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**RE: NEW ST. LAWRENCE SCHOOL BOUNDARIES**

Dear Parents & Community Members:

In response to growing school and parent concerns regarding over-enrollment at St. Lawrence school and the associated lack of classroom space, the Board of Trustees last night passed a resolution establishing fixed boundaries at the school effective for the 2008/09 school year.

The need for the boundaries is affected by several factors. The current capacity of the school is rated at 375 students and enrollment in 2005/06 was 422 and has grown to 491 in 2007/08. Without boundaries, the school is obliged to accept all students within its zone and then find accommodation within the school or through the use of additional portables.

Due to the limited size of the site, no new portables can be delivered on site without compromising existing play and yard space. Building code and site planning rules enforced by the city have limited the Board, making it extremely cost prohibitive to undertake any building additions or modifications. As the building is over fifty years old, the Board would be forced to upgrade the entire building to current building codes before it could undertake even a small addition or add a portable to the site.

The proposed boundaries were presented to the school council on January 22, 2008 and both parents and school staff in attendance were in full agreement. The new boundaries of the school will be set as:

North: Railroad/Highway 401

South: Hydro Line (Flora Drive)

West: Railroad

East: Railroad / Lawrence Ave / Kennedy Road

Families who reside in the new community bounded by Lawrence Ave (N), Kennedy Rd (W), the Railroad (E) and the Hydro Line (S) will be offered school bussing to attend St. Albert Catholic Elementary School on Midland Avenue.

These boundaries do not affect students currently attending the school. The boundaries are set by the Board and can only be removed or waived by special resolution of the Board. The only exception to the boundary policy is if a family has a sibling already enrolled in the school and wishes to enroll their other child.

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John Del Grande  
TCDSB Trustee – Ward 7

cc: Frank Piddisi, School Superintendent  
Jan Murphy, Principal  
Michael Thompson, City Councillor

Anna Cardoni, CSAC Chair  
Brad Duguid, MPP

# 2008-2009 St Lawrence Attendance Area



## Legend

### SCHOOL

- St Lawrence Students
- ▨ TCDSB School Footprint
- TDSB School Footprints
- Proposed Attendance Area

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### CATEGORY

- Commercial
- Government and Institutional
- Open Area

- Parks and Recreational
- Residential
- Resource and Industrial
- Waterbody
- Collector\_Project
- Expressways\_Project
- Hydro\_Line\_Project
- Major\_Arterial\_Project
- Minor\_Arterial\_Project
- Railroads\_Project
- River\_Project
- Shoreline\_Project
- Ontario Parks & Green Spaces