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HALIFAX REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD
New Residential Development and Assignment of Streets to Schools

PURPOSE: To provide information to the Board regarding the assignment of new streets to schools within the Halifax Regional School Board (HRSB).

BACKGROUND: The Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) has notified the Board of acceptance of primary and/or secondary services for several new streets in HRM. Development on these streets has begun and at this time potential students have not been assigned to a school. There will be a potential impact on the enrolment at various schools.

Upon notification of acceptance of services, the assigned neighbourhood schools are determined by utilizing the Baragar Mapping System. In order to determine if there is capacity to accommodate new students, a number of factors are considered: current enrolment, the potential number of students from the development and the projected enrolment.

It should be noted that residential development may begin on some roads prior to the Municipality accepting services and prior to the Board being notified. The HRM Regional Subdivision By-law provides a developer an opportunity to enter into a subdivision agreement with the Municipality. The subdivision agreement may allow the developer to begin construction before the acceptance of primary and secondary services. The developer will provide the Municipality with a performance security in the amount of 110% of the approved estimated costs for the installation of the primary and secondary services to guarantee their installation. If the developer provides this security, building permits may be issued.

The intent of this report is to provide the Board information on the following matters:

- identification of schools that may be experiencing overcrowding as a result of development pressure; and
- the methodology that staff have applied in determining available capacity within the neighbourhood schools

CONTENT: **Student Population Impact of the Developments**

The charts of Appendix 1 outline the schools (by Family of Schools) affected by the current developments and the potential students that may result from the developments beginning in the 2013-14 school year. The potential increase of students is determined by using ratios of:

- Residential single units – 60 students per 100 units who are in grades primary through 12;
- Townhouse or semi-detached dwelling units – 45 students per 100 units who are in grades primary through 12; and
- Multiple unit dwellings – 11.25 students per 100 units who are in grades primary through 12.

The grade breakdown of potential students is determined by using ratios of:

- Grades Primary through Six – 60% of students from the development;
- Grades Seven through Nine – 20% of students from the development; and
- Grades Ten through Twelve – 20% of students from the development.

It should be noted these findings are based on current data as well as information provided by HRM Planning and Development Services; however, there is no guarantee that development will proceed in this form. Should any of these schools not be able to accommodate increased enrolments, students will be assigned in accordance with policy. (B.003 Creating School Populations)

Within a number of families of schools, the potential increase in students from the new developments can be accommodated with minimal to no impact on the schools. Auburn Drive High, Charles P. Allen High, Cole Harbour District High, Dartmouth High, J.L Ilsley High, Prince Andrew High, and Sir John A. Macdonald High families of schools can accommodate the potential increase of students from the developments.

Within the suburban area, there is some enrolment pressure in the Lockview High (Fall River and Enfield) Family of Schools. In the Lockview Family, it is anticipated the enrolment will remain relatively steady through 2018. Lockview High School had declined in enrolment over the past five years and it is anticipated to remain relatively stable over the next five years. The potential increase in students from these developments is not substantial and as such can be accommodated with limited impact on the existing schools. HRM Development Services has indicated there are growth management measures within this area that are intended to control future growth.

The Millwood High Family of Schools is experiencing some enrolment pressure, in particular at the elementary school level. Based on the enrolment numbers from April 2013, the student population can be accommodated at these sites. There are portables at Millwood Elementary and Harry R. Hamilton Elementary School which may be utilized in the 2013-2014 school year.

Some of the schools in the Halifax West High Family of Schools are at or above capacity. Grosvenor-Wentworth Park Elementary School is above design and functional capacity and based on early registration, enrolment is not declining. Should further development occur in this area, the board will need to consider options in accordance with policy.

COST:	N/A
FUNDING:	N/A
TIMELINE:	The placement of students would be effective immediately.
APPENDICES:	Appendix 1 – Potential Student Increase by Family of Schools.
RECOMMENDATIONS:	It is recommended that the Board receive this report for information.

