

# **PUBLIC SCHOOLS BRANCH**

**A REZONING PROPOSAL**

**EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 2027**

**FOR ENROLMENTS AT:**

**CHARLOTTETOWN RURAL HIGH SCHOOL  
COLONEL GRAY HIGH SCHOOL  
STRATFORD HIGH SCHOOL**

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**INTRODUCTION**

The following report addresses zoning changes required for the opening of Stratford High School in September 2027. The report proposes a rezoning among the three Charlottetown intermediate schools to determine the attendance at Charlottetown Rural High School and Colonel Gray High School upon the relocation of all Donagh and Stratford area students to their new high school. With the historical overcapacity issues at both Charlottetown Rural and Colonel Gray as well as the rapidly increasing population and residential growth within and surrounding the City of Charlottetown, there is an opportunity to adjust the student population at both high schools while also addressing a desire to keep students together in their peer groups while moving from one school to another (at least at the intermediate to high school transition).

While the Government of PEI announced approval of three new schools for the Charlottetown Family of Schools – a new Stratford intermediate school plus new elementary schools for East and West Royalty, we will continue to have critical issues of capacity at the current schools until these projects have been completed. The lack of capacity restricts what can be achieved in terms of zoning changes at the elementary or intermediate level at this time. Therefore, this report does not address any changes at this time for areas served by an elementary school or where students will attend intermediate upon leaving the elementary school. These boundaries will remain status quo for the time being.

For purposes of interpreting this report and the recommendations that have been suggested, a number of information tables have been included to assist readers in understanding the rationale behind the recommendations.

- TABLE 1:** A description of current school zones for students at the elementary, intermediate and high school levels
- TABLE 2:** A breakdown by intermediate school of where students at each school actually reside
- TABLE 3:** A calculation of the total number of students in Grades 7, 8 and 9 currently attending Birchwood, Queen Charlotte and Stonepark and where they would attend high school as Grade 10, 11 and 12 students if there were no zoning changes other than Donagh and Stratford
- TABLE 4:** A table showing enrolment numbers at the three high schools if recommendations are approved
- APPENDIX:** A revised chart showing the proposed new zones

## TABLE 1: FEEDER SCHOOLS - CHARLOTTETOWN FAMILY OF SCHOOLS

### Designated School of Attendance from Elementary Zones (January 2025)

CATCHMENT AREA	GR K-6	GR 7-9	GR 10-12
Donagh	Donagh (Eng) Glen S/Stratford (FI)	Stonepark (E) Stonepark (E,FI,LFI)	Char Rural (E,FI,LFI) Char Rural (E,FI,LFI)
Glen S/Stratford Elem	Glen S/Stratford (E& FI)	Birchwood (E,FI,LFI)	Char Rural (E,FI,LFI)
L M Montgomery	L M Montgomery (Eng) Sherwood (FI)	Stonepark (E) Stonepark (E,FI,LFI)	Char Rural (E) Char Rural (E,FI,LFI)
Sherwood Zone 1 – Harrington Zone 1 - City	Sherwood (Eng & FI) Sherwood (Eng & FI)	Stonepark (E,FI,LFI) Stonepark (E,FI,LFI)	Char Rural (E,FI,LFI) Char Rural (E,FI,LFI)
Parkdale Zone 1 – Brackley Beach	Parkdale (Eng) Sherwood (FI)	Stonepark (E) Stonepark (E,FI,LFI)	Col Gray (E) Col Gray (E,FI,LFI)
Parkdale Zone 2 - Airport	Parkdale (Eng) Sherwood (FI)	Stonepark (E) Stonepark (E,FI,LFI)	Col Gray (E) Col Gray (E,FI,LFI)
Parkdale Zone 3 - City	Parkdale (Eng) West Kent (FI)	Stonepark (E) Stonepark (E,FI,LFI)	Col Gray (E) Col Gray (E,FI,LFI)
Prince St Zone 1 – Hillsborough	Prince St (Eng) West Kent (FI)	Stonepark (E) Stonepark (E,FI,LFI)	Col Gray (E) Col Gray (E,FI,LFI)
Prince St Zone 2 - City	Prince St (Eng) West Kent (FI)	Birchwood (E) Birchwood(E,FI,LFI)	Col Gray (E) Col Gray (E,FI,LFI)
Spring Park	Spring Park (Eng & FI)	Queen Charlotte (E,FI,LFI)	Col Gray (E,FI,LFI)
St. Jean Zone 1 - Hillsborough	St. Jean (Eng) West Kent (FI)	Stonepark (E) Stonepark (E,FI,LFI)	Col Gray (E) Col Gray (E,FI,LFI)
St. Jean Zone 2 - City	St. Jean (Eng) West Kent (FI)	Queen Charlotte (E) Queen Charlotte (E,FI,LFI)	Col Gray (E) Col Gray(E,FI,LFI)
West Kent	West Kent (Eng & FI)	Queen Charlotte (E,FI,LFI)	Col Gray (E,FI,LFI)
West Royalty	West Royalty (Eng) Spring Park (FI)	Queen Charlotte (E) Queen Charlotte (E,FI,LFI)	Col Gray (E) Col Gray (E,FI,LFI)

