



Erin Ridge School Site
École Alexandre-Taché
August 26, 2013



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q1—What kind of school district are you?

The Greater North Central Francophone Education Region No. 2 (Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord) is a Regional Authority that was formed in 1994. We have 14 publicly-funded schools in Edmonton, Fort McMurray, Jasper, Legal, Red Deer, St. Albert and Wainwright.

Q2—Who is eligible to attend a francophone school?

Francophone Authorities welcome students who are eligible for French-language education in accordance with the Alberta School Act and district policies. In order for a student to be admitted, one parent must meet one of the following criteria: a) whose first language learned and still understood is French; b) who received primary school in French in Canada; c) has a child whose siblings were or are being educated at a francophone school.

Q3—Who is building the new École Alexandre-Taché?

The Province of Alberta jointly with our school district.

Q4—Why St. Albert ?

The City of St. Albert is home to one of Alberta's oldest Francophone communities, from its foundation by Father Albert Lacombe and the settlement of French and Métis families, to this day where many Francophone still reside in St. Albert and area. The City and surrounding towns and villages are widely recognized as having a significant number of residents with a Francophone heritage. To fulfil our mandate, we must provide reasonably accessible education in facilities equivalent to those available to all Alberta students. St. Albert, because of its rich history, great school facilities and forecasted population growth, is a location of choice for building a new school to meet the needs of Francophone students in the City, surrounding areas and north-west Edmonton.

Q5 – Does the board currently operate schools in St. Albert?

The board currently operates two schools in St. Albert, École La Mission a K-6 school with 135 students located in Heritage Lake. The school first opened in 1995 and moved to its current location in October 2003 (see map). In September 2009, following the pressing request of a parents group, the Board opened a junior/senior high school in September 2009. Parents were concerned as for many years, francophone students living in St. Albert, Morinville, Legal, Clyde, etc. travelled considerable distance (and spent considerable time travelling) to our École Maurice-Lavallée in south-east Edmonton.

Q6—Why are you building a junior/senior high school in St. Albert?

The construction of a junior/senior high school in St. Albert has been a priority for our board as reflected in our capital plan for a number of years. In April-May, 2013, the Province announced the construction of 28 new/replacement schools, including one each for St. Albert Public Schools and Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord. Since 2009, École Alexandre-Taché has been housed in temporary leased quarters in the basement of the Youville Centre.

Q7 – The school is being built for how many students?

Alexandre-Taché will have an opening capacity of 400 students (including two attached modular classrooms) and a final capacity of 450 students (including two more attached modular classrooms). Once the school eventually reaches maximum capacity, the Board will request the construction of another secondary school on another site within the City.

Q8—Where do the students come from?

École Alexandre-Taché has the following catchment area: the territory west of the North Saskatchewan River up to Highway 15, north of Highway 37, west of 17th Street, west of Manning Drive, north of Yellowhead Trail, west of 231st Street and north of Route 627 (see map).

Residence of École Alexandre-Taché Students (148), June 2012

Bon Accord: 2	Gibbons: 2	Saint-Albert: 43 (12 in Erin Ridge & Bellerose Drive)
Busby: 1	Legal: 7	Spruce Grove: 11
Clyde/Vimy: 3	Lancaster Park: 5	Stony Plain: 4
Edmonton: 60	Morinville/Cardiff: 5	Sturgeon County: 5

Summary

Saint-Albert	29,1%
Area Communities & Rural	30,4%
Edmonton	40,5%

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS (con't)

Q9 —How many students currently attend École Alexandre-Taché and how many are you projecting in the future?

École Alexandre-Taché—Projected Enrolments 2012-13 to 2021-22

	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
2012-13	34	29	20	23	20	20	146
2013-14	37	34	29	28	23	20	171
2014-15	47	37	34	41	28	23	210
2015-16	40	47	37	43	41	28	236
2016-17	37	40	47	48	43	41	256
2017-18	49	37	40	67	48	43	283
2018-19	53	49	37	56	67	48	310
2019-20	57	53	49	57	56	67	334
2020-21	52	52	53	59	57	56	328
2021-22	52	52	52	71	59	57	342

Q10—Have you considered the impact of traffic in the Erin Ridge neighborhood?

We submit that the new school will not cause significant increase in traffic since we transport 90-92% of students. At Alexandre-Taché, our buses come from: 3 from Stony Plain/Spruce Grove/Calahoo; 3 from St. Albert /Lancaster Park; 3 from Busby/Clyde/Legal/Morinville; 1 from Bon Accord/Gibbons; 2 from North Edmonton.

	Registered students	Transported students	Ratio
2010-2011	2467	2279	92.3%
2011-2012	2511	2311	92.0%
2012-2013	2585	2373	91.8%

Q11—Will a traffic and parking assessment study been done?

Alberta Infrastructure has agreed with the City to undertake a full Traffic Impact Assessment of the Erin Ridge school site and include the hospital site which has also been a concern of residents for some time. This study will be a joint effort funded by the Province, the City and the Health Region.

Q12—Will students and parents be parking on the street?

No. The school will have either a set-back for buses along Eldorado Drive or a drop-off area inside the parking lot.

Q13—How many parking stalls will there be?

Parking Requirements (Land Use Bylaw Sec. 7.3)	
Students	Stalls
20 Junior High	1
20 Senior High	4
Projected Maximum Enrolment	
210 Junior High	22
240 Senior High	48
Total	70

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Q14 – How many students drive their own vehicle to your Edmonton area high schools?

