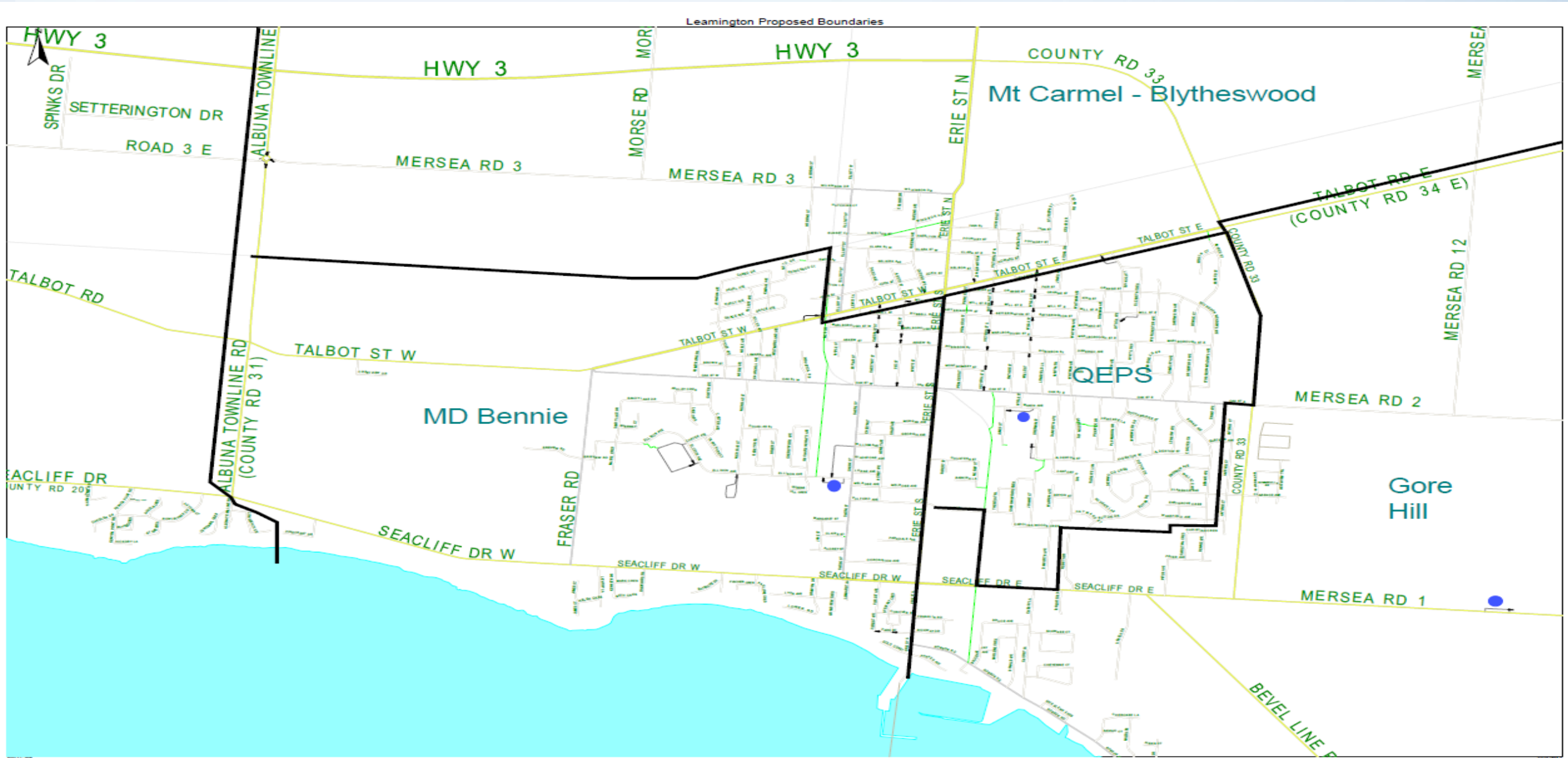
- 5) The final proposed part of the options involves boundary adjustments for September 2017. The students currently attending these five schools as of the 2016-2017 school year will be granted a limited exception, without transportation, to remain at their respective school until grade 8 graduation, if at the same address. Any new registrations or JK students from September 2017 and forward will adhere to the new boundaries which are as follows:

