

5.10. Alternative Option

The Accommodation review guidelines indicate that School Boards must indicate how the school board intends to fund the recommended option. The report should also provide a proposal on how students would be accommodated if funding does not become available.

The purpose of this option is to illustrate what the scenario of receiving no funding would be for the Lower Stoney Creek area. Due to the number, size and condition of the facilities consolidation will be difficult. Due to current utilization rates at some schools, consolidation is not possible without capital additions at schools. If funding is not received through the SCC program for 3 new elementary schools then HWDSB Staff propose the following accommodation option.

Alternative Option

- Close R.L. Hyslop in June of 2018
 - Students residing west of Lake Avenue directed to Green Acres (34% of students)
 - Students residing east of Lake Avenue and West of Gray Street directed to Collegiate Avenue (20% of students)
 - Students residing east of Gray Street directed to Eastdale (46% of students)

Table 16 below illustrates the staff alternative option enrolment projections and projected OTGs of the schools required to implement this alternative option.

Alternative Option	2018 OTG	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Collegiate	329	308	317	322	322	308	305	299	300
		94%	96%	98%	98%	94%	93%	91%	91%
Eastdale	257	248	253	252	251	250	252	248	252
		96%	99%	98%	98%	97%	98%	96%	98%
Green Acres	389	336	338	329	329	323	323	332	330
		86%	87%	85%	84%	83%	83%	85%	85%
Memorial (SC)	375	340	331	321	316	313	307	304	304
		91%	88%	85%	84%	83%	82%	81%	81%
Mountain View	323	319	323	319	311	313	313	305	314
		99%	100%	99%	96%	97%	97%	95%	97%
RL Hyslop	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Total	1,673	1,549	1,561	1,542	1,529	1,508	1,499	1,489	1,500
		93%	93%	92%	91%	90%	90%	89%	90%

