

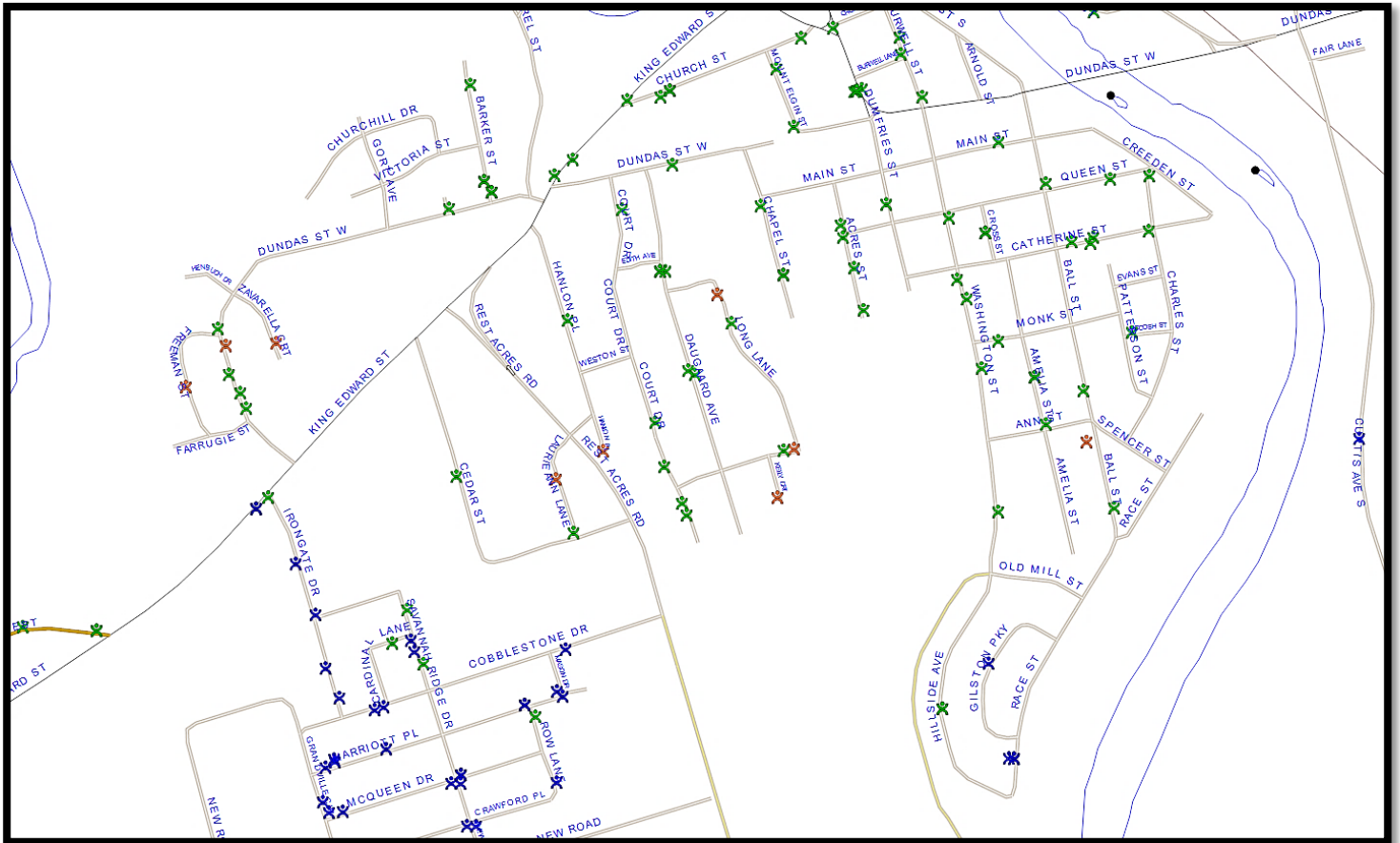








Appendix A – Paris District High school’s Student population by eligibility status



Blue = Bussed Students  
Orange = Courtesy Students  
Green = Walkers











## GRAND ERIE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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TO: Brenda Blancher, Director of Education & Secretary  
FROM: Wayne Baker, Superintendent of Education  
RE: **Draft Proposed School Year Calendars 2018-19**  
DATE: February 12, 2018

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<p><b>Recommended Action:</b> Moved by _____ Seconded by _____ THAT the Grand Erie District School Board approve the calendars recommended by the School Year Calendar Committee in the report "Draft Proposed School Year Calendars 2018-19".</p>
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### Background

The Grand Erie School Year Calendar Committee met on January 24, 2018, to review and discuss proposed school year calendars – elementary and secondary – that were circulated for consideration by stakeholder groups. Committee members in attendance were: Brian Doyle (Trustee), James Richardson (Trustee), Leicia Kelly (Student Trustee), Bruce Hazelwood (OSSTF), Shawn Martin (ETFO), Nancy D'Aurora (ETFO), Janie Senko-Driedger (Elementary Administrators), Dave Thomas (Secondary Administrators), Shari Wencel (PSSP), Kathy Petz (School Council – Secondary), Heather-Jo Causyn (Recording Secretary) and Wayne Baker (Chair). Also in attendance were Sharon Armstrong (Occasional Secondary) and Kevin Utley (Occasional Elementary).

The proposed calendars presented to the committee for consideration were developed in collaboration with the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board, and received input from Executive Council.

### Additional Information

On December 7, 2017, the Ministry of Education sent a communication to Boards with respect to the development of school year calendars for 2018-19. It stipulated: the school year (September 1 to June 30); the minimum number of school days (194); the minimum number of instructional days (187); the maximum optional Board-designated professional activity days (4); and the maximum allowable number of examination days (10).

In compliance with *Regulation 304, "School Year Calendar, Professional Activity Days"*, three professional activity days must be designated for provincial priorities. For 2018-19, the provincial priorities are: achieving excellence; ensuring equity; promoting well-being; and ensuring public confidence. One PA day must focus on developing and implementing strategies to improve student achievement in numeracy. A second PA day must be devoted to teachers' professional learning related to one of the provincial priorities. A third PA day must be devoted to a topic aligned with the provincial priorities (Note: half of this day will be devoted to occupational health and safety training for elementary teachers and education workers).

Education workers will receive role-specific training during the professional activity days.

Calendar Specifications:

- The school year has been set at 194 days
- Both calendars designate 7 Professional Activity days (3 mandatory Ministry days; 4 optional Board days)
- Both calendars share the same Ministry-designated PA days (September 14, October 2 and April 12)
- The Elementary calendar includes two PA days for report card writing (January 21 & June 7) and 1 for parent interviews (November 16)
- The Secondary calendar is balanced by semester in terms of school days (97) and examination days (5). Semester 1 has 4 PA days; semester 2 has 3 PA days

**Next Steps**

Upon approval by the Trustees, the School Year Calendars will be shared with all stakeholder groups.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Baker  
Superintendent of Education

























































































