



To: Members of the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board

NOTICE OF SPECIAL STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, May 26, 2014

Immediately following Special Board Meeting

71 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario
City Hall, Council Chambers

From: John Malloy, Director of Education

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Reports from Staff

3. West Flamborough Accommodation Review
4. Trustee ARC Questions
5. Adjournment



EXECUTIVE REPORT TO STANDING COMMITTEE

TO: STANDING COMMITTEE
FROM: John Malloy, Director of Education
DATE: May 26, 2014
PREPARED BY: Daniel Del Bianco, Senior Facilities Officer
Ellen Warling, Manager of Planning and Accommodation
RE: West Flamborough Elementary Accommodation Review

Action Monitoring

Recommendation:

That the Board of Trustees approves one of the following recommendations as set out below:

a) West Flamborough ARC Recommendation Part 1:

- i. The closure of Beverly Central and Dr. Seaton in **June, 2016**.
- ii. Build a new 350 pupil place JK to 8 school at the Beverly Community Centre (upon partnership agreement with City of Hamilton).
 - o In absence of partnership agreement with the City of Hamilton at the Beverly Community Centre site, build a new 350 pupil place school on the existing Beverly Central site.

b) West Flamborough ARC Recommendation Part 2:

- a) The closure of Greensville, Millgrove, and Spencer Valley in **June, 2016**
 - o Build a new 525 pupil place JK to 8 school on the Spencer Valley site.

OR

- b) The closure of Greensville and Spencer Valley in **June, 2016**
 - o Build a new 350 pupil place JK to 8 school on the Spencer Valley site.
 - o Millgrove school remains status quo and remains as a Spencer Valley feeder school for grades 6 to 8.

Boundary maps depicting ARC Recommendation Part 1 & Part 2(a) (Map #2) and ARC Recommendation Part 1 & Part 2(b) (Map #3) are at the end of this report.

OR

c) Board Staff Recommendation (Map #4):

- i. The closure of Dr. Seaton in **June, 2016**.
 - o Build a new 350 pupil place JK to 8 school at the Beverly Community Centre (upon partnership agreement with City of Hamilton).
 - o In absence of partnership agreement with the City of Hamilton at the Beverly Community Centre site, build a new 350 pupil place school on the existing Beverly Central.
 - o Proposed new school is pending Ministry funding.
 - o In absence of new school funding:
 - Capital requirements at Beverly Central – 1 FDK room, 6 classroom addition

- ii. The closure of Greensville and Millgrove in **June, 2016**
 - o Build a new 525 pupil place JK to 8 school on the Spencer Valley site.
 - o Proposed new school is pending Ministry funding.
 - o In absence of new school funding:
 - Capital requirements at Spencer Valley – 4 FDK rooms, 8 classroom addition

Rationale/Benefits:

Trustees received the West Flamborough ARC and HWDSB staff reports at the March 24, 2014 Board meeting. In accordance with the Ministry of Education's *Pupil Accommodation Review Guideline* and the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board's *Pupil Accommodation Review Policy*, after receiving the ARC and staff reports there must be no less than sixty (60) days prior to the meeting when Trustees can vote on the final recommendations. The Standing Committee meeting on May 26, 2014 represents the earliest scheduled meeting date at which Trustees can provide their initial approval of the final recommendations regarding the West Flamborough Accommodation Review, subject to approval at Full Board on June 16, 2014.

Background:

At the June 17, 2013 Board meeting, Trustees approved a recommendation to initiate the West Flamborough Accommodation Review which included Beverly Central, Dr. Seaton, Greensville, Millgrove, and Spencer Valley (Map #1). The mandate of the ARC was to act in an advisory role that will study, report and provide recommendations on accommodation option(s) with respect to the group of schools being reviewed for the Board of Trustees' consideration and decision. The West Flamborough Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) was comprised of parents, teaching and non-teaching school staff began its work on October 2, 2013.

