

Addressing Enrolment Pressures

Handout for Collège Béliveau Students

Since March, the Louis Riel School Division’s (LRSD) Senior Leadership Team (SLT) has had focused meetings with communities in the Windsor Park Collegiate (WPC), Collège Béliveau (CB) and J.H. Bruns Families of Schools (FOS) about proposed solutions to address enrolment pressures and demographic changes. These recent meetings build on conversations we have been having since 2015. The SLT has presented information to staff and families in these communities. You may have heard some of that information from your family, teachers or friends. Since the changes involve you, the following information was compiled by the SLT.

Situation:

As Winnipeg continues to grow, LRSD welcomes more students into school each year. We work hard to ensure all school communities are looked after. When École Sage Creek School (ÉSCS) opened in 2017, we knew we needed a second school to ensure the students who live in Sage Creek can go to elementary school in their community. This need was and continues to be communicated to the Manitoba Government. The steps to build a new school include approval and funding from the Manitoba Government.

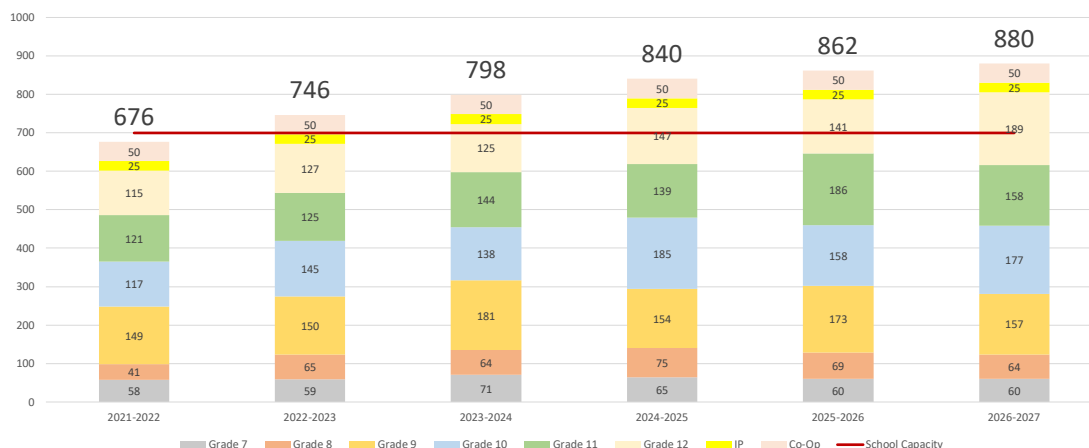
Although we are very confident we will soon have approval and funding for a second school in Sage Creek, we have had to come up with a number of solutions in the meantime to ensure there’s room for all students including:

- Offering both French Immersion and English programs at ÉSCS (something that we don’t typically do in LRSD).
- Having Grades 7 & 8 ÉSCS students attend CB and WPC (beginning in Sept. 2019).
- Having Grades 5 & 6 ÉSCS English program students attend Shamrock School (beginning in Sept. 2020).

Although these temporary solutions worked for a few years, we are now running out of room at WPC and have been running out of room at CB for some time.

If we look at projections, WPC as a Grade 7 to 12 school will be over-capacity next year and beyond. This is something we had predicted when Grade 7 and 8 students living in Sage Creek started attending WPC in 2019.

Current WPC Enrolment Projection



The Most Sustainable and Achievable Solutions:

The SLT acknowledges that navigating change is difficult and is committed to supporting students, staff and families to address any concerns related to the implementation of the proposed solutions. The following proposals have been studied over many years and their implementation has also been considered. As you will read below, the timeline for these proposals is 3 years for a new school in Sage Creek and 2 years to implement changes to the high schools. Our proposed roadmap related to these solutions extends beyond the initial moves.

Temporary Proposed Solutions: Elementary School

Given the lack of space at WPC and ÉSCS and the availability of space at Shamrock School, LRSD is proposing that starting in the 2022-2023 school year, Shamrock School will serve Grade 5, 6, & 7 English program students residing in Sage Creek. In 2023-2024, Shamrock School will also serve Grade 8 students residing in Sage Creek.

Students from Sage Creek are already attending Shamrock School for Grade 5 and 6 as a temporary solution. The division made room at Shamrock School for this temporary solution by changing its catchment. Shamrock School no longer serves students who live in north Island Lakes and Bonavista in Kindergarten to Grade 2. Over the course of the next 6 years, all students who live in north Island Lakes and Bonavista will attend Island Lakes Community School.

