



Durham Catholic District School Board

**MEMORANDUM**

To: Board of Trustees

From: Paul Pulla, Director of Education

Date: May 12, 2008

Subject: **Amendment to Non-Transporting Zone  
St. Mary Catholic Secondary School**

Origin: Ryan Putnam, Superintendent of Business  
Lynda Smith, Chief Administrative Officer, DSTS

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**RECOMMENDATION**

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

“THAT the Durham Catholic District School Board amend, In-Principle, the Non-Transporting Zone for St. Mary Catholic Secondary School as per the attached map.”

**RATIONALE**

Board Policy PO195 states that “the Board’s transporting zone shall be greater than or equal to 1.6 kilometres approximately for elementary students and 3.2 kilometres approximately for secondary students”. In addition, the Policy further states that “subject to the construction of new schools, amendments to school boundaries, physical constraints, site plan improvements and subdivision developments such as sidewalks, bridges, traffic lights, etc., the Board will create and/or amend transporting and non-transporting zones for each school within its jurisdiction”.

Staff at Durham Student Transportation Services (DSTS) reviews on a periodic cycle the non-transporting zones for each of the Board’s schools relative to the above noted parameters as outlined in Board Policy. The intent of such reviews is to identify areas which are currently transporting but are now considered by staff to be appropriate walking areas and consequently should fall within a

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school's non-transporting zone. The overall goal of this process is to ensure that the Policy is applied consistently and equitably to all students and school communities of the Board. It should also be noted that consideration of student safety remains a primary focus during the review process when determining recommended walking areas.

Staff has reviewed the current transporting and non-transporting zones for St. Mary Catholic Secondary School and is recommending that the non-transporting zone be amended as outlined on the attached map. Distances from the school for the proposed new walking areas are denoted on the attached map and fall within the maximum walking distance for a secondary student under Board Policy of 3.2 kilometres. There are currently 267 students residing in the areas proposed for amendment from transporting to non-transporting. Cost savings for the Board, if approved, would be approximately \$109,470 annually.

Under Administrative Procedure AP825 "any review of a school's transporting zone shall include: Board approval, In-Principle; consultation with the Principal of the school and respective Catholic School Council; opportunities for school community input; and final recommendation for Board approval". Should the proposed amendment be approved In-Principle staff will attend the May meeting of the respective Catholic School Council to engage the school community for input and feedback after which staff would anticipate returning to Trustees with a final recommendation at the June 9, 2008 Board meeting.

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Attachment

# Proposed Non Transported Zone for St Mary CHS