### TABLE 2: Intermediate enrolment by school zone 2024-25 (Sept 30, 2024)

School	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Total
<b>Birchwood</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>566</b>
- Donagh	5	4	2	
- GS/Stratford	144	177	174	
- Parkdale (City)	0	3	0	
- Prince (City)	8E, 10FI (18)	8E, 7FI (15)	11E, 6FI (17)	
- Spring Pk	0	1	1	
- West Kent	0	0	1	
- West Royalty	1	1	0	
- OUT OF ZONE	0	1	1	


<b>Queen Charlotte</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>675</b>
- Donagh	0	0	2	
- GS/Stratford	0	3	3	
- LMM	1	0	2	
- Prince	3	5	4	
<i>Hillsborough</i>	2FI (2)	3FI (3)	1FI (1)	
<i>City</i>	1FI (1)	2E (2)	1E, 2FI (3)	
- Sherwood	2	1	1	
- Spring Pk	44	53	41	
- St Jean	14	13	10	
<i>Hillsborough</i>	1FI (1)	(0)	(0)	
<i>City</i>	8E,5FI (13)	11E, 2FI (13)	8E, 2FI (10)	
- West Kent	28	24	28	
- West Royalty	140	102	147	
- OUT OF ZONE	1	0	3	

School	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	TOTAL
<b>Stonepark</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>742</b>
- Donagh	40	31	42	
- GS/Stratford	1	0	0	
- LMM	102	99	104	
- Parkdale	26	28	25	
<i>Brackley</i>	5E,1FI (6)	1E, 2FI (3)	2E, 1FI (3)	
<i>Airport</i>	2E, 1FI (3)	5E, 2FI (7)	4E (4)	
<i>City</i>	17E (17)	13E, 5FI (18)	15E, 3FI (18)	
- Prince	10	15	18	
<i>Hillsborough</i>	9E, 1FI (10)	14E, 1FI (15)	17E, 1FI (18)	
- Sherwood	53	56	60	
- Spring Pk	0	0	1	
- St Jean	5	8	7	
<i>Hillsborough</i>	5E (5)	7E, 1FI (8)	7E (7)	
- West Royalty	0	0	1	
- OUT OF ZONE	3	5	2	

**TABLE 3:**

**SCENARIO: STRATFORD HIGH SCHOOL OPENING SEPT 2027**

FORECAST ENROLMENT for 2027-28 for Stratford High using 2024-25 actual numbers and moving Grades 7, 8 & 9 forward to Grades 10, 11 & 12 using **current catchment areas for High Schools** and no changes to current school zones other than Stratford High:

School Zone Grades K-6	Elementary School Attended	Intermediate School Attended	High School zones as is plus Stratford High	TOTAL Gr 7-8-9 as 10-11-12
Donagh (English)	Donagh	Stonepark	Stratford	79
Donagh (French Immersion)	Glen S/Stratford	Stonepark	Stratford	47
Glen Stewart/Stratford (E)	Glen S/Stratford	Birchwood	Stratford*	276
Glen Stewart/Stratford (FI)	Glen S/Stratford	Birchwood	Stratford*	226
L M Montgomery (E)	L M Montgomery	Stonepark	Char Rural	170
L M Montgomery (FI)	Sherwood	Stonepark	Char Rural	138
Sherwood (E&FI)	Sherwood	Stonepark	Char. Rural	173
Parkdale all zones (Eng)	Parkdale	Stonepark	Col Gray	67
Parkdale Brackley (FI)	Sherwood	Stonepark	Col Gray	4
Parkdale Airport (FI)	Sherwood	Stonepark	Col Gray	3
Parkdale City (FI)	West Kent	Stonepark	Col Gray	8
Prince Street City (Eng)	Prince Street	Birchwood	Col Gray	30
Prince Street City (FI)	West Kent	Birchwood	Col Gray	32
Prince St Hillsborough (E)	Prince Street	Stonepark	Col Gray	40
Prince St Hillsborough (FI)	West Kent	Stonepark	Col Gray	3
Spring Park (E&FI)	Spring Park	Queen Char.	Col Gray	141
St Jean City (E)	St Jean	Queen Char.	Col Gray	27
St Jean City (FI)	West Kent	Queen Char	Col Gray	9
St Jean Hillsborough (E)	St. Jean	Stonepark	Col Gray	19
St Jean Hillsborough (FI)	West Kent	Stonepark	Col Gray	2
West Kent (E&FI)	West Kent	Queen Char.	Col Gray	81
West Royalty (E)	West Royalty	Queen Char.	Col Gray	232
West Royalty (FI)	Spring Park	Queen Char.	Col Gray	160
				<b>1967</b>
<b>HIGH SCHOOL TOTALS WITHOUT ZONING CHANGES</b>	<b>C'town Rural</b>	<b>481</b>		
	 <b>Col Gray</b>	<b>858</b>		
	<b>Stratford</b>	<b>628</b>		

NOTE: Projected student numbers used in above chart include ALL students within each elementary school zone regardless of which intermediate school currently attended (i.e. students attending out-of-zone schools are included in their home zones).

