



# Logos Christian Program Enrolment Public Engagement

# Agenda

- 5:35 p.m.** Land and People Acknowledgment and introductions
- 5:45 p.m.** Overview of enrolment challenges and what we heard
- 6:00 p.m.** How decisions are made, session objectives and ground rules
- 6:05 p.m.** The path forward
- 6:30 p.m.** What to expect
- 7:00 p.m.** Collecting your thoughts
- 7:25 p.m.** Next steps
- 7:30 p.m.** Thank you



# Land and People Acknowledgment

We acknowledge with respect the history and culture of the people with whom Treaty 6 was entered into and the land upon which Elk Island Public Schools reside. We also acknowledge the traditional homeland of the Métis Nation.

We recognize our responsibility as treaty people and honour the heritage and gifts of the First Peoples.

We commit to moving forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of collaboration and reconciliation.



# Introductions

**EIPS Trustees**

**EIPS Staff**

**Logos Program Staff**

**Y Station Staff**

**Y Station Childcare Staff**





## What We Heard Values

- having your values reflected in the education of your children
- value being in a community school and not separated out
- access to affordable Christian-based education in a community setting
- safe environment for children to express their faith
- a value tension emerged around diversity and inclusion

## What We Heard

### Top Concerns

- communication concerns
- the level of support provided by EIPS
- the level of support provided by the current Logos program stakeholders
- disruption to children's learning
- children having to switch schools and being separated from friends
- changes in sense of community



## What We Heard

### Top Priorities

- change the timeline for decisions
- increasing enrolment numbers
- implement changes for new students
- small class sizes
- mental health and wellness
- quality of education

## What We Heard

### Top Advice

- give more information and time before making changes to the program sites
- think of the program as a whole program not different programs at different sites
- be more inclusive and accepting of change
- share more information
- keep the best interests of students at top of mind