COMMUNICATIONS:

AUDIENCE	RESPONSIBLE	TIMELINE
Community via the web	Doug Hadley	Following the Board meeting
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Appendix 1 – Potential Student Increase by Family of Schools

Auburn Drive Family of Schools

Development	# and Type of Lots	Potential Students	Total Potential Students	Schools Impacted	Capacity to Accommodate New Students
Colby South, Phase 2B, Lakeridge Crescent and Astral Drive	30 Residential single units	18	11 PR-6 4 GR 7-9 3 GR 10-12 18 Total	Astral Drive Elementary School, Astral Drive Junior High School, and Auburn Drive High School	¹ Astral Drive Elementary is at design capacity; however, the functional capacity can accommodate this increase in students.
Portland Hills Subdivision, Phase 8, Cherrywood Drive	46 Residential Single Units	28	17 PR-6 6 GR 7-9 5 GR 10-12 28 Total	Caldwell Road Elementary, Astral Drive Junior High, and Auburn Drive High School	Yes, the potential increase in students can be accommodated.

Charles P Allen High Family of School

Development	# and Type of Lots	Potential Students	Total Potential Students	Schools Impacted	Capacity to Accommodate New Students
West Bedford, Phase 3A, Gary Martin Drive	18 Townhouse Units	11	106 PR -6 35 GR 7-9 35 GR 10-12 176 Total	Basinview Drive Community School, Rocky Lake Junior High School, and Charles P. Allen High	Yes, the potential increase in students can be accommodated.
West Bedford, Phase 4A, Hollyhock Way, and Royalfern Way	52 Residential Single Units	31			
West Bedford, Phase 4B, Hollyhock Way	33 Residential Single Units	20			
West Bedford, Phase 5B, Aspenhill Court	37 Residential Single Units	23			
West Bedford, Phase 6, Lowther Lane, and Three Admirals Drive	57 Residential Single Units	34			
West Bedford, Phase 11A, Aspenhill Court	37 Residential Single Units	23			
Thistle Grove Phase 1, Olive Avenue, and Lewis Drive	57 Residential Single Units	34			

¹ Design Capacity refers to the pupil count (P-6=25, 7-12=30) per classroom. Classrooms are designated as homerooms while allowing for designed built spaces such as learning centres, resource rooms, music rooms, language art rooms (core French), science rooms, labs, and art rooms. Functional capacity utilizes classrooms and optional areas such as a core French room as designated homerooms. Classroom populations can exceed 25 in grades 4-6.

Development	# and Type of Lots	Potential Students	Total Potential Students	Schools Impacted	Capacity to Accommodate New Students
Bedford South Phase 11A, William Borrett Terrace	28 Residential Single Units	17	38 PR-6 13 GR 7-9 13 GR 10-12 64 Total	Bedford South School, Rocky Lake Junior High School, and Charles P. Allen High School	Yes, the potential increase in students can be accommodated.
Bedford South Phase 11C, Ternan Gate	5 Residential Single Units 50 Townhouse Units	26			
Bedford South Phase 12, William Borrett Terrace	26 Residential Single Units	16			
Bedford South Phase 13, Armenia Drive	10 Townhouse Units	5			
Perry Pond Estates Phase 1, Bonsai Dr, Cypress Crt, and Yew St.	36 Residential Single Units	22	13 PR-6 5 GR 7-9 4 GR 10-12 22 Total	Hammonds Plains Consolidated School, Madeline Symonds Middle School, and Charles P. Allen High School	² Hammonds Plains Consolidated and Madeline Symonds Middle Schools are at or above design capacity. However, these potential students can be accommodated given the functional capacity and existing portables on site.
Kingswood North Phase 2, Bree Lane, Spyglass Run, and Viscount Run	29 Residential Single Units	17	25 PR-6 9 GR 7-9 8 GR 10-12 42 Total	Kingswood Elementary School, Madeline Symonds Middle School, and Charles P. Allen High School	³ Madeline Symonds Middle School is at or above design capacity; however, the potential student increase can be accommodated given the functional capacity.
Lands of United Golf, Voyageur Way	10 Residential Single Units	6			
Voyageur Lakes, Phase 3B and 4, Voyageur Way	31 Residential Single Units	19			

² ibid.

