

# Implementation Recommendations

## Timing:

Phase 1 is intended to alleviate growth pressures at St. Timothy and John Sweeney. John Sweeney currently has 9 portables and St. Timothy has 6 portables. Adding more portables to St. Timothy is problematic due to the topography of the site and the need to maintain clear sight lines.

There has been on-going discussion at ARC meetings about the appropriate time to implement these boundary changes. The St. Timothy boundary change is more crucial and does not necessarily have to occur at the same time as the boundary change to John Sweeney. The advantages and disadvantages to implementing these changes for September 2009 vs. September 2010 are listed in the table below.

	Advantages	Disadvantages
September 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides certainty for new registrants - no waiting period.</li> <li>Ensures that no additional portables would need to be placed at St. Timothy.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New registrants must wait until March before a final decision is reached.</li> <li>Fairly short adjustment period for students and parents (child care considerations).</li> </ul>
September 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides a longer adjustment period for parents and students.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 year delay could result in the need for an additional portable(s) at St. Timothy.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supervision issues</li> <li>Loss of hard surface playground space</li> <li>Cost implications for portable placement &amp; lease</li> </ul> </li> <li>New registrants in affected areas could be asked to move after only 1 year at the school               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uncertainty may influence parental choice</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Phase 2 will likely be implemented within the next 5 years. The timing of the new school will depend on the economy, the housing market and enrolment as the result of residential development. It will also depend on the availability of funding from the Ministry of Education. Board staff will monitor enrolment over the up-coming years and determine when the new school is needed.

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## **Potential Implementation Recommendations:**

Grandparenting: Recommend that grade 8 students in the year of implementation be allowed to finish their elementary schooling at their existing school. No transportation would be provided.

New Registrants: Should the decision be reached to implement boundary changes for 2010 then it could be recommended that JK or new students entering the school system for the first time in September 2009 be allowed to enroll at their new school subject to the normal provision for out of boundary permissions. No transportation would be provided.

Addition to John Sweeney: A six classroom addition is the largest addition that can be added to John Sweeney. Recommend that a 138 pupil place (six classroom) addition be added to John Sweeney for the 2010 school year.