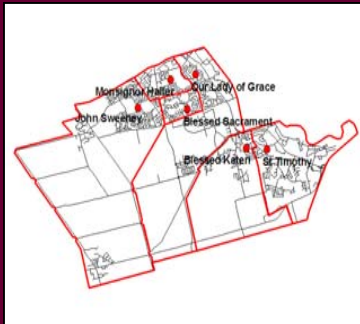


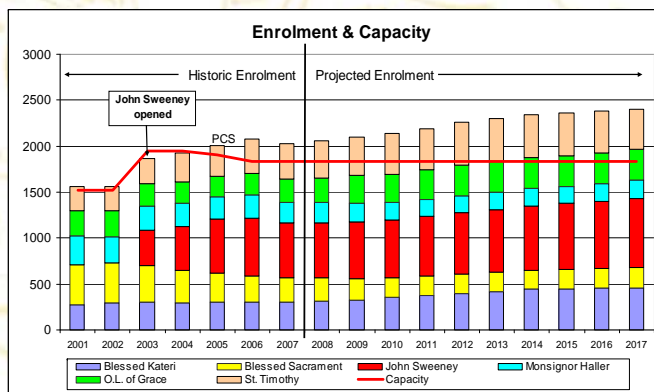
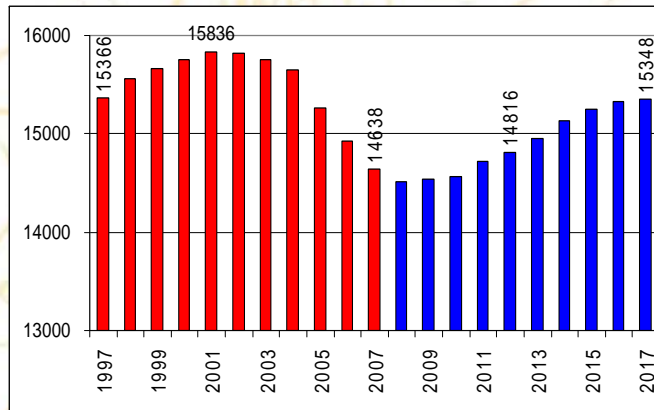
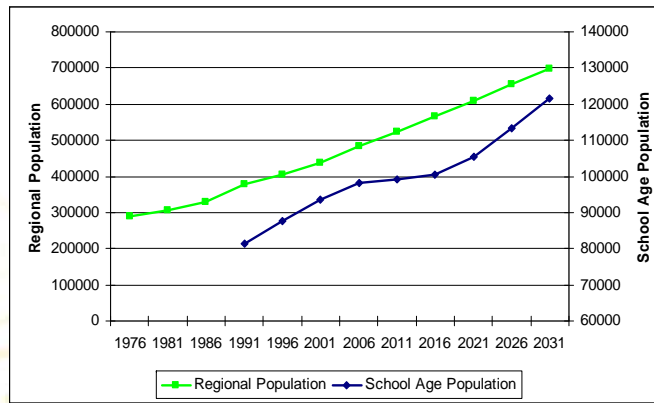


Southwest Kitchener Review Area:

- Blessed Kateri
- Blessed Sacrament
- John Sweeney
- Monsignor Haller
- Our Lady of Grace
- St Timothy



“Places to Grow” is a plan created by the province to predict and manage growth in the Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH) area, which includes Waterloo Region. The population in this region is projected to increase to 729,000 by 2031, a 51% increase from 2006. The majority of this growth will come from immigration, both international and inter-provincial.



Regional Population Projection

The Region of Waterloo is projecting a steady population increase over the next 25 years. However, the school age population, which includes both elementary and secondary aged students, is expected to remain relatively stable until 2016 when it is projected to increase.

Board-wide Trends

The Board's elementary enrolment peaked in 2001 and has been declining since that time. It is expected to remain relatively stable over the next few years before gradually increasing. This assumption is dependant upon a continuing strong local economy, the maintenance of existing immigration policies and a continuing trend toward higher birth rates.

Enrolment vs. Capacity

Due to the large amount of residential growth, schools in this area have not been as greatly affected by declining enrolment as in other areas of the Region. The graph illustrates enrolment vs. capacity across the six schools in the review. Enrolment has been increasing and will continue to increase over the next 10 years.

Goals of This Review

Short term:

Alleviate growth pressures at St. Timothy and John Sweeney.

Medium term:

Determine the attendance boundary for a new Southwest Kitchener elementary school near Fischer-Hallman Rd. & Huron Rd.