³ ibid.

Cole Harbour District High Family of Schools

Development	# and Type of Lots	Potential Students	Total Potential Students	Schools Impacted	Capacity to Accommodate New Students
Beech Breeze Estates, Phase 6	22 Residential Single Units	13	8 PR-6 3 GR 7-9 2 GR 10-12 13 Total	Ross Road School, and Cole Harbour District High School	Yes, the potential increase in students can be accommodated.

Dartmouth High Family of Schools

Development	# and Type of Lots	Potential Students	Total Potential Students	Schools Impacted	Capacity to Accommodate New Students
Lands & Water Lots of the Anchorage at Dartmouth Cove Property Development Inc.	300 Multiple Units	34	20 PR-6 8 GR 7-9 6 GR 10-12 34 Total	Hawthorn Elementary, Bicentennial School (7-9), and Dartmouth High	Yes, the potential increase in students can be accommodated.

Halifax West High Family of Schools

Development	# and Type of Lots	Potential Students	Total Potential Students	Schools Impacted	Capacity to Accommodate New Students
Wentworth Estates Phase 1, Bosun Run, and Fleetview Drive	24 Townhouse Units, and 26 Residential Single Units	27	16 PR-6 6 GR 7-9 5 Gr 10-12 27 Total	Grosvenor-Wentworth Park Elementary School, Clayton Park Junior High School, and Halifax West High School	⁴ Grosvenor-Wentworth Park Elementary is at or above design and functional capacity. The April enrolment numbers indicate students will be accommodated; however, further growth may cause an enrolment pressure that cannot be accommodated within the school.

⁴ ibid.

J.L. Isley High Family of Schools

Development	# and Type of Lots	Potential Students	Total Potential Students	Schools Impacted	Capacity to Accommodate New Students
Governor's Brook Phases 3 and 4A, Alabaster Way, Lier Ridge, and Quartz Drive	99 Residential Single Units, 52 Townhouse Units, and 48 Multi Units	87	52 PR-6 18 GR 7-9 17 GR 10-12 87 Total	Central Spryfield Elementary, Rockingstone Heights, and J.L. Isley High School	Yes, the potential increase in students can be accommodated

Lockview High Family of Schools

Development	# and Type of Lots	Potential Students	Total Potential Students	Schools Impacted	Capacity to Accommodate New Students
Kinloch Phase 6C2, Celebration Drive, Archway Court, and Piggott Avenue	17 Residential Single Units	10	24 PR-6 6 GR 7-8 10 GR 9-12 40 Total	Ash Lee Jefferson Elementary School, Georges P Vanier Junior High School, and Lockview High School	Yes, the potential increase in students can be accommodated.
St. Andrews West Phase 5, Heddas Way, Ballentyne Way, and Dungarry Close	27 Residential Single Units	16			
St. Andrews West Phase 6, Beaverbrook Drive	24 Residential Single Units	14			
Lost Creek Phase 7, Crooked Stick Pass	30 Residential Single Units	18	11 PR-6 3 GR 7-8 4 GR 9-12 18 Total	Beaver Bank –Kinsac Elementary School, Beaver Bank – Monarch Drive Elementary School, Harold T. Barrett Junior High School, and Lockview High School	Yes, the potential increase in students can be accommodated.
Power Mill Developments, extension of Sunnylea Road	6 Residential Single Units	4	29 PR-6 10 GR 7-8 9 GR 9-12 48 Total	Holland Road Elementary School, Georges P. Vanier Junior High School and Lockview High School	Yes, the potential increase in students can be accommodated.
Schwartzwald Heights Phase 3A, Clivedon Court	73 Residential Single Units	44			

