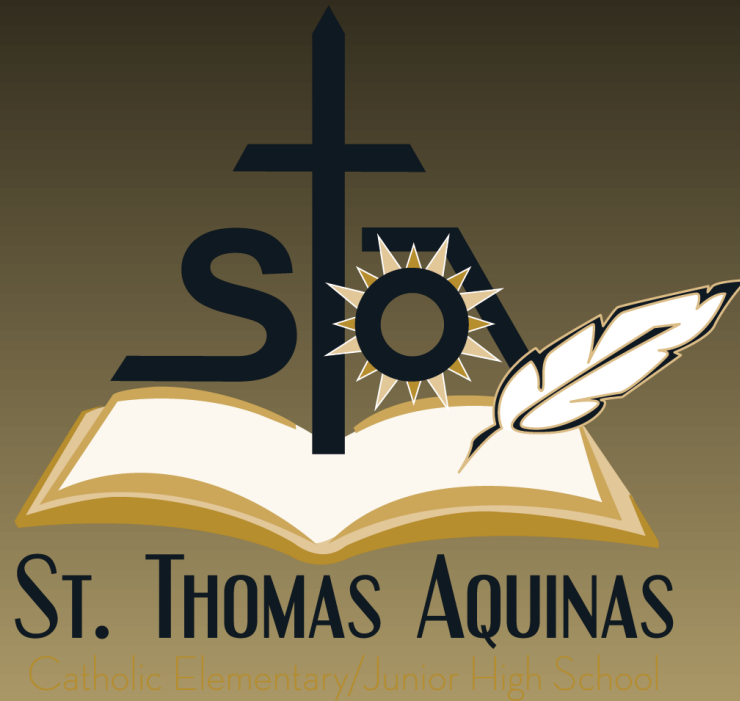


SPACE FOR STUDENTS ENGAGEMENT



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS
Catholic Elementary/Junior High School

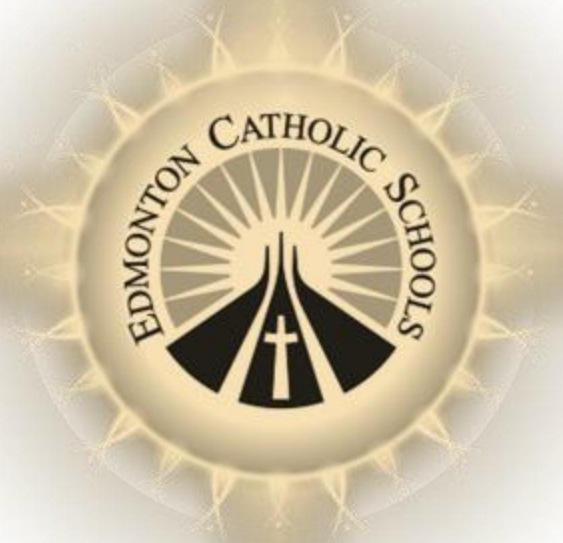
November 6, 2023

GOSPEL READING

One Sabbath Jesus was at the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal. Jesus said to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or sisters or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid.

“But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

Luke 14.12-14





Treaty Six

Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of Treaty 6 and home of Métis Nation of Alberta Region 4. We also acknowledge the Inuit and other diverse Indigenous peoples whose ancestors have marked this territory for centuries, a place that has welcomed many peoples from around the world to make their home here.

We, at Edmonton Catholic Schools, commit to restoring and honouring the Truth and Reconciliation calls to action; we strongly believe that truth must be acknowledged to move forward to reconciliation. Together we call upon all our collective communities to build a stronger understanding of all peoples who dwell on this land we call home.



