



# **Mary Queen of Peace Elementary and East Point Elementary**

## Catchment Review

November 25, 2017

# School Review Policy

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- ▶ The Board of Trustees (“Board”) for the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District (“District”) is mandated to organize and administer primary, elementary and secondary education in the District.
- ▶ In doing so the Board strives to make the best use of school infrastructure, financial and human resources for all of the students in the Province. Through its capital priorities planning process, the Board may initiate a school review, in order to maximize resources in a particular area and to assess the sustainability of a school facility and its educational programming.



# Catchment Reviews 2017-18

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## Avalon Region

- ▶ Holy Heart of Mary School System
- ▶ Mount Pearl/Paradise/CBS School Systems (to follow)

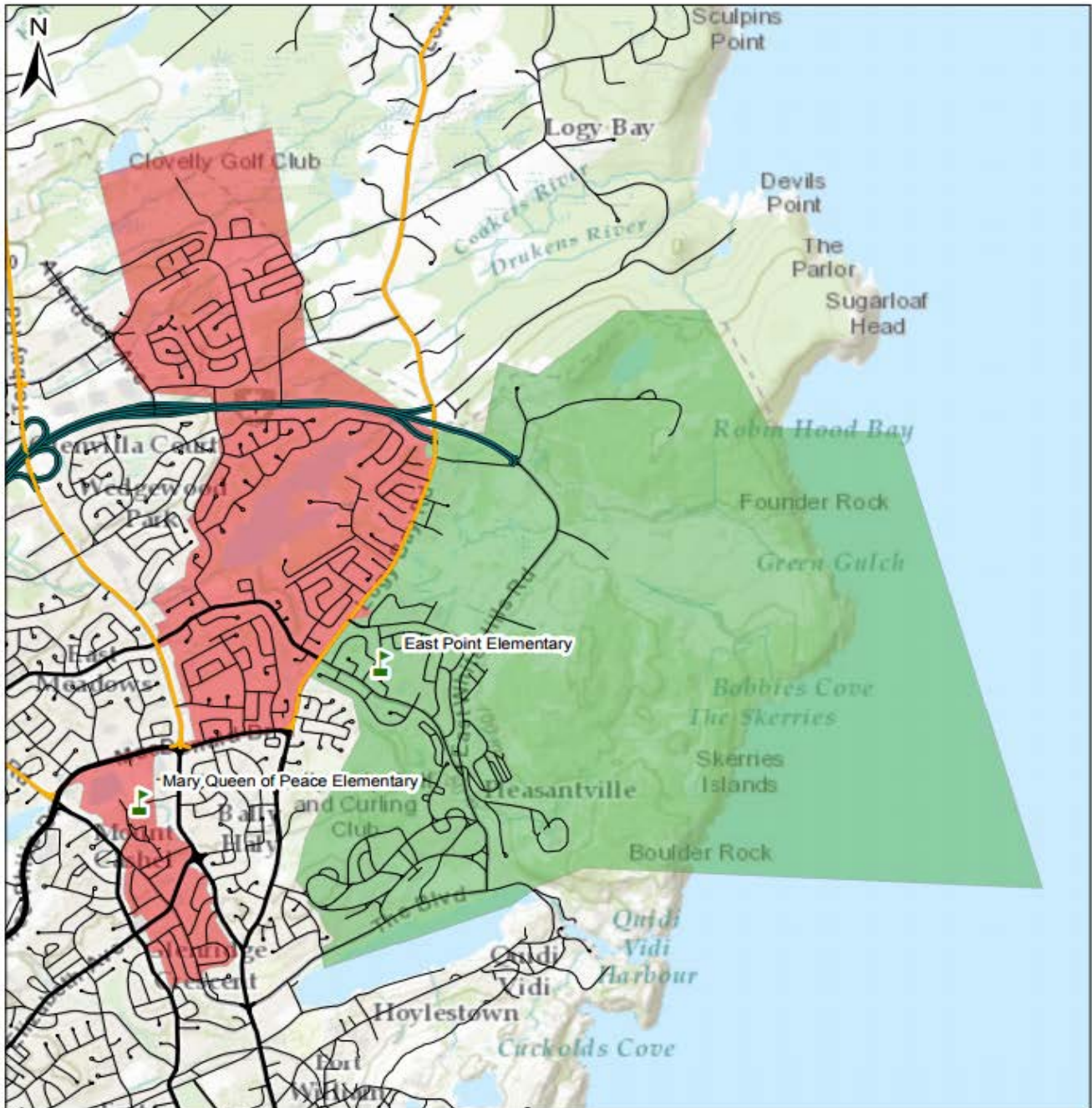


# Process and Timelines for Catchment Reviews




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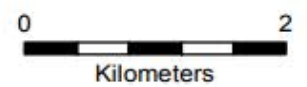
- ▶ Phase 1 Consultation – **Complete**
  - ✓ Gather information and create school profiles
  - ✓ Consult with school councils
  - ✓ Develop options and revise information
  - ✓ Public meeting
  - ✓ Online survey
- ▶ Board decision - **Today**





