



RECOMMENDATION REPORT

DATE: March 16, 2023

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Mark Liguori, Superintendent

SUBJECT: Logos Christian Program

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REFERENCE: Administrative Procedure 305: School Attendance Areas and Requests to Attend Non-designated Schools
Administrative Procedure 540: Planning for School Facilities

EIPS PRIORITY: Enhance high-quality learning and working environments
Enhance public education through effective engagement

EIPS GOAL: Quality infrastructure for all Parent and caregiver engagement

EIPS OUTCOME: Learning and working environments are supported by effective planning, management and investment in Division infrastructure
Student learning is supported and enhanced by providing meaningful opportunities for parents and caregivers to be involved in their child's education

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Trustees approves the amalgamation of the Logos Christian Program (K-6) at Brentwood School for the 2023–24 school year.

BACKGROUND:

In May 2022, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) approved a Three-Year Engagement Strategy, with the goal of best serving students, optimal utilization of Division space and resources, and meeting growth needs, by sector, in the Division.

The third of five projects explored potential changes to the EIPS Logos Christian Program to ensure it continues providing high-quality educational experience for students. Over the past decade, enrolment in Logos has declined significantly, bringing in to question the viability of programming at two school sites.



Currently, the elementary program is offered at Brentwood Elementary and Westboro Elementary. The junior high Logos program is offered at Sherwood Heights Junior High. To determine the best possible solutions for addressing the enrolment decline, EIPS undertook a consultation process with the Logos school community, using a two-phased engagement approach, between June and October of 2022.

Phase 1:

EIPS hosted two public engagement sessions and one online survey. The first meeting was co-ordinated internally and took place on June 13. At the meeting, EIPS provided background information, explained the challenges and facilitated a question-and-answer period about ways to address the issue. After that meeting, the Division contracted Y Station to continue the conversation, and the consultation. The second public meeting was held on June 27. Y Station again introduced the issues, discussed EIPS' concerns and facilitated breakout spaces to explore possible solutions. Following the meeting, Y Station surveyed Logos families to gather even more input from those who couldn't attend the meeting.

Goal: To present the issues to the community, collect feedback and explore possible solutions.

Response: 60 attendees at Public Meeting 1; 75 attendees at Public Meeting 2; and 89 survey responses.

Phase 2:

Y Station facilitated one public consultation and collected feedback submissions from the Logos school community. At the public meeting, EIPS reviewed what was heard during Phase 1 of the engagements, provided additional program information, discussed the path forward and shared plans to postpone a final decision about Logos programming until after the 2023-24 returning student registration. Following the meeting, Y Station encouraged families to submit any additional input.

Goal: To share with the Logos community what was heard during Phase 1 of the public engagement, gather feedback, and inform the Logos community of the extended decision deadline.

Response: 46 attendees at Public Meeting 3; two email feedback submissions.

CURRENT SITUATION OR KEY POINT:

Emerging from the public consultations, online feedback and meetings with the Logos Society, it was clear that the Logos community desired time, through the fall and winter of 2022-23, to attract families to the Logos program for the returning student registration process held during February 2023. This approach was supported by the Elk Island Logos Society and Logos families and as such the Division made the commitment to postpone a recommendation to the Board until after the returning student registration process took place in February 2023. During this period, EIPS met and worked 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.

As shared during Public Meeting no. 3, if, enrolment in the Logos elementary program increased significantly after the 2023-24 returning student registration process it would be recommended that the Board keep the elementary program unchanged at both Brentwood Elementary and Westboro Elementary. Conversely, if enrolment stayed relatively static, EIPS would recommend that the Board consolidate the elementary program at Brentwood Elementary, starting in the 2023-24 school year.



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As of March 1, 2023, the enrolment in the Logos program, K-6, demonstrated a decline of five (5) students from the prior year and continues to demonstrate a downward trend from the 2013-14 school year. As such, amalgamation of the program in a single site is recommended for program viability. This will provide the opportunity for sustainable K-6 numbers, the potential for single grade classes (if class size numbers warrant) as well as provide for future expansion of the K-6 program at Brentwood Elementary, if required, to two classes per grade.

Additionally, with consolidation of the Logos program, for those students who will require busing to Brentwood Elementary all of EIPS' normal transportation [eligibility rules and fees](#) will apply.

In order to be equitable to both school communities, if the recommendation is approved, the returning student registration process will be re-opened to all families of both Brentwood and Westboro schools with the intent of all students/families choosing their preferred school prior to Spring break.

COMMUNICATION PLAN:

If approved, EIPS will communicate with parents, staff and stakeholders in regards to process and next steps to be completed during the 2022-23 school year.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. Elementary Logos Enrolment 2001 to 2023 (Anticipated)
2. Logos Enrolment Comparison between Sept. 29, 2022 and March 1, 2023

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Elementary Logos Enrolment 2001 to 2023 (Anticipated)



Logos Enrolment Comparison between Sept. 29, 2022 and March 1, 2023

	Sept. 29, 2022				March 1, 2023			
Grade	Brentwood Elementary	Westboro Elementary	Sherwood Heights	Total by Grade	Brentwood Elementary	Westboro Elementary	Sherwood Heights	Total by Grade
Kinder.	7	11		18	11	11		22
Gr. 1	10	16		26	9	12		21
Gr. 2	18	23		41	13	15		28
Gr. 3	13	24		37	19	21		40
Gr. 4	17	21		38	14	22		36
Gr. 5	19	25		44	17	22		39
Gr. 6	16	17		33	21	25		46
Gr. 7			33	33			27	27
Gr. 8			30	30			27	27
Gr. 9			22	22			27	27
Total	100	137	85	322	104	128	81	313