Board of Trustees
Vice Chair
**LISA
TURCHANSKY**

ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

1. Balance between funding/fiscal restraints, Stakeholder input and Division strategic plans
2. Not all viewpoints can be included
3. Final decision rests with Educational Planning and school administration



BACKGROUND

- No decisions have been made
- All scenarios will take effect in September 2024
- Must create safe accommodations for the number of children in the attendance area
- Capacity issue is two pronged as the neighbouring communities continue to grow and students move in throughout the year
- Looking for the best solution with the least disruptions to learning, and focuses on the consistency of programming

JOHN FIACCO
SUPERINTENDENT

EDUCATIONAL PLANNING



2017
School Opens



2019
Removed out-of-school care
lease to make room for more
instructional space



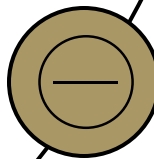
2020
Four modulars added to address
enrolment pressures



2021
Removed 100 Voices Program

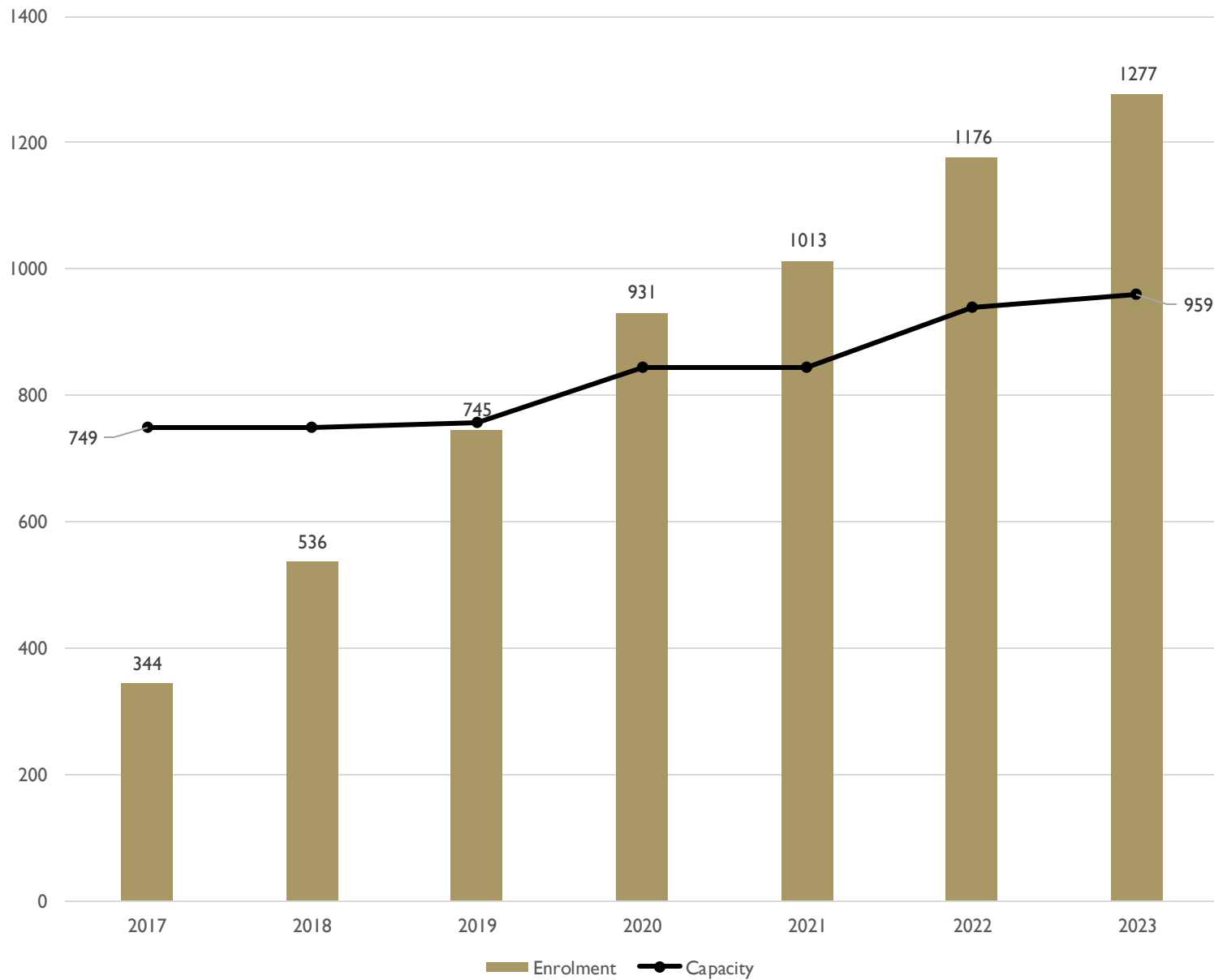


2022
Added seven additional
modulars to address enrolment
pressures



2023
Installed one more modular
and requesting four additional
modulars for Sept of 2024.

St.Thomas Aquinas Historical Enrolment



CURRENT
SITUATION

ST.THOMASAQUINAS

ADAPTATIONS TO LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS TO ADDRESS ENROLMENT PRESSURES:

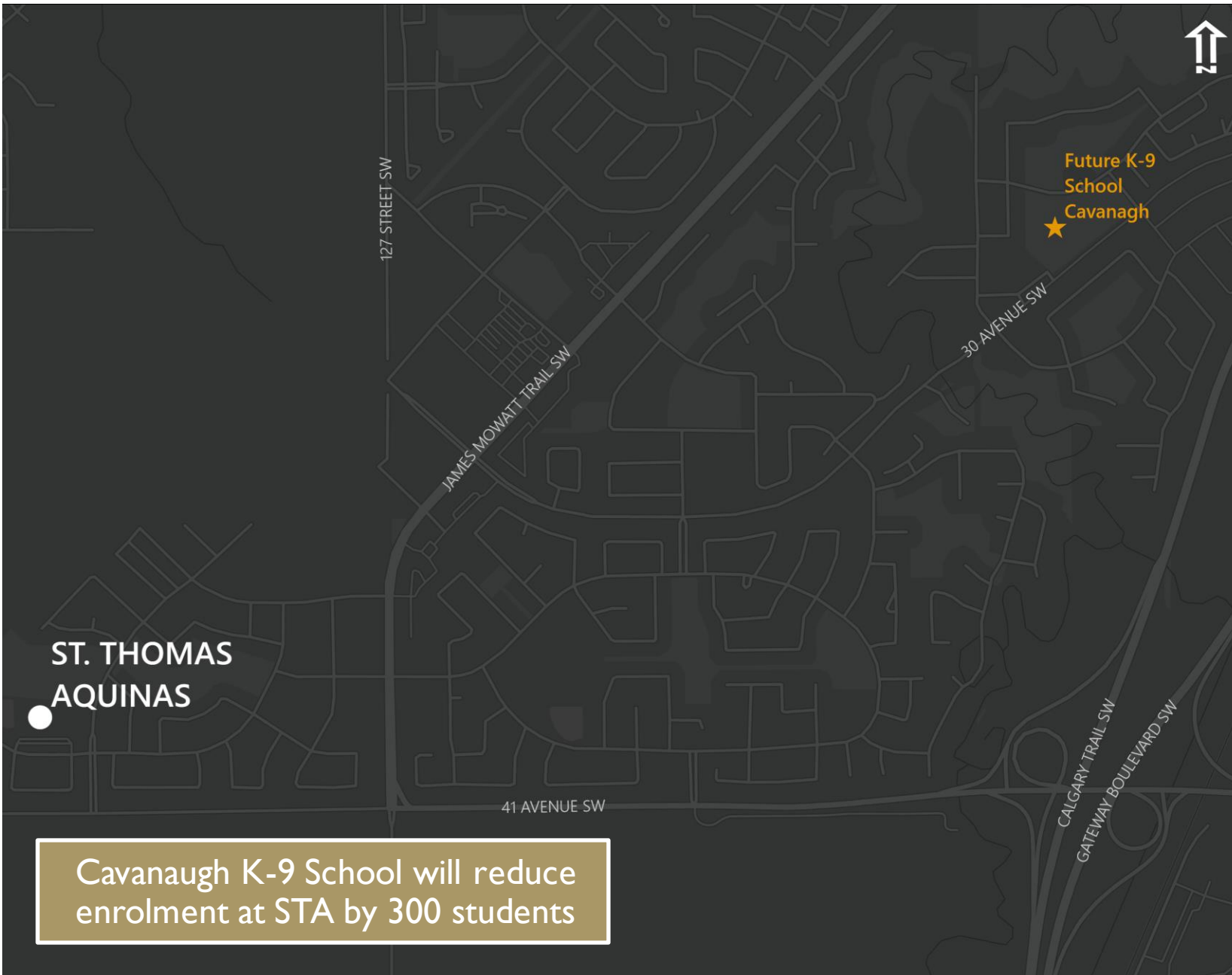
- Staff lunchroom used for JH science instructional space
- Foods Lab is used as staff lunchroom
- Music room is a Grade 3 classroom
- Chapel is a Grade 5 classroom
- Small gym used for non-physed instructional space
- Small gym is used as a lunchroom for students
- Multi-disciplinary staff are sharing office space
- Learning Commons loft used for instructional space for JH classes
- Main floor Learnings Commons used for instructional space for JH options