Mary Queen of Peace - 667  
East Point Elementary - 163

-  School
-  Mary Queen of Peace Elementary
-  East Point Elementary



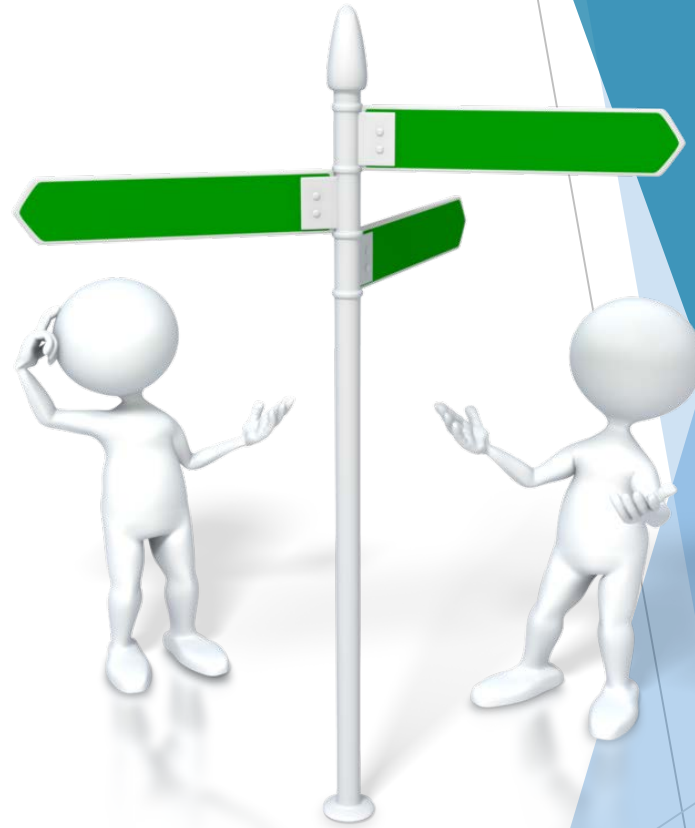
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# Options to Consider

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Options to be considered by the Board are:

- **Maintain** status quo
- **Reconfigure** the catchment area for both schools
  - ✓ *Option 1: East Meadows/East Point Landing*
  - ✓ *Option 2: Exclusive Family Responsibility Zone*
  - ✓ *Option 3: East Point Landing to Torbay Road*





# Considerations

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- In consideration of feedback from school councils, three options were developed.
- All options result in students attending neighbourhood schools.
- All options include an opt out clause where students can remain at *Mary Queen of Peace(MQP)* until they finish Grade 6.
- Students in the English stream can attend *Mary Queen of Peace* but no bussing (may apply for courtesy seating)
- Current French Immersion students will continue at *Mary Queen of Peace* with bussing
- New EFI students can apply to *Mary Queen of Peace* but no bussing (may apply for courtesy seating)



# 1. Student Enrollment

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***Mary Queen of Peace*** is projected to have between 678 and 645 students from now until 2026.

***East Point Elementary*** is projected to have between 163 and 170 students from now until 2026.







## 3. Facilities

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- ✓ No facility issues or concerns were identified.
- ✓ No capital projects or repairs are required.
- ✓ There are no health/environmental concerns.
- ✓ All required infrastructure for programming is available.



## 4. Transportation

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- Changes to catchment zones may result in an extra required bus for *East Point Elementary*.
- Students in the English program currently in the new catchment zone and inside the family responsibility zone for *East Point Elementary* will not be eligible for busing.
- Students in the English program who opt out of attending school in their new catchment zone (*East Point Elementary*) can apply for courtesy seating.
- Students in the French Immersion program in *MQP* will continue to have access to busing.



# Option 1: East Meadows/East Point Landing

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## Advantages:

- ✓ The projection for *East Point Elementary* can increase by 68 students
- ✓ *Mary Queen of Peace* has fewer double slot gym classes
- ✓ Captures entire neighborhoods

## Disadvantages:

- *East Point Elementary* will require a larger bus



# Option 2: Exclusive Family Responsibility

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## Advantages

- ✓ The projection for *East Point Elementary* can increase by 62 students
- ✓ *Mary Queen of Peace* has fewer double slot gym classes
- ✓ No change in bussing requirements