Over the course of eight (8) Working Group Meetings, five (5) Public Meetings, school tours, community input through email, and voicemail, as well as countless hours spent reviewing background information, the ARC and community members developed a number of possible accommodation solutions. With further consultation and feedback from the community, the ARC chose to recommend two (2) options.

On February 7, 2014 the ARC submitted its official report, with a two-part recommendation, to the Director of Education. The following provides the description of the accommodation recommendations created by the West Flamborough Accommodation Review Committee and the final staff recommendation:

West Flamborough ARC recommendation Part 1 (Map #2 and #3) proposes the closure of Beverly Central and Dr. Seaton in 2016. This recommendation proposes building a new 350 pupil place JK – 8 school on the Beverly Central Community Centre property. In the absence of a successful agreement with the City of Hamilton to build on the Community Centre, the ARC proposes the Beverly Central school property for the new school. The combined utilization for the schools is proposed to increase from 71% (status quo (2012)) to 102% in 2016 when the recommendation is fully implemented. The long term enrolment projections indicate a slight decrease in overall utilization to 92% in 2022. ARC Recommendation Part 1 addresses the mandate of the Committee by

increasing the overall projected utilization for the area from 71% to 102% in 2016 while at the same time eliminating approximately 225 surplus pupil places and an estimated \$7 million in renewal work.

West Flamborough ARC recommendation Part 2a (Map #2) proposes the closure of Greensville, Millgrove, and Spencer Valley in 2016. This recommendation proposes building a new 525 pupil place JK – 8 school on the Spencer Valley property. The combined utilization for the schools is proposed to increase from 80% (status quo (2012)) to 102% in 2016 when the recommendation is fully implemented. The long term enrolment projections indicate a slight decrease in overall utilization to 93% in 2022. ARC Recommendation Part 2a addresses the mandate of the Committee by increasing the overall projected utilization for the area from 80% to 102% in 2016 while at the same time eliminating approximately 170 surplus pupil places and an estimated \$15.5 million in renewal work.

West Flamborough ARC recommendation Part 2b (Map #3) proposes the closure of Greensville and Spencer Valley in 2016. This recommendation proposes building a new 350 pupil place JK – 8 school on the Spencer Valley property. Millgrove would remain status quo. The utilization for this recommendation (Greensville and Spencer Valley portion) is proposed to rise from 80% (status quo (2012)) to 102% in 2016 when the recommendation is fully implemented. Millgrove's utilization would remain in the mid-70 percentile. ARC Recommendation Part 2b addresses the mandate of the Committee by increasing the overall projected utilization for the area from 80% to 92% in 2016 while at the same time eliminating approximately 120 surplus pupil places and an estimated \$13 million in renewal work.

