

# School Consolidation for Oakville South Transition Committee Meeting #3

**Monday, January 15, 2018**

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School

# Opening Prayer

Jesus, our Saviour and Friend,  
You have shown us so much love.  
You are gentle with us, you heal us, you died on the Cross for us.  
Now you ask us, “Do you love me?”

As we come to know you better, and see all that you have done for us,  
May our hearts be filled with love for you.  
Make us eager to always do what you ask of us,  
And to see your face and love you in everyone else we meet,  
Especially those we may find it hard to love.

It is your love which turns our lives around.  
By trying to love as you have loved us,  
we become more and more like you.  
Guide us always on our way,  
Show us each day how to love you more.  
Spirit of the living God, fill our hearts!

Amen.

Achieving Believing Belonging



# Our Time Together

## 1. Review from Last Meeting

- Meeting Notes – December 4, 2017
- FAQ
- Presentation to Catholic School Councils

## 2. Transportation Eligibility

## 3. Sub-Committees

- Community Building Activities
- Strategies for Student Integration
- Home, School, Parish Connections

## 4. School Name Selection Process

## 5. School Closing Events Sub-Committees



**Review**

# Meeting Notes – December 4, 2017

- Ideally posted 4-5 days after each meeting on website - **[bit.ly/OakvilleS-Transition](http://bit.ly/OakvilleS-Transition)**
- Meeting notes are a summary of the discussions and actions of the Transition Committee



# Frequently Asked Questions



FAQ

## BACKGROUND

During the 2015-2016 school year, the Halton Catholic District School Board undertook a Modified Pupil Accommodation (School Consolidation/Closure) Review Process to address declining student enrolment in the area of South Oakville.

Following a three-month review and community consultation process, at the Regular Board Meeting held on April 16, 2016, the Board of Trustees approved to **consolidate the St. James and the St. Joseph school communities.**

For the 2018-2019 school year, students from St. James and St. Joseph will be accommodated on the St. James site while the new Oakville South Catholic Elementary School is built on the St. Joseph site. In September, 2019, all students will move to the new Oakville South Catholic Elementary School.

The following are a list of frequently asked questions and concerns received from members of the St. James and St. Joseph school communities.

## Staffing

### What will happen to teachers and school staff when the two schools consolidate into one?

We know that consistency in staffing will be important in ensuring a smooth transition for students and families.

As much as possible, and in accordance with collective agreements, we will make **every effort to maintain the current staff of St. James and St. Joseph schools.**

### Who will be the Principal of the new school community?

At the Regular Board Meeting on December 19, 2017, it was announced that effective September, 2018, **Mr. Tony Cacciola** will be the Principal of the Oakville South Catholic Elementary School. Mr. Cacciola is currently the Principal of St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School in Oakville.