- i) The current MD Bennie PS boundary north (including) Mersea 3 Road and east (including) Hodgins Road, which is north of the abandoned track, will become part of the Mt. Carmel-Blytheswood PS boundary.
- ii) The current Queen Elizabeth PS boundary that is west of Erie Street (including the west side of the street) will become part of the MD Bennie PS boundary.

Current Leamington Area Boundaries



Proposed New Boundaries



Accommodation Impacts

		2017		2021		2026	
School	OTG Capacity	Enrolment	Utilization %	Enrolment	Utilization %	Enrolment	Utilization %
MD Bennie / Gore Hill	550	562	102%	546	99%	517	94%
Mt. Carmel Blytheswood	351	309	88%	289	82%	279	79%
Queen Elizabeth	530	531	100%	495	93%	473	89%
TOTAL	1431	1402	98%	1330	93%	1269	89%

FUNDING

- Funding for the proposed recommendation of the consolidation of Gore Hill and MD Bennie into a new building would be based on a School Consolidation Capital (SCC) business case submission to the Ministry of Education. The proposed capital investment required would be approximately \$15 million.
- Funding for the proposed recommendation of the boundary change and consolidation of Mill Street into a new Queen Elizabeth building, or addition, would be based on a SCC business case submission to the Ministry of Education. The proposed capital investment required would be approximately \$15 million for a new build, or approximately \$2 million for an addition.

Guiding Considerations

- Aging infrastructure / high renewal needs
- Empty spaces
- Transportation
- Staffing efficiencies
- Consolidations – makes stronger business case to Ministry for new build
- More extra curricular opportunities
- New builds bring community revitalization
- Limit student movement and change
- Operating costs
- Larger school – more collaborative opportunities with staff

Committee Options and Ideas

- Submit a business case to the Ministry for the consolidation of Mt. Carmel-Blytheswood and Mill Street to build a new school on the Mill Street property.
- Using the old LDSS site for a consolidation of MCB and Mill Street in a new build.
- Change the boundaries, all students go to their in-district schools for September.
- Use Erie Street as a boundary. West of Erie students from Bennie all the way to MCB go to a new consolidated school on Bennie site, LDSS site, or other. East of Erie go to a new Queen Elizabeth.
- Changing boundaries with MCB and Gore Hill to East Mersea



Options and Ideas

- Changing E. Mersea, Mill St, QE eastern boundaries to Gore Hill
- Many ideas, maps, small areas were broken down with the number of students in the areas. Scenarios provided, discussed and analyzed.

- **Out of District**

Gore Hill – 27

MD Bennie – 55

Mill St – 22

MCB – 29

Q. Elizabeth - 89

Committee and Community Input

- Every School is an excellent school
- Better bus bays and Kiss N Ride areas
- Air conditioning
- City vs Country schools
- Land and Location
- Mentioned that schools had to close / consolidate / boundaries change to be responsible
- 6 schools in area with 5 having approximately 250 students and under

Information and Input Sessions

- April 26, 2016 and again August 16, 2016 information sessions were held to explore potential partnerships with municipalities and community partners
- March 2, 2017 meeting with Municipality in Leamington

Timelines

Dates	Event
November 15, 2016	LTAP presentation
December 13, 2016	Trustee Approval to begin PARC
January 26, 2017	Orientation Meeting – Mill Street
February 9, 2017	First Public Meeting - LDSS
March 2, 2017	Committee Meeting – Gore Hill
March 29, 2017	Committee Meeting - MCB
April 20, 2017	Second Public Meeting - LDSS
May 5, 2017	FSR to Trustees and posted
May 24, 2017	Public Meeting at Board Office (7:00pm)
June 8, 2017	Public Meeting at Board Office (7:00pm) – Trustee Final Decision





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