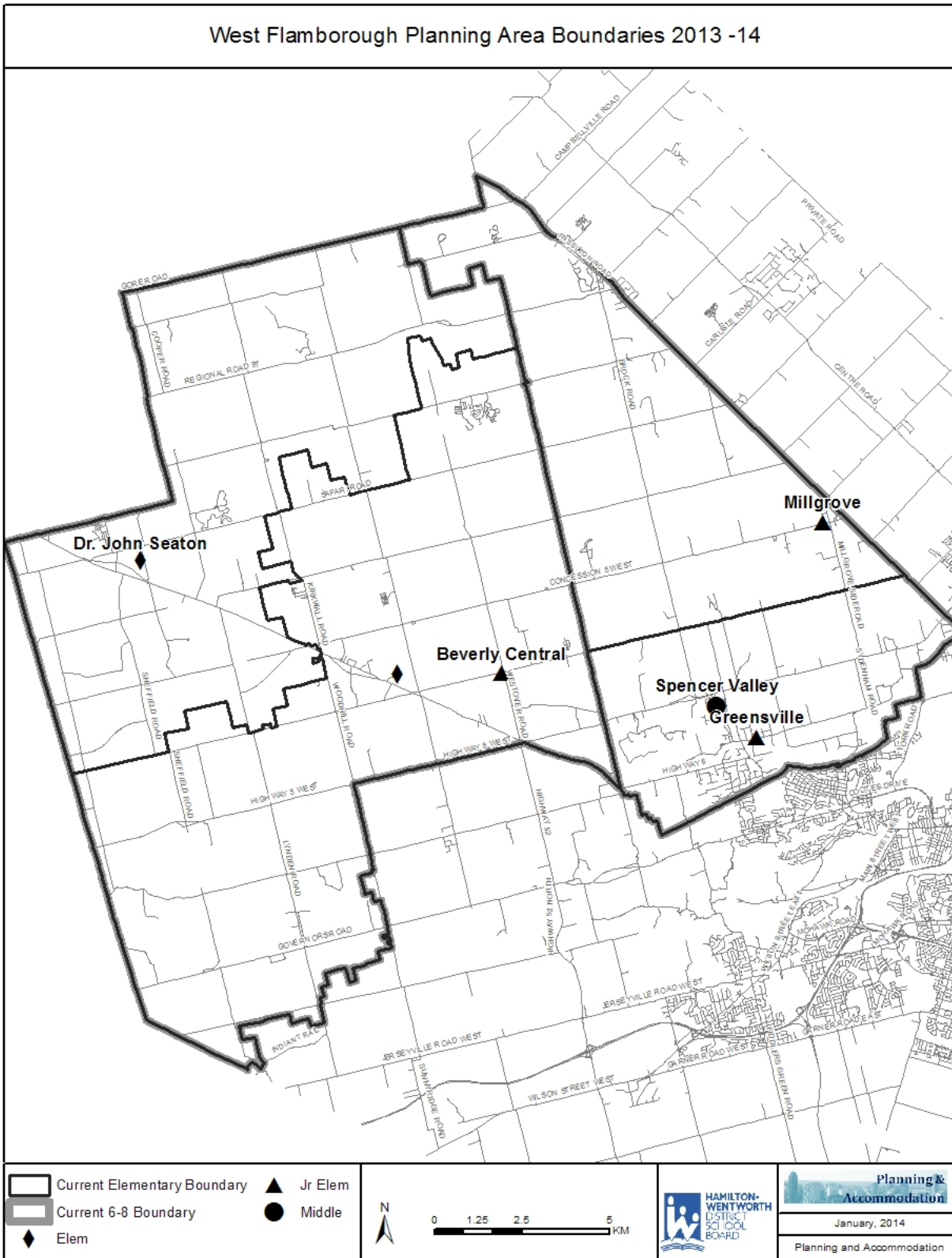
The initial staff option was presented to the West Flamborough ARC at Working Group Meeting #1 and to the school communities at Public Meeting #1, both of which were held on October 2, 2013. The original staff recommendation was to close Beverly Central and Greensville schools with an attendance boundary change for Millgrove. The revised staff recommendation, endorsing the ARC recommendation Part 1 and Part 2a, was presented to Trustees on March 24, 2014.

The revised HWDSB Staff recommendation (Map #4) proposes the closure of Dr. Seaton, Greensville, and Millgrove in June of 2016. This recommendation proposes building a new 350 pupil place JK – 8 school on a site to be determined, and a new 525 pupil place JK – 8 school on the Spencer Valley property. The combined utilization for the schools is proposed to rise from 76% (status quo (2012)) to 102% in 2016. The long term enrolment projections indicate a slight decrease in overall utilization to 93% in 2022. The Staff Recommendation addresses the mandate of the Accommodation Review by increasing the overall projected utilization for the area from 76% to 102% in 2016 while at the same time eliminating approximately 400 surplus pupil places and an estimated \$22.5 million in renewal work.