Table 16: Alternative Option Enrolment Data

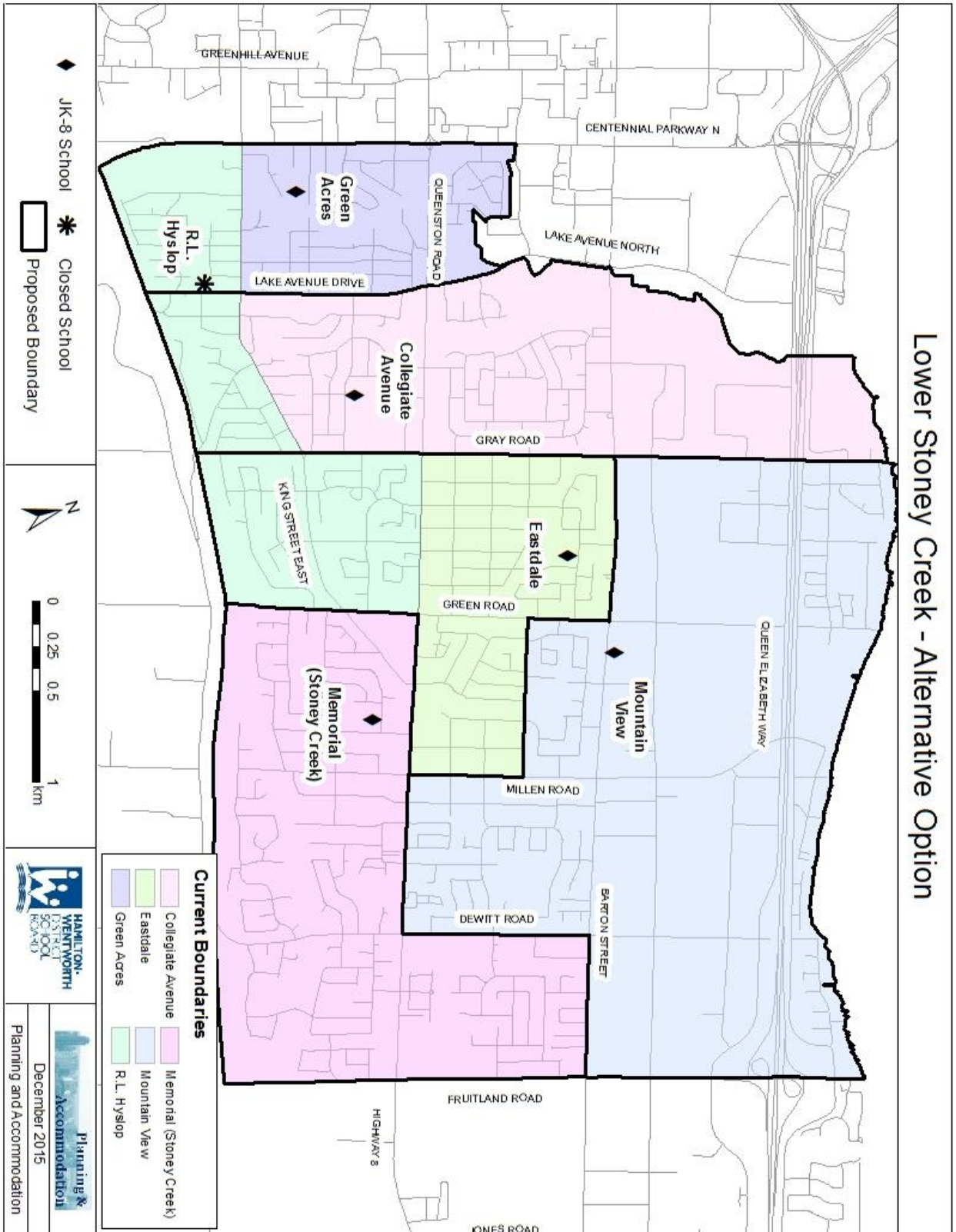


Figure 3: Alternative Option Map

Capital Investments & Funding

All remaining facilities would require the following capital upgrades:

- upgrading accessibility to current AODA standards
- upgrading facilities to better meet program benchmark requirements
- addressing identified “urgent” and “high” priority renewal items

In addition to the capital upgrades mentioned above, in order to consolidate RL Hyslop into Collegiate Avenue, Eastdale and Green Acres the following capital work would be required:

Facility	Capital Work
Collegiate Avenue	Addition of one FDK classroom, additional resource room
Eastdale	Addition of one FDK classroom, addition of one resource, conversion of existing space to two classrooms
Green Acres	No additional capital work required other than previously described

Table 17: Alternative Option Required Capital Work

Funding for this scenario would rely mainly on School Renewal Grant and School Condition Improvement Grant dollars. In Table 18 below the SRG and SCI dollars would need to cover the accessibility, benchmark and renewal costs which totals \$25.5 million. The only capital work that would qualify for SCC funding would be the capital investment column which totals \$1.6 million.

Alternative Option	Cost
Accessibility Costs	\$1,614,094
Benchmark Costs	\$3,965,626
High and Urgent Renewal Costs	\$19,931,660
Capital Investment	\$1,594,687
Total	\$27,106,067

Table 18: Alternative Option Costing

A long-term capital improvement plan would need to be created in order address all accessibility, benchmark and renewal needs at the remaining schools. With over \$25 million in renewal, accessibility and benchmark capital work required, the plan will most likely span over a ten to fifteen year time period.

Timelines

Phases	Timelines
Phase 1: Accommodation review	6 months
Phase 2: SCC Funding Application Process	9-12 months
Phase 3: Pre-Construction - Regulatory Approvals, Consultation Process and Project Planning	12-18 months
Phase 4: Construction – Renovation to Facilities	6-12 months
Phase 5: Occupancy	September-December 2018

Table 19: Alternative Option Proposed Timelines

*****Timelines are pending funding, site plan approval, other regulatory approvals and demolition/building permits**

Transportation

Currently, 753 students (680 eligible, 73 courtesy) are provided transportation in the Lower Stoney Creek area. Based on initial analysis, approximately 630 students would be eligible for transportation in the alternative option. As per the HWDSB Transportation Policy, the scheduled length of time on a vehicle provided through HWSTS shall not exceed 60 minutes one way.

Transition Planning

If the Board of Trustees’ decision is consolidation, closure or major program relocation, the following school year will be used to plan for and implement the Board’s decision, except where the Board in consultation with the affected community, decides that earlier action is required. The Board decision will set clear timelines regarding consolidation, closure or major program relocation. A transition plan will be communicated to all affected school communities within the school board. A separate advisory group will be established to address the transition for students and staff of the affected schools.

Programming

There are no proposed programming changes in the alternative option. All schools will remain JK-8 and continue to graduate into Orchard Park Secondary School. Any recommendation approved by Trustees which result in new builds or significant renovations will adhere to the upcoming Elementary Program Strategy. The Elementary Program Strategy will identify a new vision for elementary schools, grounded in research of best practices related to programs, design of learning spaces, community use requirements and changing curriculum. The focus on all schools being great schools will address the need for some standardization as it relates to space for program offerings.

Guiding Principles and option analysis

In addition to the Guiding Principles, staff used a series of additional criteria, which includes attributes that highlight qualities in school sites. Table 20 below shows how each proposed revitalized school meets the guiding principles and other criteria.

School	Staff Alternative				
	Collegiate	Eastdale	Green Acres	Memorial (SC)	Mountain View
JK-8 School	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Facility Utilization (90-110%)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
500-600 OTG	No	No	No	No	No
Require Portables	No	No	No	No	No
Fully Accessible	No	No	No	No	No
Transportation under 60 minutes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Average Student Distance to School	1.20	0.97	1.43	1.64	1.87
Site Size (Approx. 6 Acre +)	5.71	4.28	4.56	6.34	5.87
Adjacent to Park	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Adjacent Roads	1 road	2 roads	2 roads	3 roads	1 road
Road Type	Residential	Residential	Residential	Residential	Arterial
Access to Arterial Road	325 m to Gray Rd	200 m to Barton St	300 m to Centennial Park Way	170 m to Highway 8	On Barton Street

Table 20: Alternative Option Guiding Principles and Option Analysis Chart