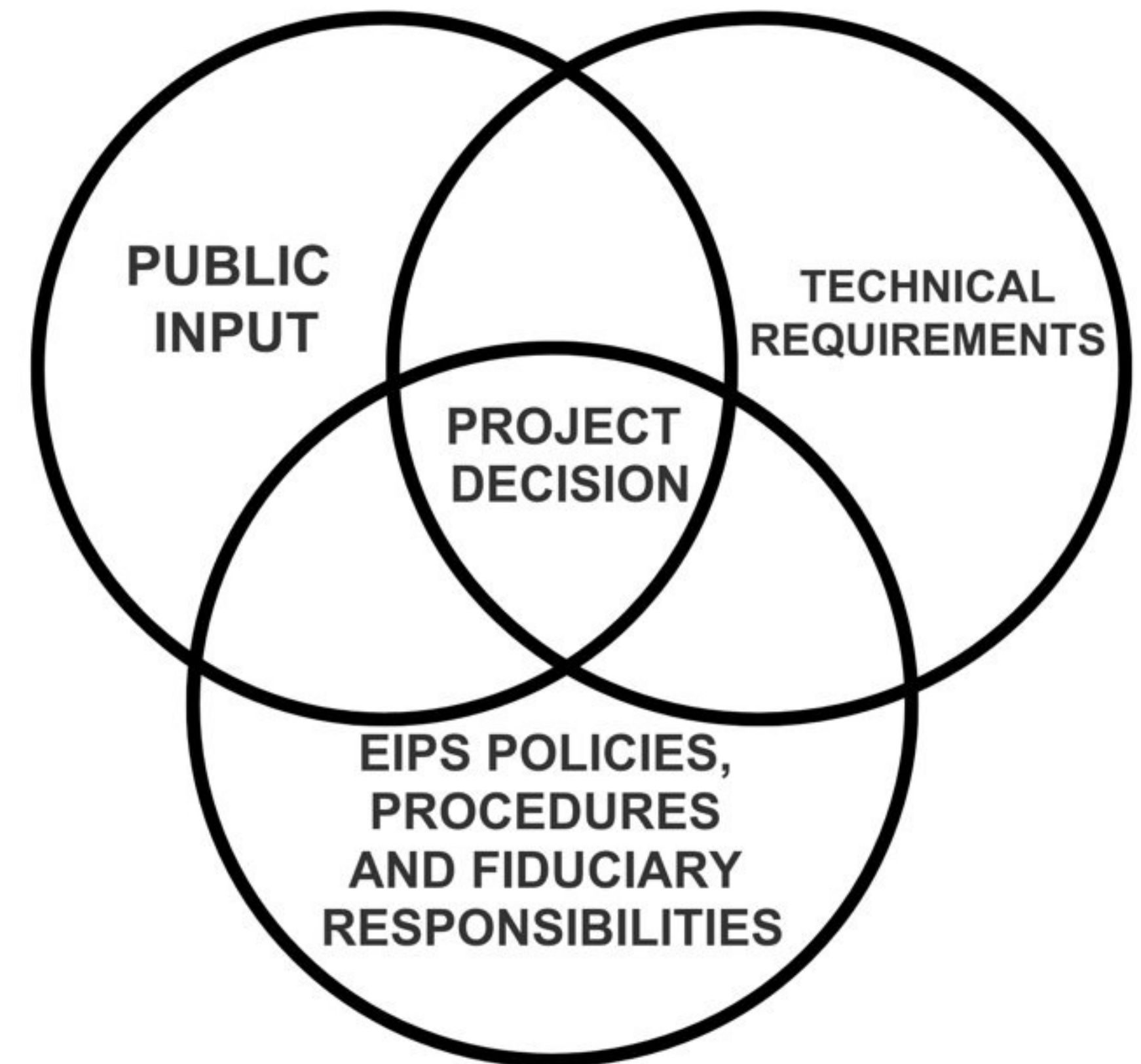


# How Decisions are Made

EIPS is required to balance the educational needs of students across Sherwood Park.

All EIPS sites must follow the policy and procedures for welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning and work environments.

EIPS will present a report to the Board of Trustees and recommend a solution on how best to address enrolment concerns in the Logos Christian Program.





## Overview

# Session Objectives and Ground Rules

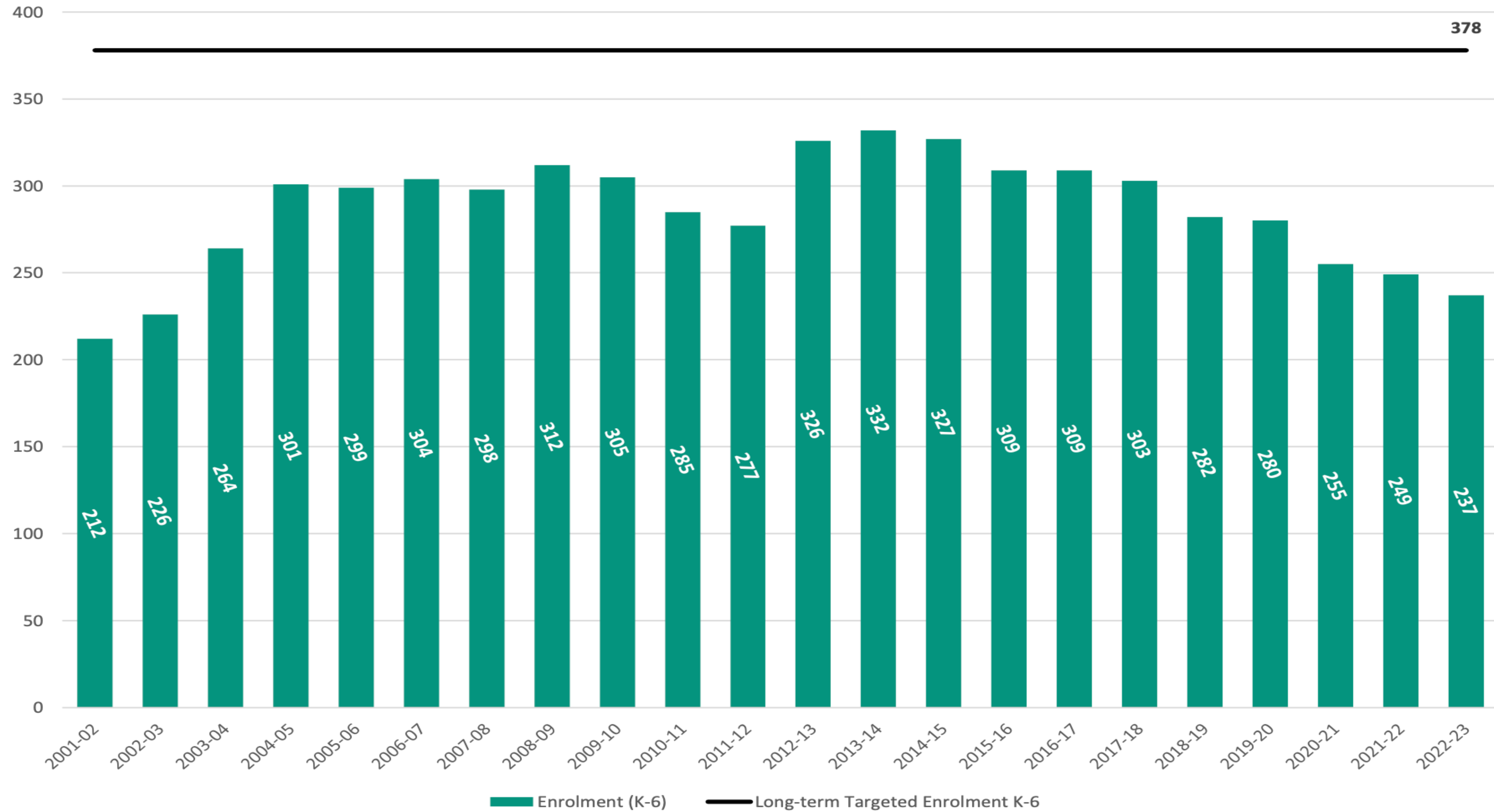
- To share information and collect your initial thoughts.
- All voices have value and should be heard and respected.
- We have a zero-tolerance for bullying, harassment and discrimination and abusive behaviour of any kind.
- Be present, solutions-focused, and respect when others are speaking.
- The information you provide is anonymous – no specific comments will be tied back to one individual.