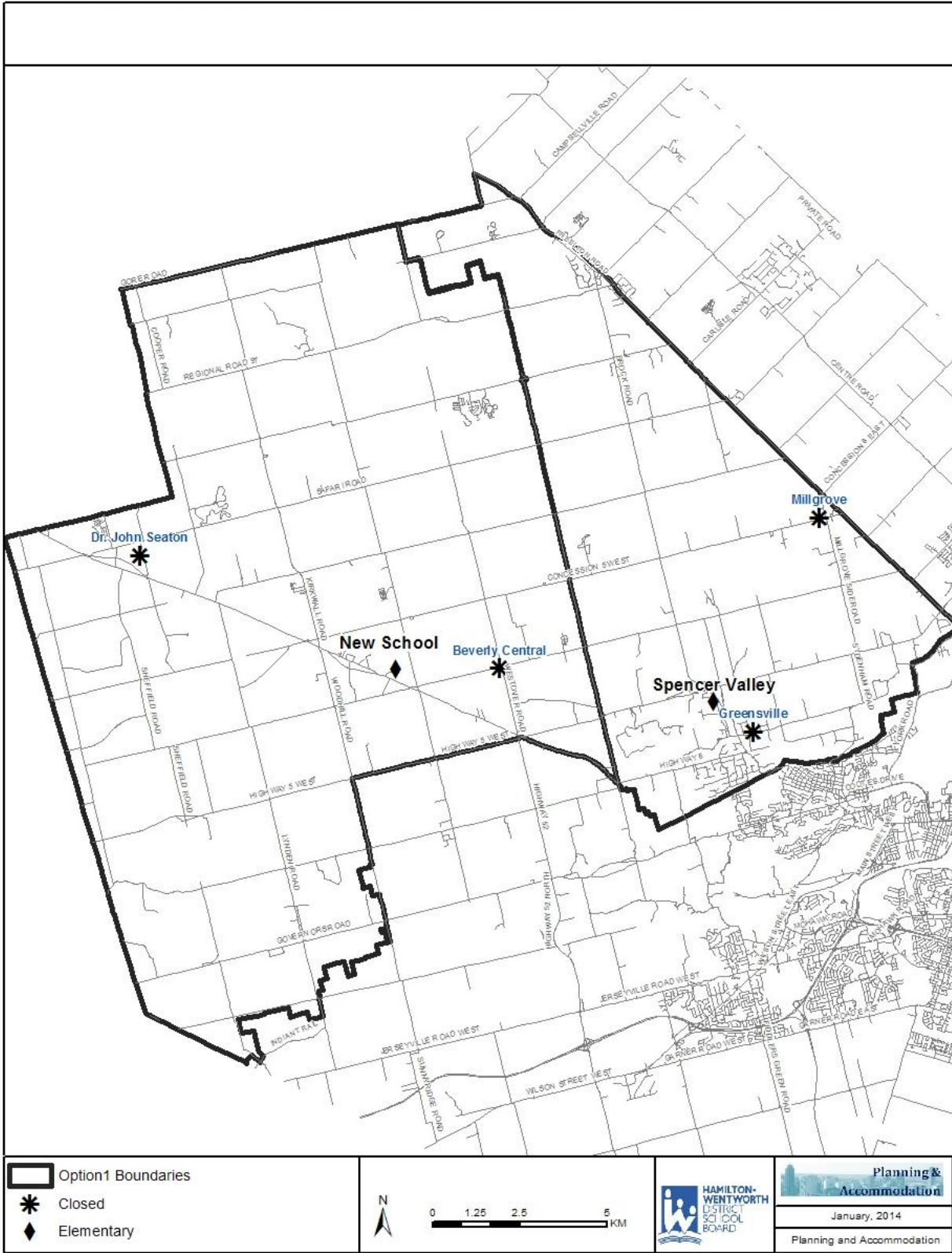
The final West Flamborough ARC report was posted to the Board's website on February 7, 2014 followed by the staff report which was released as part of the agenda package for the March 24, 2014 Board meeting.

In accordance with Ministry of Education guidelines and Board policy, Trustees held a Special Standing Committee on April 29, 2014 to receive public input on the recommendations put forth by the West Flamborough ARC and Board staff. Twenty-five delegations registered to provide input/feedback that evening and thirty-seven items of correspondence were submitted to Trustees. All of the presentations and correspondence from the public meeting have been posted on the Board website.