Long-Term Proposed Solutions: Elementary School

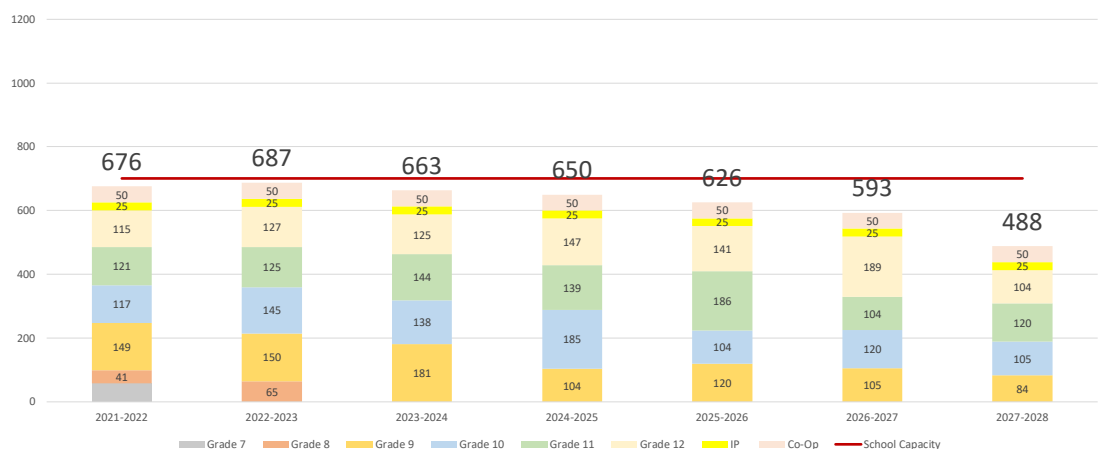
Once a new school opens in Sage Creek, all of the English program students living in Sage Creek in kindergarten to Grade 8 will attend the current school in the community (rather than some of them attending Shamrock School). This is anticipated to occur in the 2025-2026 school year.

Long-Term Proposed Solutions: High School

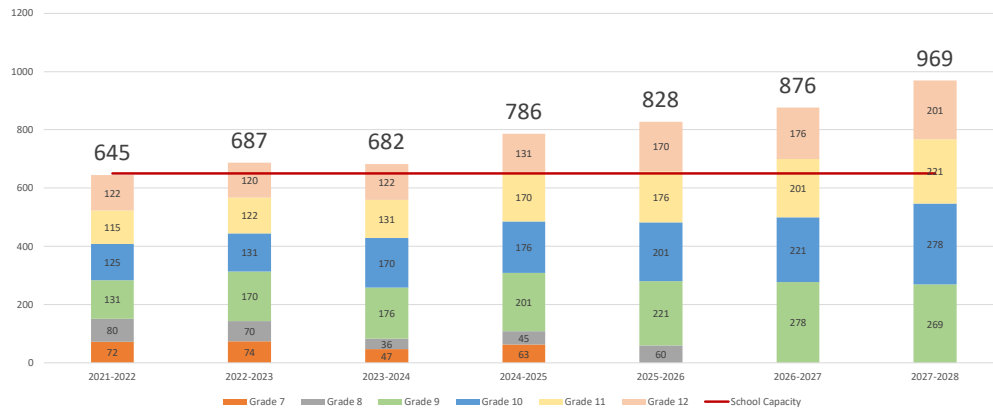
Building on the temporary solution of the English program Grade 5 to 8 students living in Sage Creek attending Shamrock School, LRSD is also proposing that they attend J.H. Bruns Collegiate for high school. Once a new school is opened in Sage Creek, the English program students living in Sage Creek will continue going to J.H. Bruns Collegiate for high school.

With Sage Creek students staying at Shamrock School for Grade 7 and 8 and then moving on to Bruns for high school, this is what the enrolment at WPC would look like:

The current WPC students from Sage Creek will continue alongside their WPC peers through to Grade 12. The kindergarten to Grade 8 French Immersion students living in Sage Creek will attend the new school when it opens and then move on the CB for Grades 9 to 12.