Long term:

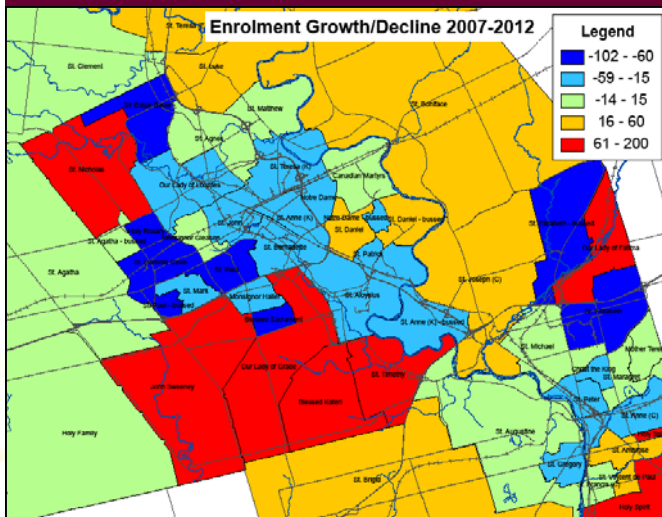
Address the long term sustainability of Monsignor Haller & Blessed Sacrament

Examine the need for any future elementary schools.

The Review Process

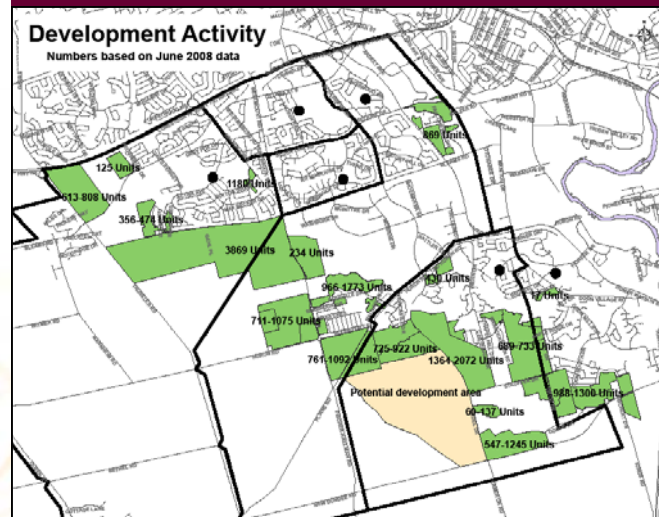
The Southwest Kitchener Accommodation Review was initiated by the Board of Trustees on September 2, 2008. An accommodation review committee (ARC) was assembled in accordance with APF008: Pupil Accommodation Review Process and the ARC will follow the process outlined in Part A: “School Boundary Review” of that memorandum. The ARC is responsible for developing boundary scenarios/options, developing implementation recommendations and advising the board on future accommodation needs in southwest Kitchener.

Enrolment Growth/Decline



The figure above shows the anticipated enrolment growth and decline between 2007 and 2012 by school boundary. High growth areas are located on the edges of the city where green field development remains. Areas of decline are located mainly in the core areas and older neighbourhoods. The majority of residential growth remaining in the Region is located in southwest Kitchener.

Residential Growth in SW Kitchener



The figure above illustrates the location of future residential development, including the potential number of residential units, within the review area. The majority of residential growth is located within the boundaries of John Sweeney, Our Lady of Grace, St. Timothy and Blessed Kateri. The estimated number of residential units expected in southwest Kitchener is approximately 15,000.



We welcome your comments, questions, concerns and suggestions!

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Public meetings will be held to present the accommodation scenarios/options and to receive feedback from the public.

Public meetings:
December 9, 2008
Location: Blessed Kateri

December 10, 2008
Location: Monsignor Haller

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Schools at a Glance	Potential Impacts of This Review
Blessed Kateri – at capacity, residential growth (increasing enrolment)	Remove students and send them to the new school, add students from St. Timothy
Blessed Sacrament – slightly below capacity, declining enrolment	Examine the long term sustainability as enrolment declines
John Sweeney – over capacity with 9 portables, residential growth (increasing enrolment)	Determine if there is a need for an addition and/or boundary change
Monsignor Haller – slightly below capacity, declining enrolment	Examine the long term sustainability as enrolment declines
Our Lady of Grace – over capacity with 2 portables, residential growth (increasing enrolment), large bussing distances for students in the Huron/Fischer-Hallman area	Remove students and send them to the new school
St. Timothy – over capacity with 6 portables and limited ability to add more portables due to the topography of the site, residential growth (increasing enrolment)	Remove students and send them to Blessed Kateri