MAP OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS



FUTURE K-9 SCHOOL CAVANAUGH

- Priority I on the 2024-2027 Capital Plan
- The project received Planning approval in March 2023
- ECSD continues to prioritize this project until full funding is received
- The site is ready for construction
- If fully approved for construction in the March 2024 Alberta Government Budget, the school can be built and opened by Sept 2027

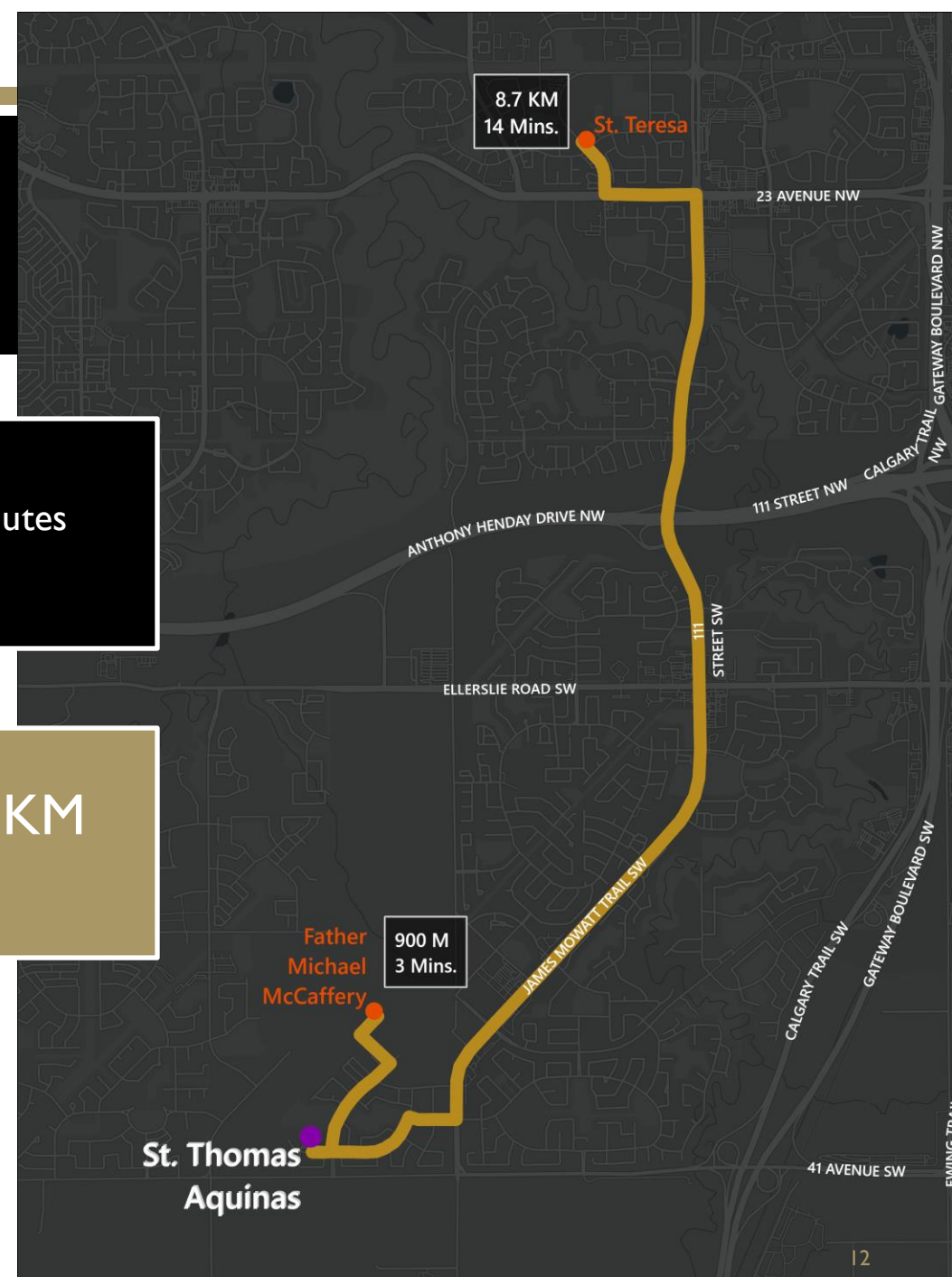


Cavanaugh K-9 School will reduce enrolment at STA by 300 students

DISTANCE FROM ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

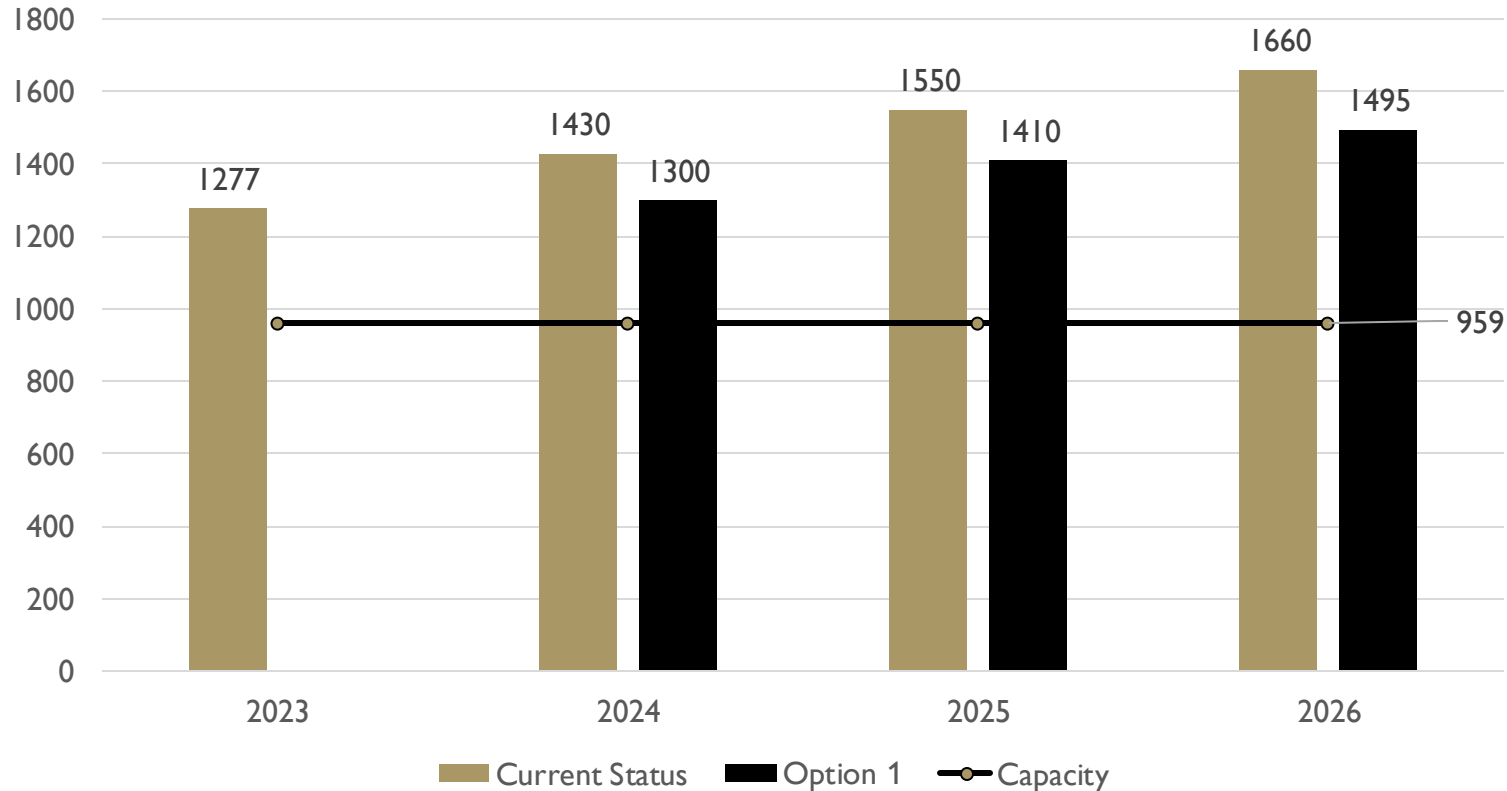
1. St. Teresa Catholic Elementary School – 8.7 KM (14 Minutes drive) Available Capacity 75 - 90 students