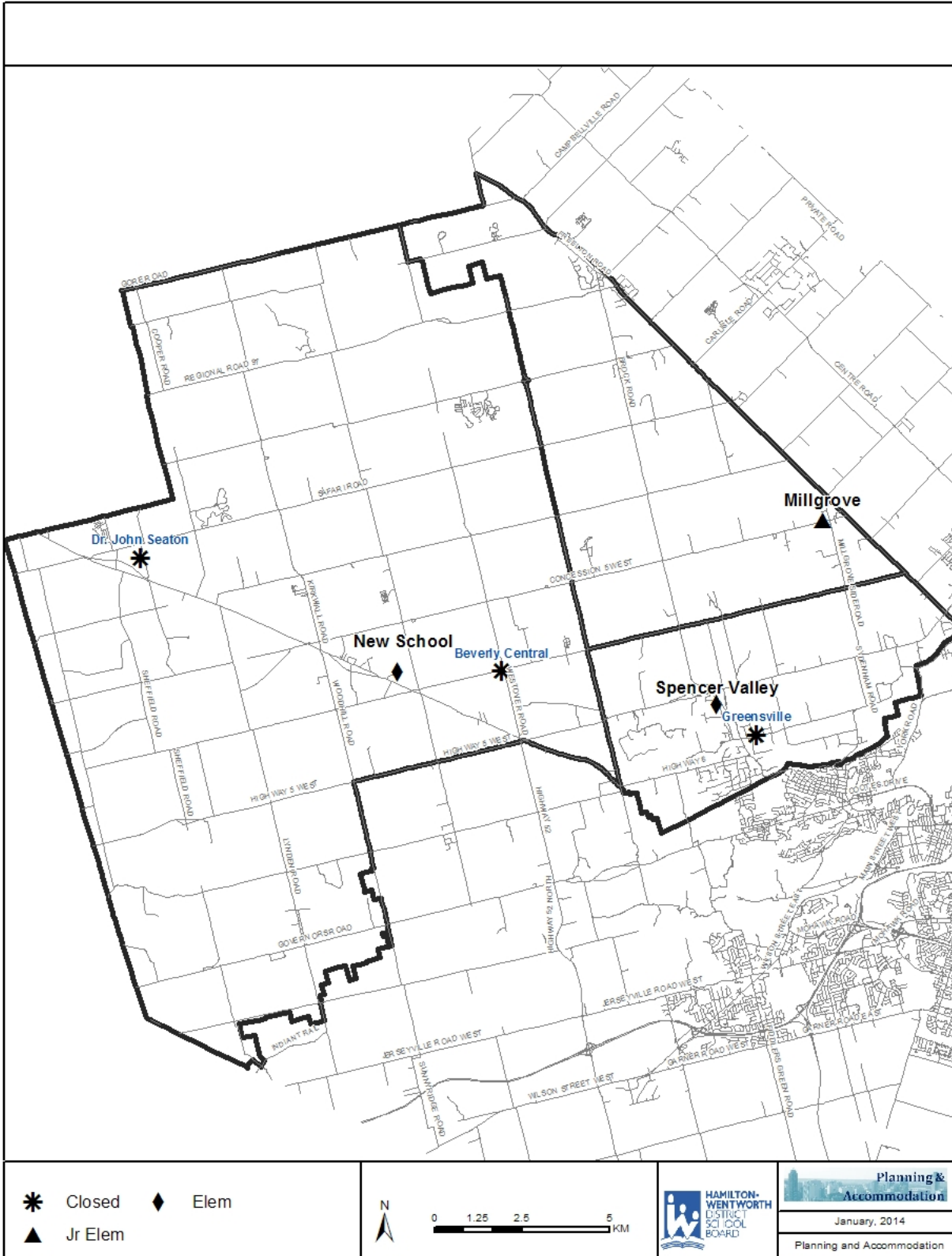
Map #1: Current Attendance Boundaries



Map #2 : ARC Option Part 1 & Part 2 (a) and the closure of Greenville, Millgrove, and Spencer Valley



Map #3: ARC Option Part 1 & Part 2 (b) and the closure of Greensville and Spencer Valley



Map #4: Staff Recommendation