## Disadvantages

- Neighborhoods are split



# Option 3: East Point Landing to Torbay Road

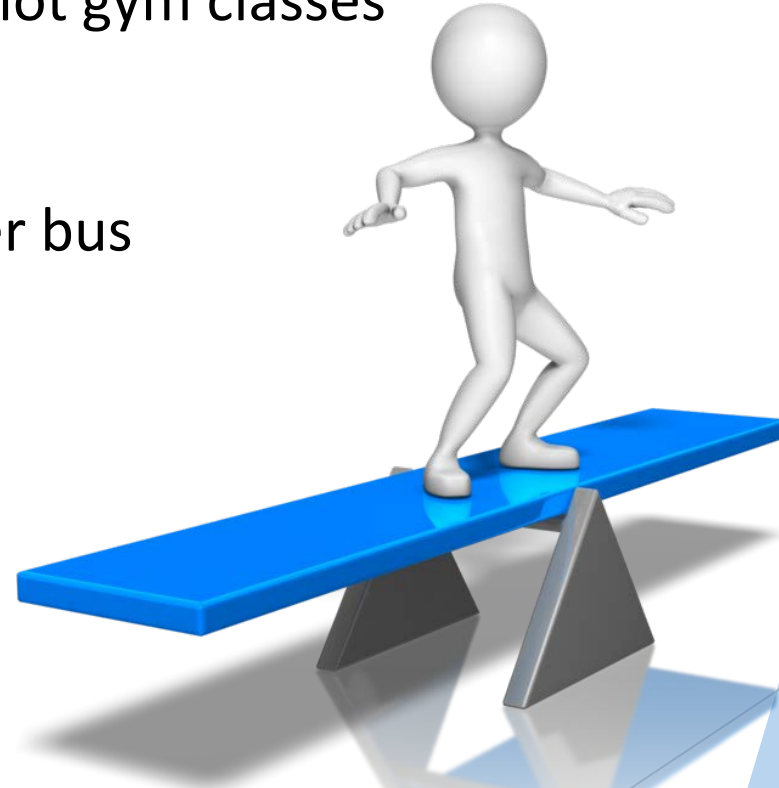
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## Advantages:

- ✓ The projection for *East Point Elementary* can increase by 87 students
- ✓ *Mary Queen of Peace* has fewer double slot gym classes

## Disadvantages:

- *East Point Elementary* will require a larger bus
- Neighborhoods are split



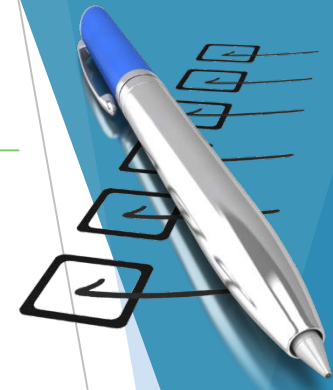


# Feedback Summary

**Date Survey Concludes:** October 31, 2017

**Total Responses:** 68 survey responses + 3 parent emails = 71 responses

- ▶ 13 parent emails received between June 15 and October 5



Feedback School	Total	For Option 1 (EM + EPL)	For Option 2 (Family Resp. Re-zone)	For Option 3 (EPL to Torbay Rd)	Undetermined	Yes, we would avail of 'opt out'
East Point Elementary	11	2	1	3	5	1
Mary Queen of Peace	54 + 3 emails	16	13	4	21	42 (7-No, 5-undet.)
No school identified	3	-	1	-	2	0



# Feedback Themes

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- ▶ Kinderstart; will cause confusion among students to do Kinderstart at one school only to be moved to another.
- ▶ Busing/1.6 km zone
- ▶ “Unfair” to bus French but not English, “blatant discrimination”
- ▶ Access to after school program options
- ▶ The speed at which vehicles travel down Logy Bay Road/ the types of traffic on LBR (construction, big trucks)
- ▶ Student safety in the walk-zone/5 lane highway

Siblings



# Feedback Themes

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- ▶ ‘Opt out’ should be afforded to siblings of current students as well/ grandfathered.
- ▶ There should be no changes made to the system as it currently exists.
- ▶ Breaking up school communities (particularly MQP) into ‘disjointed regions’.
- ▶ Why grandfather to MQP if EPL is rezoned, as their closest French Immersion school would now be Vanier - not MQP?
- ▶ A number of MQP submissions who did not chose one of the options presented instead expressed a desire for an Option 4 - no change/status quo.
- ▶ A number of EPE submissions noted that they did not feel an ‘opt out’ option should have been offered, as it further allowed the perceived bias against them and Virginia Park that they feel exists among those at MQP to continue.



# Motion

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**WHEREAS** the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District is committed to providing the best possible educational programs for students; and,

**WHEREAS** change of catchment zone is required to achieve that objective;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that:

The catchment zones for Mary Queen of Peace and East Point Elementary be realigned so that East Point Elementary's Exclusive Family Responsibility Zone with the exception of Gregory Street, Lucy Rose Lane, and Gerard Place attends East Point Elementary effective September 2018.



**Thank You**