2. Father Michael McCaffery Catholic High School – 0.9 KM (3 Minutes) Available Capacity 950 -1050 students



OPTION 1

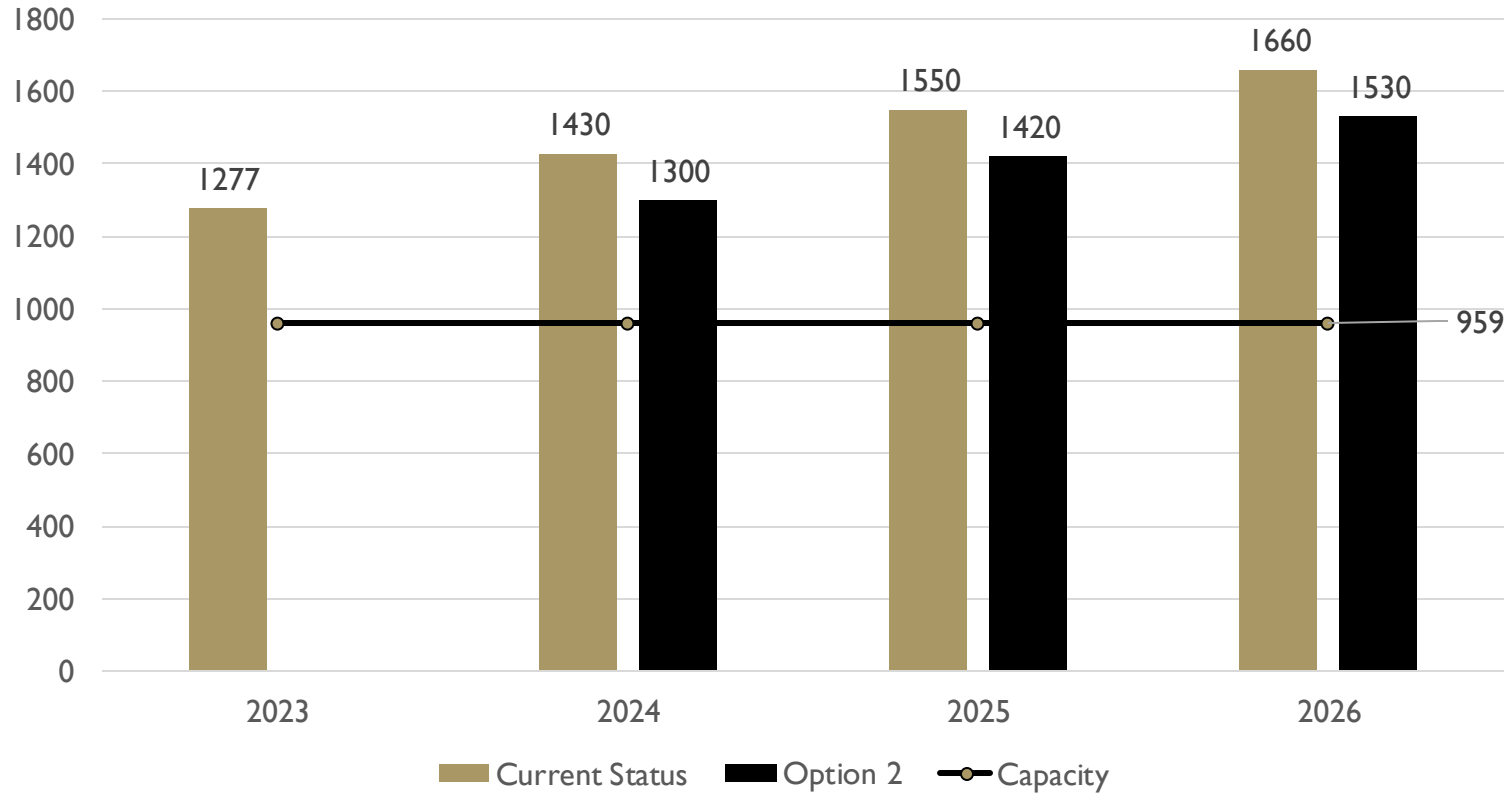
Current Status vs. Option 1



- STA becomes K to Grade 8
- Grade 9 students are redesignated to Father Michael McCaffery