Millwood High Families of Schools

Development	# and Type of Lots	Potential Students	Total Potential Students	Schools Impacted	Capacity to Accommodate New Students
Lakecrest Acres Phase 9, Bramblewood Court, Kernwood Drive, and Rhodora Drive	20 Residential Single Units	12	25 PR-6 9 GR 7-9 8 GR 10-12 42 Total	Harry R. Hamilton Elementary, Sackville Heights Junior High, and Millwood High	⁵ Harry R. Hamilton Elementary School is at or above design capacity with 3 portables on site; however, based on April enrolments the projected enrolment for 2013-2014 can be accommodated. Sackville Heights Junior High School and Millwood High School have capacity available.
Lakecrest Acres Phase 10, Kernwood Drive	20 Residential Single Units	12			
Newridge Subdivision Phase 4A, Arrowhead Drive, and Idlewood Court	15 Residential Single Units	9			
Newridge Subdivision, Phase 4B, Birch Hill Court	15 Residential Single Units	9			
Twin Brooks, Phase 2A, Executive Drive, Fringe Drive, Match Play Court, Rafting Drive, and Uprange Court	22 Residential Single Units and 40 Semi Detached Units	31	43 PR-6 15 GR 7-9 14 GR 10-12 72 Total	Millwood Elementary School, Sackville Heights Jr. High School, and Millwood High School	⁶ Millwood Elementary School is at or above design and functional capacity with 3 portables on site; however, based on April enrolments the projected enrolment for 2013-2014 can be accommodated. Sackville Heights Junior High and Millwood High School have capacity available.
Twin Brooks, Phase 3A, Gallery Crescent, and Plugmart Court	19 Residential Single Units	11			
Twin Brooks, Phase 3B, Gallery Crescent, and Caddie Drive	29 Residential Single Units	17			
Twin Brooks, Phase 3C, Pinhigh Court, and Jackladder Drive	22 Residential Single Units	13			

⁵ ibid

⁶ ibid

Development	# and Type of Lots	Potential Students	Total Potential Students	Schools Impacted	Capacity to Accommodate New Students
Sunset Ridge Phase 1	22 Residential Single Units and 44 Semi-detached units	33	82 PR-6 28 GR 7-9 26 GR 10-12 136 Total	Sackville Heights Elementary School, Sackville Heights Junior High School, and Millwood High School	Yes, the potential increase in students can be accommodated.
Sunset Ridge Phases 2, 3, 4, and 5	51 Residential Single Units	30			
Kingswood North Phase 4, Viscount Run	54 Residential Single Units, 66 Semi-detached units and 8 townhouse units	66			
Riverwood Estates, Bryanston Road	11 Residential Single Units	7			

Prince Andrew High Family of Schools

Development	# and Type of Lots	Potential Students	Total Potential Students	Schools Impacted	Capacity to Accommodate New Students
Russell Lake West Phase 6A, Basswood Run	12 Townhouse Units, and 292 Multi Units	38	35 PR-6 12 GR 7-9 11 GR 10-12 58 Total	Brookhouse Elementary School, Ellenvale Junior High School, and Prince Andrew High School	Yes, the potential increase in students can be accommodated.
Russell Lake West Phase 6B, Krause Court	34 Residential Single Units	20			

Sir John A. Macdonald High Family of Schools

Development	# and Type of Lots	Potential Students	Total Potential Students	Schools Impacted	Capacity to Accommodate New Students
Brunello Estates, Phase 1 Timberlea Village	102 Residential Single Units, and 61 Townhouse Units	91	55 PR-6 19 GR 7-9 17 GR 10-12 91 Total	Beechville-Lakeside-Timberlea Elementary School, Ridgecliff Middle School, and Sir John A. Macdonald High School	Yes, the potential increase in students can be accommodated.
Five Lake Estates Phase 3A, Withrow Court	19 Residential Single Units	11	7 PR-6 2 GR 7-9 2 GR 10-12 11 Total	St. Margaret's Bay Elementary School, Five Bridges Junior High, and Sir John A. Macdonald High School	Yes, the potential increase in students can be accommodated.