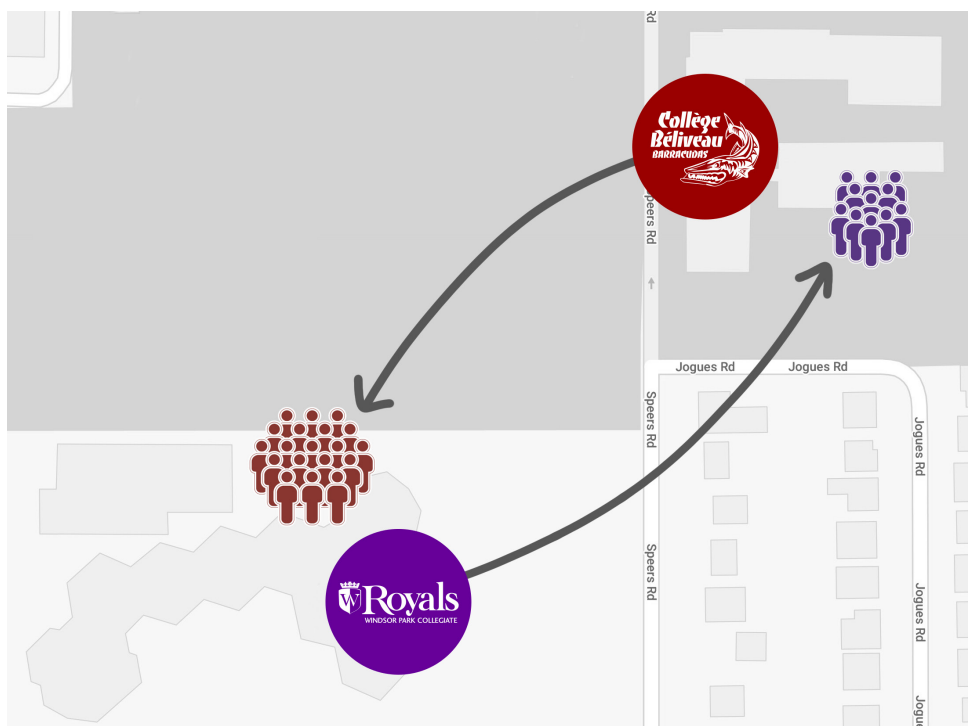
However, with a growing number of students choosing French Immersion, there wouldn't be enough space at the existing CB building for all of the incoming students:



The existing WPC building is larger than the existing CB building. Based on the other parts of the proposed solutions, this means that the WPC building will have significant excess capacity by the 2024-2025 school year.

Because of the size of the projected student populations into the future, the proposed solution is to move WPC students to the CB building, and vice versa, in the 2024-2025 school year. Both buildings will also undergo renovations.

School	Total Square Footage
Glenlawn Collegiate	140,850
Dakota Collegiate	127,040
Windsor Park Collegiate	105,000
J.H. Bruns Collegiate	89,638
Collège Béliveau	86,387
Nelson McIntyre Collegiate	81,736
Collège Jeanne-Sauvé	61,137



This means that the English program currently in the WPC building at 1015 Cottonwood Road will move to the CB building at 296 Speers Road and the French Immersion program currently in the CB building will move to school in the WPC building.

The Board of Trustees will vote on these proposed solutions in the coming weeks. We will continue to share information and updates with students and staff.

What to Anticipate:

In anticipation of CB students moving to the WPC building, and vice versa, in the 2024-2025 school year, the division will work with students, staff and families to ensure students have access to the same opportunities they have currently and discuss new opportunities.

The learning and well-becoming of students is the main focus when thinking about the potential transition to a new building. We need to continue enhancing both facilities specific to the needs of the school communities. Students will have opportunity to collaboratively imagine the new space alongside staff, parents/guardians and an architect over the course of two years.

These two years will also be an important opportunity to continue making connections with students and staff at WPC. For example, together, the two schools could decide to create a football team, collaborate in the arts, offer learning opportunities, share facilities, etc.

Find your grade level/program to see what these changes mean for you:

GRADE 7

If you are currently in Grade 7 at CB, you will attend the current WPC building starting in Grade 10.

GRADE 8

If you are currently in Grade 8 at CB, you will attend the current WPC building starting in Grade 11.

GRADE 9

If you are currently in Grade 9 at CB, you will attend the current WPC building for your final year of studies in Grade 12.

GRADES 10, 11 & 12

You will remain at the current CB building until the end of your studies.

Share Your Thoughts:

Scan the QR Code to fill out a survey. Use your LRSD account to access the survey.

We look forward to more conversations with students, staff and families about these proposed changes.

