

Black Gold School Division

TO: BGSD Board of Trustees
FROM: Associate Superintendent- Learning Services
DATE: February 22, 2023
SUBJECT: City of Leduc Boundary and Grade Configuration Review

PURPOSE

Administration presents the City of Leduc Attendance Area Study Report to the Board of Trustees for review and seeks direction on commencing a school reconfiguration process within the city to ensure continued quality programming for all students through equitable school utilization.

BACKGROUND

With the anticipated opening in September 2024 of Ohpaho Secondary School, with an opening capacity of 1100 students in SW Leduc, there is a need to establish attendance boundaries and grade configurations for the new school and to conduct a review of the potential impact of the additional student spaces on our other schools.

The City of Leduc's population continues to grow. According to the 2021 Federal Census, the city now has an overall population of approximately 34,094 people - an increase of 8.9% over the 2019 Municipal Census, which invariably results in enrolment impacts.

Over the last two years, East Elementary School, Caledonia Park School, Leduc Composite High School, Ecole Leduc Junior High School, and West Haven Public School have experienced their highest enrolments, leading to very high school utilization rates. In fact, five of our nine schools are above the 100% utilization rate, which creates an urgent need for extra student spaces across the community.

Our goal is to ensure continued quality programming for all students through equitable school utilization. For the most part, the established attendance boundaries support the neighbourhood school concept geographically. There are some boundaries, however, due to neighbourhood build-out rates and school utilization rates that have neighbourhoods attending schools across town.

To help address the above, in November 2022, the Black Gold School Division contracted the services of Edmonton Public Schools Planning Consultancy to submit a Leduc Accommodation Study for the Board's review. The study will provide concepts that can be further investigated through a public engagement process. It is through the engagement process that a final recommendation will be generated, which will be shared with the Board for consideration.

RELATED BGSD POLICIES, PROCEDURES and DOCUMENTS

- Education Act Section 13 (2), 33 (1c)
- [Board Policy 15 - Appendix - School Reconfigurations](#)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Board, based upon Policy 15, Appendix, sections 3.1 - Increasing enrolments, 3.5- Improving School Facility Utilization, 3.8 - the addition of a school, and the information provided in the City of Leduc Attendance Area Study Report, directs administration to commence the School Reconfiguration Process within the City of Leduc and provide the Board with a Reconfiguration Recommendation Report for consideration, by the early fall 2023.