**Possibilities considered in determining recommendations:**

*\*\*It should be noted the recent Government of PEI approval of a new intermediate school for Stratford (construction schedule not yet known) will result in the movement of approximately 500 Stratford students from Birchwood Intermediate and another 100 Donagh students from Stonepark Intermediate. This relocation will result in the need for a redistribution of elementary catchment areas to balance enrolments among the three current intermediate schools. With this upcoming major change of existing elementary school boundaries, changes for the high school redistribution in 2027 were limited to changes at the intermediate to high school transition (i.e. current elementary and intermediate zones have been left intact).*

In considering various possibilities for accommodating the high school population shift of over 600 students moving to Stratford High School from Charlottetown Rural High School and the opportunity to improve the balance of student populations between the two Charlottetown high schools, the existing zones at each elementary and intermediate high school were examined to determine if there were possibilities of moving “whole” student groups from one catchment area to another. Underlying these searches were two guiding principles: (1) keeping students together as a group as much as possible in moving from one level of schooling to another and (2) trying to find the “closest” school (geographically) for their attendance.

**Example 1: could all English program students (232) from West Royalty be relocated to Charlottetown Rural as it would be geographically closer to Charlottetown Rural than their current high school, Colonel Gray?** Such a move could keep the Grade K-6 English program classmates together through intermediate and eventually Grades 10-12 at CRHS. A problem with this solution is to determine which intermediate school would they attend – if Queen Charlotte as at present, they would join the French Immersion students (160) from their same neighbourhoods at Queen Charlotte but then separate from their intermediate classmates from Spring Park, West Kent and St. Jean as they moved onto high school. If they moved to Stonepark for Grades 7-9, they would not accompany their neighbourhood French Immersion friends to high school as they move along to Colonel Gray. If the French Immersion students from the West Royalty catchment area moved to Stonepark and Charlottetown Rural with their English program classmates from either Queen Charlotte or Stonepark, the numbers would be too large at CHRS once combined with the students from L. M. Montgomery and Sherwood Elementary. In any event, moving the students (English program or both English and French Immersion) to Stonepark is not possible at this time due to capacity limitations.

**Example 2: could the residential areas surrounding Charlottetown Rural High School be rezoned from the current Colonel Gray to the Rural?** While this would undoubtedly allow more students to walk to high school instead of being bussed to Colonel Gray, such a plan would cause significant challenges in determining where to draw the new boundaries to secure sufficient numbers of students (approximately 200 students) to make the change a viable modification of zones – perhaps Capital Drive south to Belvedere and University Avenue west to edge of the water/Ellen’s Creek) plus Lewis Point/Maypoint . Also, as these areas might be served by both West Royalty Elementary (English program) and/or Spring Park Elementary

(English and French Immersion) together with Queen Charlotte Intermediate, students would be separated from their peers upon entering the two high schools.

**Example 3: what about the current feeder system between intermediate schools and the two high schools? Why do students from Stonepark Intermediate attend two different high schools?** In keeping with the desire to keep peer groups together where possible and not changing any elementary feeder arrangements at this time, this scenario is deemed to be a preferred option for making changes. Stonepark Intermediate students from L. M. Montgomery (308) and Sherwood (173) currently attend Charlottetown Rural while students from Parkdale (82), Prince Street – Hillsborough (43) and St. Jean – Hillsborough (21) attend Colonel Gray. Prince Street – downtown (62) currently attend Birchwood Intermediate and then Colonel Gray. By rezoning the Birchwood Intermediate students to Charlottetown Rural and adding the students from Parkdale, Prince Street and St Jean – Hillsborough, CRHS would gain 208 students to have a total of 689 while Colonel Gray would have 650. These numbers would allow space at both schools for the growing enrolments identified in their respective catchment areas.

**Public Input:** A direct message through the Public Schools Branch mail messaging system and notice on the PSB web page resulted in eighty (80) responses. Of the suggestions received, twenty-seven (27) favoured an approach similar to that presented in Example 3 above – a move to have all Stonepark students attend Charlottetown Rural. Seventeen (17) of the responses has suggested the transfer of West Royalty students (English or English and French Immersion) to the Rural. Ten (10) responses had expressed concerns over elementary to intermediate movement which, as indicated above, is not addressed at this time. Five (5) had focussed on the notion of the “closest” school as a guideline for zoning. Fifteen (15) of the suggestions had proposed a transition from the current high schools to the new Stratford High School so that students (particularly Grade 12) could complete their high school years with their current classmates.



## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- #1 Effective September 2027, it is recommended all high school students resident in the Donagh and Stratford catchment areas attend Stratford High School for Grades 10-12. ***[see chart below for revised enrolments per high school]***
- #2: Effective September 2027, it is recommended that all students who attended Birchwood Intermediate School and Stonepark Intermediate School attend Charlottetown Rural High School for Grades 10-12. ***[see chart below for revised enrolments per high school]***
- #3: Effective September 2027, it is recommended all students coming from Queen Charlotte Intermediate School attend Colonel Gray High School for Grades 10-12. ***[see chart below for revised enrolments per high school]***
- #4: It is recommended that all students completing the Late French Immersion at Birchwood, Queen Charlotte or Stonepark Intermediate School attend Grades 10-12 at the high school designated for their home address.

**TABLE 4:****PROJECTED High School populations with proposed zoning changes  
[2027-28]:**

-	Gr 7,8,9 to Gr 10,11,12	TOTALS
<b>Charlottetown Rural</b>		<b>689</b>
- Birchwood Intermediate	62	
- Queen Charlotte Intermediate	0	
- Stonepark Intermediate	627	
<b>Colonel Gray</b>		<b>650</b>
- Birchwood Intermediate	0	
- Queen Charlotte Intermediate	650	
- Stonepark Intermediate	0	
<b>Stratford High</b>		<b>628</b>
- Birchwood Intermediate	502	
- Queen Charlotte Intermediate	2	
- Stonepark Intermediate	124	

**NOTE: These enrolment numbers are based on Actual Enrolments in September and, with expected increases and decreases over the next two years as students move into or out of different neighbourhoods, they are intended to be PROJECTED HIGH SCHOOL ENROLMENTS for 2027-28.**

## APPENDIX

<b>REVISED SCHOOL ZONES - CHARLOTTETOWN FAMILY OF SCHOOLS</b>
<b>EFFECTIVE 2027-2028</b>

CATCHMENT AREA	GR K-6	GR 7-9	GR 10-12
Donagh	Donagh – Eng Glen S/Stratford – FI	Stonepark (E,LFI) Stonepark (E,FI,LFI)	Stratford High Stratford High
Glen S/Stratford Elem	Glen S/Stratford E & FI	Birchwood (E,FI,LFI)	Stratford High
L M Montgomery	L M Montgomery – Eng Sherwood - FI	Stonepark (E,LFI) Stonepark (E,FI,LFI)	Charlottetown Rural Charlottetown Rural
Sherwood Zone 1 – Harrington Zone 2 - City	Sherwood - Eng & FI Sherwood - Eng & FI	Stonepark (E,FI,LFI) Stonepark (E,FI,LFI)	Charlottetown Rural Charlottetown Rural
Parkdale Zone 1 - Brackley	Parkdale - Eng Sherwood - FI	Stonepark (E,LFI) Stonepark (E,FI,LFI)	Charlottetown Rural Charlottetown Rural
Parkdale Zone 2 - Airport	Parkdale - Eng Sherwood - FI	Stonepark (E,LFI) Stonepark (E,FI,LFI)	Charlottetown Rural Charlottetown Rural
Parkdale Zone 3 - City	Parkdale - Eng West Kent – FI	Stonepark (E,LFI) Stonepark (E,FI,LFI)	Charlottetown Rural Charlottetown Rural
Prince St Zone 1 – Hillsborough	Prince St – Eng West Kent – FI	Stonepark (E,LFI) Stonepark (E,FI,LFI)	Charlottetown Rural Charlottetown Rural
Prince St Zone 2 - City	Prince St – Eng West Kent – FI	Birchwood (E,LFI) Birchwood (E,FI,LFI)	Charlottetown Rural Charlottetown Rural
St. Jean Zone 1 - Hillsborough	St. Jean – Eng West Kent - FI	Stonepark (E,LFI) Stonepark (E,FI,LFI)	Charlottetown Rural Charlottetown Rural
St. Jean Zone 2 - City	St. Jean - Eng West Kent - FI	Queen Charlotte (E,LFI) Queen Charlotte (E,FI,LFI)	Colonel Gray Colonel Gray
Spring Park	Spring Park – Eng & FI	Queen Charlotte (E,FI,LFI)	Colonel Gray
West Kent	West Kent Eng & FI	Queen Charlotte (E,FI,LFI)	Colonel Gray
West Royalty	West Royalty - Eng Spring Park - FI	Queen Charlotte (E,LFI) Queen Charlotte (E,FI,LFI)	Colonel Gray Colonel Gray