# Presentation to Catholic School Councils

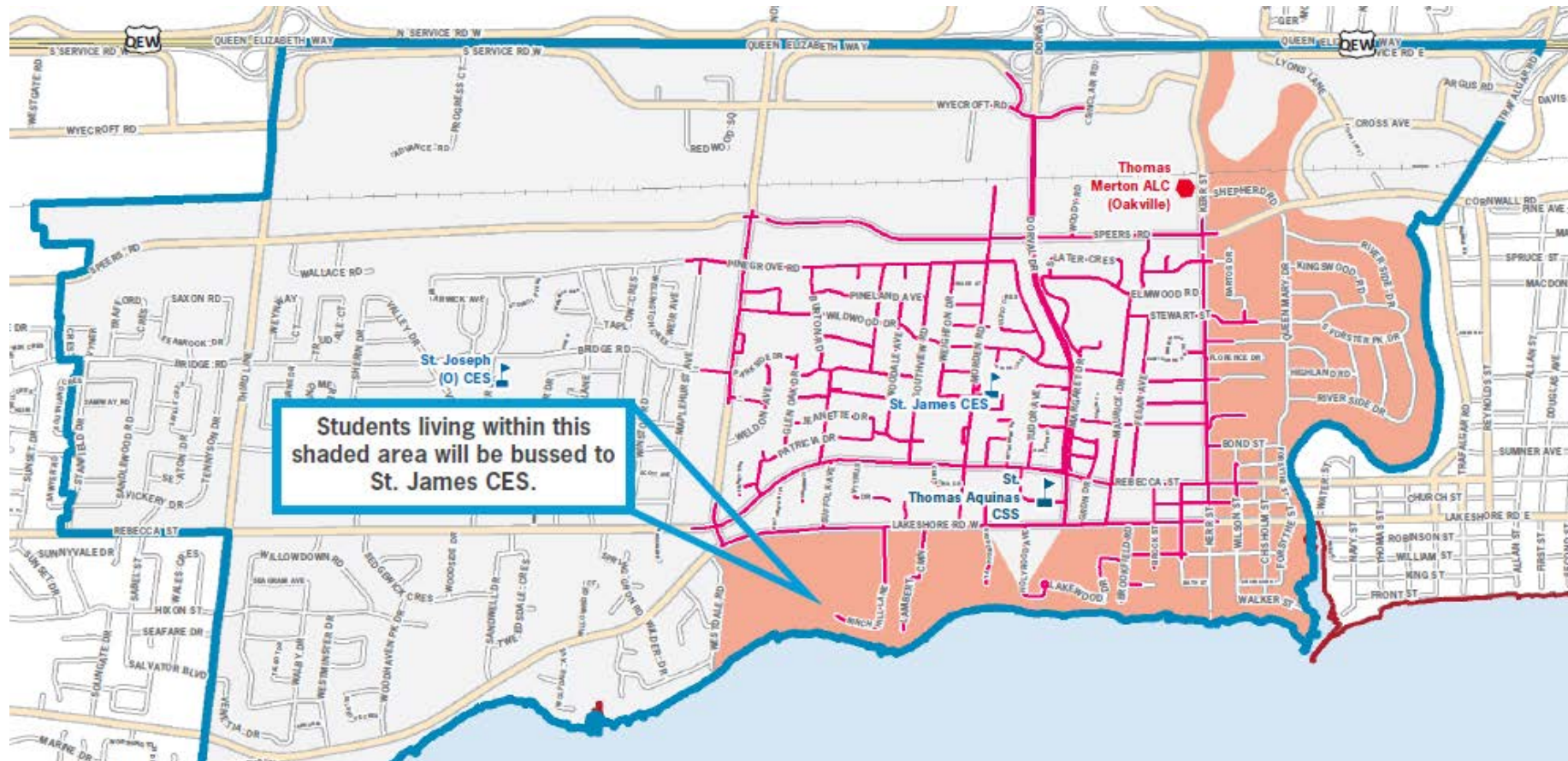
- January CSC Meeting?
- Format – individual, joint CSC meetings?
- PowerPoint – staffing, transportation, uniform, planned events, school name, etc.