## Current State

### Enrolment Challenges in the Logos Christian Program

- Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) is exploring changes to the Logos Christian Program to ensure it continues providing high-quality educational experiences to students. Over the last few years, enrolment in the EIPS Logos Christian Program has declined significantly, making it challenging to offer fulsome Logos programming.
- As of Sept. 29, 2022, there are 322 students registered in EIPS's Logos program – 237 in elementary and 85 in junior high.

# Logos Christian Program Elementary Enrolment 2001-2022



# The Path Forward

After reviewing the feedback from the previous consultations, the Division wants to postpone a final decision about consolidating the Logos elementary program until after the returning student registration process takes place in February 2023.

- If, after the returning student registration process, the Logos elementary program sees a significant increase in enrolment, EIPS will recommend the Board keep the elementary program unchanged at both Brentwood Elementary and Westboro Elementary.
- If, after the returning student registration process, enrolment in the Logos elementary program stays relatively flat, EIPS will recommend the Board consolidate the elementary program, starting in the 2023-24 school year.



# The Path Forward

Because the junior high program is tied to the elementary program it will remain in place as long as student numbers remain sustainable. EIPS will continue to review the program location and its sustainability.

EIPS will work with the Elk Island Logos Society to develop and implement a detailed enrolment growth strategy to help ensure the program's long-term viability, including benchmarking and growth targets.



# The Path Forward

Postponing a decision to spring 2023, allows the Board to see actual registration numbers for Logos in 2023-24, and gives Logos the chance to promote the program leading up to the returning student registration process.

EIPS will support the Logos program in a manner consistent with the support provided to all Alternative Programs within EIPS. The Logos Society is welcome to highlight the program using other channels and networks—all promotional efforts must meet [EIPS' brand identity standard](#). Before posting or publishing any advertising materials, submit them for final approval to both [Elk Island Logos Society](#) and [EIPS Communication Services](#).



# What to Expect: Scenario 1

If the Logos elementary program sees a significant increase in registrations, by the end of the returning student registration process, EIPS will recommend the Board keep the elementary program unchanged at both Brentwood Elementary and Westboro Elementary.

A significant increase is possible. In the Logos' history it has experienced significant enrolment growth:

- 17 per cent (38 students) in 2003;
- 14 per cent (37 students) in 2004; and
- 18 per cent (49 students) in 2012.





## What to Expect: Scenario 2

If, after the returning student registration process, enrolment in the Logos elementary program stays relatively flat, EIPS will recommend the Board consolidate the elementary program, starting in the 2023-24 school year.

Brentwood Elementary has room to expand the Logos program to accommodate two Logos classes per grade and regular program growth—Westboro Elementary can't accommodate that.



## What to Expect: Scenario 2

EIPS will contact impacted families with further details, including information about reopening the returning student registration process. Impacted students will also be able to re-register—confirm registration in the Logos program, their current school, designated school or a non-designated EIPS school—subject to available space.

*Note: if Student Transportation services are required, fees apply.*



# Collecting Your Thoughts

What are your initial thoughts?

Reaction?



# Next Steps

## What We Heard Report

Y Station will take your feedback from today and create a final What We Heard Report. The report will explore your feedback and be part of EIPS' recommendation to the Board.

## Additional Feedback

If you have additional feedback about this session or the What We Heard Report email Nickela at [Nickela.anderson@ystation.ca](mailto:Nickela.anderson@ystation.ca).



# Next Steps

## Board Meeting

In December 2022, EIPS expects to provide the Board with the What We Heard Report and a Recommendation Report about how best to address enrolment concerns in the Logos Christian Program. The Board will wait to make a decision until after the returning student registration process closes—expected in spring 2023. The time allows the Board to see the actual registration numbers for Logos in 2023-24, and gives Logos the chance to promote the program leading up to the returning student registration process.

The Board will ensure the decision it makes is in the best educational interests of all students.





A special thank you to the EIPS trustees and staff that joined us tonight.

And thank you to all of you who gave your evening to this important discussion. EIPS values your input.

