

BOARD
MEMORANDUM

Date: February 23, 2022
To: Board of Trustees
From: Shawna Walter, Acting Superintendent
Originator(s): Shawna Walter, Acting Superintendent
Subject: Town of Legal Catchment

Purpose:

For approval. Motion required.

Motion:

- a) That the Board of Trustees approve that the Town of Legal remains status quo and continue to waive the *School of Choice* transportation fee as presented at the February 23, 2022, Public Board meeting.

Or

- b) That the Board of Trustees approve that, effective the 2022/2023 School Year, the Bon Accord Catchment boundary will be applied and Town of Legal families be charged the *Choice Rider Transportation Fee* to attend École Morinville Public and Four Winds Public Schools, except for French Immersion students, as presented at the February 23, 2022, Public Board meeting,
- i. Current ÉMPS/FWPS students and siblings grandfathered.
 - ii. Current ÉMPS/FWPS students and siblings NOT grandfathered.

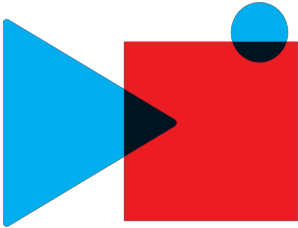
Or

- c) That the Board of Trustees approve a closed catchment boundary for the Town of Legal. Effective the 2022/2023 School Year, Town of Legal students will attend their catchment school; Bon Accord Community School or Lilian Schick School for regular programming as presented at the February 23, 2022, Public Board meeting.
- i. Town of Legal students currently attending either École Morinville Public or Four Winds Public Schools will be grandfathered; and

Siblings of current students will be accepted, if:

- o both siblings will be attending the school(s) next year, and both students pre-enrol before the deadline of April 29, 2022





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- After pre-enrolment closes at **4 p.m. on April 29, 2022**, only **resident students** who move into the school's catchment area will be able to attend a closed-boundary school.
- ii. Current ÉMPS/FWPS students and siblings NOT grandfathered.

Background:

Sturgeon Public Schools opened Morinville Public School in 2011 and in January 2020, the Division opened its second school in the town of Morinville. The opening of Four Winds Public School separated Morinville Public School into two schools; a Pre-K – Grade 4 school and a Grade 5-9 school. Both schools have dual track French Immersion and English programming. French Immersion has grown a grade per year since 2011; beginning the fall of 2021, the program now includes Kindergarten to Grade 9.

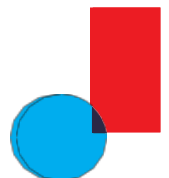
Since Sturgeon Public Schools gained access to the Town of Legal in 2011, the Board has offered families a choice of attending École Morinville Public School (ÉMPS), Four Winds Public School (FWPS), Bon Accord Community School (BACS) or Lilian Schick School (LS), even though the Town of Legal is in the Bon Accord catchment. This practice does not align with Division Policy. [Policy 200 Attendance Areas](#), states that resident students are designated to attend schools in attendance areas as established by the Board:

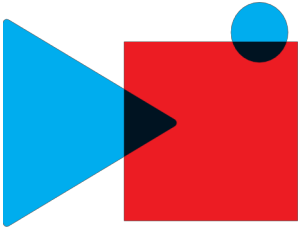
- While resident students are designated to attend schools in attendance areas established by the Board, educational or programming needs of students or student/parent preferences may warrant consideration of allowing attendance at a school other than the designated school.
- Resident students may register in schools other than their designated school providing there are sufficient resources and facilities available to accommodate the student. Resident students may register in Programs of Choice (e.g. Logos, French Immersion) at Division schools.
- When a student attends a school outside a designated attendance area, transportation may become the parent(s)/ guardian(s)/ independent student's responsibility.

Enrolment

Monthly enrolment reporting for November 30, 2021:

- BACS has an enrolment of **217** Pre-K to Grade 4 students
 - Legal **6** Pre-K/K students
- LS has an enrolment of **239** Grade 5 – 9 students
- ÉMPS has an enrolment of **565** Pre-K to Grade 4 students
- FWPS has an enrolment of **420** Grade 5 – 9 students





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Capture Rates

BACS

- BACS has captured **39%** of the students living in the catchment for 21-22
- **55** K-4 Regular Program students are currently attending other SPS schools

Lilian Schick

- LS has captured **41%** of the students living in the catchment for 21-22 both regular program and LOGOS
- **59** 5-9 Regular Program students are currently attending other SPS schools

ÉMPS

- ÉMPS has captured **48%** of the K-4 students living in the catchment for 21-22 both regular program and French Immersion.
- **20** K-4 Regular Program students are currently attending other SPS schools

FWPS

- FWPS has captured **41%** of the 5-9 students living in the catchment for 21-22 both regular program and French Immersion (which has increased since the opening of the new school: 18/19 – 33%, 19/20 – 38%, 20/21 – 38%)
- **16** 5-9 Regular Program students are currently attending other SPS schools

Transportation

Currently, Town of Legal families have the choice to attend a Morinville or Bon Accord school for the same cost = resident rider fee \$225/year.

Choice Rider fee is \$300/year

ÉMPS and FWPS are reaching enrolment capacity and to ensure efficient utilization of SPS facilities the Division must identify strategies that will meet the needs of SPS students for the next 10 years.

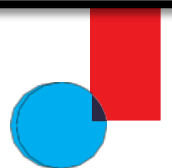
Attendance Pattern

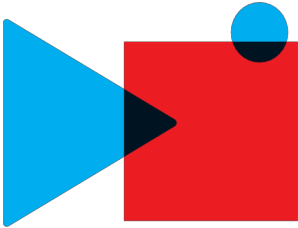
Town of Legal Students

Regular Program

23 Town of Legal students attend Morinville Schools for regular programming.

School of Attendance	Enrolment													Subtotals				
	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	PK-4	5-9	10-12	PK-12
Morinville Public School	0	1	2	1	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	12
Four Winds Public School	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	11
Sturgeon Composite High School	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	8	8
Lilian Schick School	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	3
Bon Accord Community School	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Camilla School	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Total by Grade	0	2	4	1	4	5	3	1	4	5	1	4	4	0	16	14	8	38





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French Immersion

5 Town of Legal students attend Morinville Schools for French Immersion programming
= 4 ÉMPS, 1 FWPS

Administration is prepared to respond to questions at the February 23, 2022, Public Board meeting.

Sincerely,

Shawna Walter, M.Ed
Acting Superintendent