OPTION 2

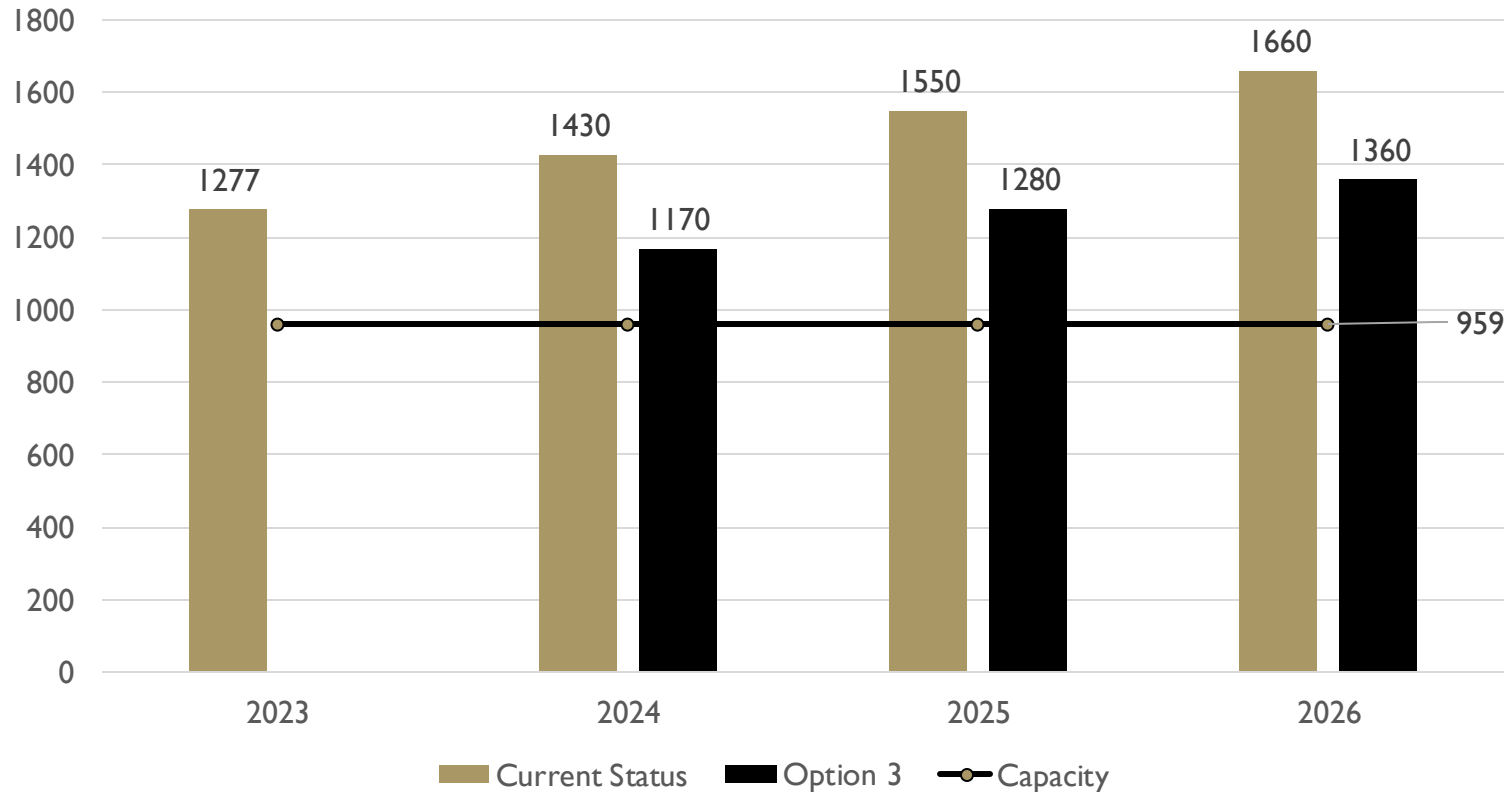
Current Status vs. Option 2



- STA becomes Grade I to Grade 9
- Kindergarten students are redesignated to St. Teresa

OPTION 3

Current Status vs. Option 3



- STA becomes Grade 1 to Grade 8
- Kindergarten students redesignated to St. Teresa School and Grade 9 students are redesignated to Father Michael McCaffery

SUMMARY — options would be effective September 2024

Option 1 — STA becomes a Kindergarten to Grade 8 school with Grade 9 students designated to McCaffery.

Option 2 — STA remains a Grade 1 to Grade 9 school and Kindergarten are designated to St. Teresa.

Option 3 — Combination of Option 1 & 2. STA becomes a Grade 1 to Grade 8 school. Kindergarten students are designated to St. Teresa and Grade 9 students are designated to Father Michael McCaffery.

NEXT STEPS

- Survey closes November 21
- What We Heard Report shared in December
- Final decision shared in January
- Email questions/comments about the engagement to engagement@ecsd.net.



WE NEED YOUR HELP

- ECSD is in urgent need of new schools.
- We need your help in providing information on how the lack of schools in the area is impacting your family.
- Collaborate with your school council to help make your voice heard in a factual and respectful manner to:
 - **MLA Rhiannon Hoyle**
Edmonton.South@assembly.ab.ca
 - **Education Minister Demetrios Nicolaides**
education.minister@gov.ab.ca



Mary, the Mother of God

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit (+). Amen.

Let us pray: Loving Father, you sent your Son into the world to redeem us by his Cross and Resurrection. Send your Spirit upon us today to make us stewards of your gifts and witnesses of your Son, Jesus Christ, in our schools and in our world.

We were created in your image and likeness; each of us a precious gift. Through the intercession of our Most Blessed Mother, Mary, the Mother of God, we ask you to protect and guide our students and staff; caring and watching over us at all times.

Come live in our hearts and strengthen us to love and serve you. Let us glorify your name, being kind and generous to everyone we meet. With Christ as our model and our teacher, we celebrate and witness our faith, learning together, working together, and praying together in answering the call to a faith-filled life of service.

We pray this through your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit (+).

Amen

Edmonton Catholic School Division Prayer



THANK YOU!

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE BEFORE OTHERS, SO THAT THEY MAY SEE
YOUR GOOD WORKS AND GIVE GLORY TO YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN. (Matthew 5:16)