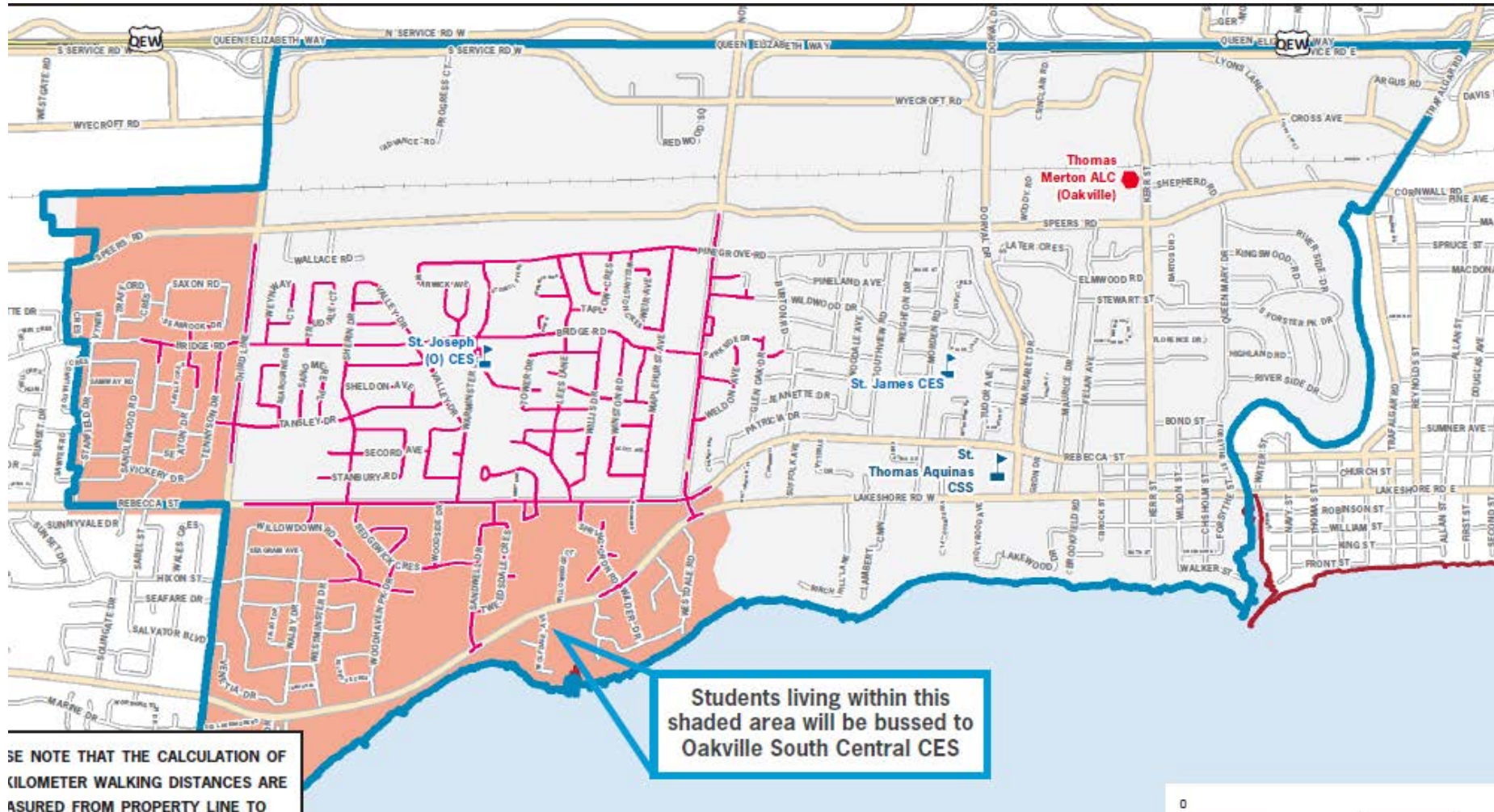
# Transportation Eligibility



# St. James Catholic Elementary School – Transportation Eligibility 2018-2019



# Oakville South Catholic Elementary School – Transportation Eligibility 2019-2020



# Sub-Committees

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30 minutes

- I. **Community building** activities
  - II. **Strategies for student integration**
  - III. **Home, school, parish** connections
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- Review and prioritize the transition event ideas you came up with at the last meeting (listed in the meeting notes)
- Use the *Event Proposal* handout to identify the event lead, description of event, proposed date, tasks, volunteers needed, estimated budget.

# School Name Selection Process

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**Policy I-15** outlines the process for selection of a school name

- *The Transition Committee will determine whether a name change is recommended for the consolidated school.*
- *If a new name is not recommended, the existing name of the building in which the consolidation will take place will remain.*

## **Discussion:**

- How does the Transition Committee want to proceed?
- Should we gather feedback from the St. James and St. Joseph school communities?

*NOTE: the intent at this point is not to solicit feedback on potential new names, but rather to **determine whether the consolidated community should have a new name.***

# **School Closing Events Sub-committees**

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Memorabilia	Closing Ceremony
Cornerstones	Mass
Trophies, banners, flags	Social
Mascots, crests, statues	Assembly
School stamp, seals	Time capsule
Pictures of past staff	
Yearbooks, class pictures	
Antique furniture/equipment	

- In your school group, identify artifacts, memorabilia that should be collected and catalogued. Assign individuals to this task.
- Brainstorm ways to display/keep memorabilia and determine what to do with remainder.



# Next Steps

# Future Meetings



## February 5<sup>th</sup>

- Accommodation Plan 2018-2019: how will we combine St. Joseph and St. James students at St. James site (physical space)

## March 5<sup>th</sup>

- School Uniform
- School Generated Funds (SGF)



# Next Transition Committee Meeting



**6:30 p.m.**



# Staying Connected

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