

EDMONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: A. McBeath, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: Responses to Trustee Requests for Information

ORIGINATOR: A. Habinski, Executive Director, School and District Services

RESOURCE
STAFF: Robert Craig

INFORMATION

TRUSTEE REQUEST #469, APRIL 27, 2004 (TRUSTEE FLEMING) PROVIDE HISTORICAL INFORMATION FROM 2001 TO PRESENT REGARDING ENROLMENT AT STRATHCONA SCHOOL AS WELL AS INFORMATION ON THE PROVINCIAL OCCUPANCY RATE. The historical enrolment at Strathcona School beginning in 2001 is 1,416, 1,432, and 1,455 students. The provincial government calculates the school's utilization rate based on the school's provincially rated capacity of 1,255 and the provincial adjusted enrolment. The province adjusts enrolment by triple-weighting severe special needs students to account for their increased space requirements. The provincial adjusted 2003 enrolment at Strathcona School was 1,464 resulting in a 119% utilization rate. (Robert Craig, 429-8399)

TRUSTEE REQUEST #470, APRIL 27, 2004 (TRUSTEE NICHOLSON) PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE IMPACT OF THE CHANGES IN ENROLMENT FOR ALL SOUTH SIDE HIGH SCHOOLS. The graphs in Appendix I provide the eight year enrolment history compared to the provincially rated capacities for the major south side senior high schools. In most of these schools, enrolment is close to the provincially rated capacity. In response to changes in enrolment at W. P. Wagner and J. Percy Page, the administration has completed a public consultation process resulting in the re-designation of the new neighbourhood of Summerside to J. Percy Page from W. P. Wagner. This designation respects the current junior high feeder patterns and allows for improved access to senior high programming for students in Summerside. The current senior high provincial utilization rate is 84%, which is close to the 85% threshold at which boards are eligible to apply for new construction funding. The administration will continue to closely monitor enrolment patterns to determine the need for changes to attendance areas and, if necessary, recommend the construction of new senior high space. (Robert Craig, 429-8399)

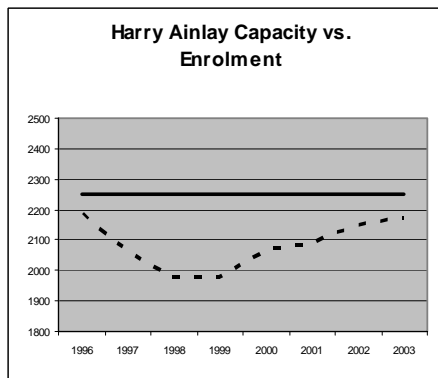
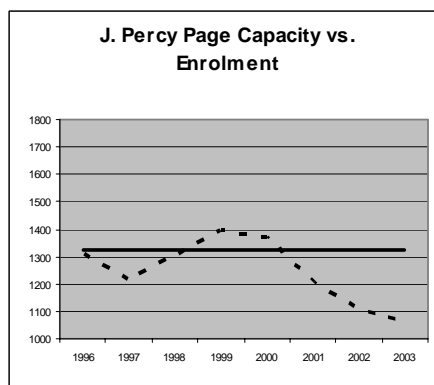
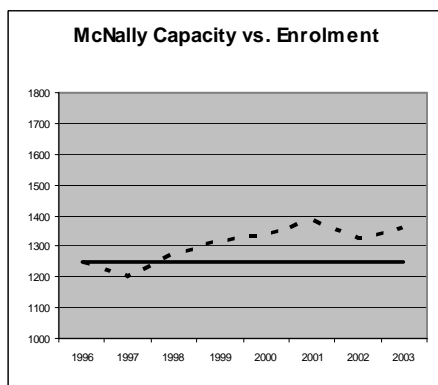
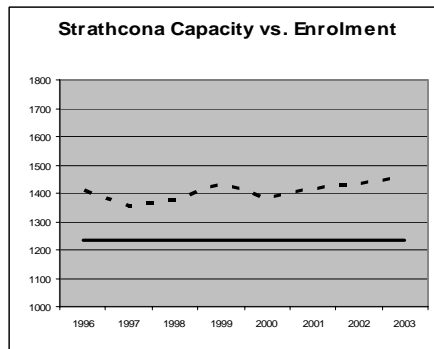
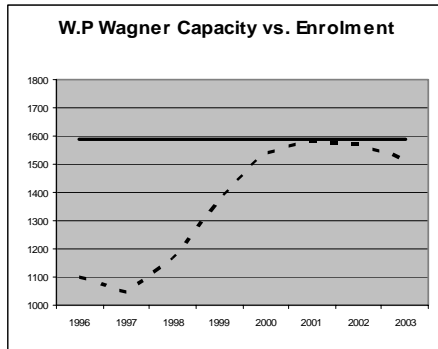
TRUSTEE REQUEST #471, APRIL 27, 2004 (TRUSTEE DEAN) PROVIDE ENROLMENT INFORMATION FOR M.E. LAZERTE AND LONDONDERRY SCHOOLS. The September 30, 2003 enrolment at M.E. Lazerte School was 1,998 and at Londonderry School enrolment was 753.

As of April 21, 2004, the pre-enrolment at Londonderry School was 708. At that time, a random selection was conducted that reduced the enrolment by 9 students to 699 students. Total grade 7 registrations are currently 195 students. Londonderry School's optimal enrolment limit, as set in December, was 210 grade 7 students. It is expected that Londonderry School will meet or exceed this limit by September 30, 2004.

As of April 29, the pre-enrolment at M.E. LaZerte School was 2,033. On May 3, a random selection was conducted, resulting in a reduction of 79 students, for a school total of 1,954. M.E. LaZerte School's optimal enrolment limits, as set in December, were: grade 10, 625, grade 11, 740 and grade 12 is 650 for a total school limit of 2,015. It is expected that M.E. LaZerte School will meet or exceed this limit by September 30, 2004. (Robert Craig, 429-8399)

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Comparison of Capacity and Enrolment for South Side High Schools



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