There were 148 students (66 in grades 10-12) attending École Alexandre-Taché last year. The school has 20 staff (12 teachers, 6 support staff and 2 custodians, one full and one part-time). This table illustrates the number of students who drive themselves to school at our three Edmonton area schools.

	École Maurice-Lavallée (South Edmonton)	École Gabrielle-Roy	École Alexandre-Taché
# grades 10-12 students	218	81	66
# designated student parking stalls	26	0	0
# students who regularly drive their own vehicle to school	18-22	0-3	3-6

Q15—When will construction begin and end?

Construction is slated to begin in fall 2014. The new school will open in September 2016.

Q16 – Is the school a P3 (ASAP III) model?

Yes. Alberta Infrastructure defines ASAP schools accordingly: *Alberta Schools Alternative Procurement (ASAP) project is an innovative, made-in-Alberta approach that's helping us meet the province's school infrastructure needs. ASAP was created in 2007 as a public-private partnership model and an alternative to government's traditional method of building new schools. ASAP has helped government address the need for new schools in communities in need of additional student spaces due to shifting student demographics and substantial student enrolments.*

Q17—What are the advantages to your school district of having an ASAP school?

Firstly, Alberta Infrastructure is responsible for overseeing the entire project including planning, design (with input from Education and our school district), hiring bridging architects, finding a contractor. Secondly, the contractor is responsible for all operations and maintenance of the facility for a 30-year period. This represents a substantial saving worth hundreds of thousands of dollars to our school district.

Q18—How much will the school cost?

That information is not being made public by Alberta Infrastructure. Nevertheless, one can estimate that our school will bring about \$8-12 million in value to the City of St. Albert. St. Albert is considered very fortunate to have done so well, since there were 700 capital project requests at the time.

Q19 – Will the public and neighborhood be able to access École Alexandre-Taché?

Of course. We are Party to the St. Albert Joint Use Agreement along with the City, St. Albert Public and Greater St. Albert Catholic. The school will generally be available for Joint Use activities most weekday evenings and possibly during the summer.

Q20—What provisions of the St. Albert Joint Use Agreement (JUA) apply in the decision to award Erin Ridge to Centre-Nord?

The City of St. Albert, St. Albert Public, Greater St. Albert Catholic and Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord are signatories to the School Site Allocation Agreement adopted by the four parties in August 2004.

3. St. Albert Site Allocation Committee (August 2004)

3.1 g. School sites shall not be transferred to a Board unless:

- i. the Board has an identified need for the School site;
- ii. the Board has approval of the funding for School construction on the site from Alberta Infrastructure; the Reserve Land is zoned such that a School is a permitted or discretionary land use for the site under the Land Use Bylaw;

4.1 The Parties hereby agree to establish the Site Allocation Committee. The City Manager and the Superintendents of the Boards shall each have the right to appoint one (1) member to the Site Allocation Committee

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Q20 (con,t)

4.2 The role of the Site Allocation Committee shall be to:

- b. determine how available School sites might be allocated between the Boards based on the annual review of the updated Facility Plans of the Boards;

Q21—Can a Party to the JUA withdraw at any time?

The JUA stipulates the following:

6. TERMINATION

6.1 This Agreement may be terminated annually on August 31st of each year of the term provided that the Party seeking to terminate the Agreement has provided written notice to each of the Parties of their intention to terminate this Agreement on or before April 1st of the year of termination...

Q22—Is the JUA signed in August 2004 binding upon the Parties today?

Yes.

12. SUCCESSORS

12.1 The terms and conditions contained in this Agreement shall extend to and be binding upon the respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns of the City and the Boards.

Q23—When did the School Site Allocation Committee designate sites for the future public elementary school and the future catholic francophone school?

On June 14, 2013, the School Sites Allocation Committee passed the following motion:

Moved by Patrick Draper, "The School Sites Allocation Committee confirm that the Erin Ridge Site is allocated to the Francophone School Board for a Grade 7-12 school and the Erin Ridge North site is allocated to the Public School Board for an elementary school (K-6)." CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Q24—What is the current status of available and developed school sites in the City of St. Albert?

Sites	School Area Ha (Acres)	Park Area Ha (Acres)	Total Area Ha (Acres)	Status
Erin Ridge North	2.5 ha (6.18)	N/A	2.5 ha (6.18)	Allocated to St. Albert Public Schools (June 14, 2013)
Erin Ridge	1.21 ha (2.99)	2.82 ha (6.97)	4.03 (9.96)	Allocated to Greater North Central Francophone (June 14, 2013)
Oakmont	1.34 ha (3.31)	5.12 ha (12.65)	6.46 (15.96)	Grandfathered to Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools (2004)
Badger Lands				Not developed /Unavailable
Kingswood				Not developed /Unavailable
Riverside				Not developed

Q25—Finally, what is Conseil scolaire's position?

Simply, there are only three developed and available school sites at the present time in St. Albert; it is very unlikely that new developed school sites will be available within 3-5 years.

- ♦ St. Albert Public has a strategic need for Erin Ridge North to best serve young families moving into a new neighborhood.
- ♦ Greater North Central Francophone needs the centrally-located Erin Ridge to best serve a broad catchment area.
- ♦ Greater St. Albert needs to protect its interests in the Oakmont site for a future school.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS (con't)

Q26—Why should City council support the construction of École Alexandre-Taché?

The construction of new, equivalent facility for École Alexandre-Taché will benefit all residents as it will offer another choice for quality education in the City. The school adds 20 jobs in the community and attracts people from the surrounding areas to the city. Moreover, it adds a gymnasium for evening and weekend access, and a parking lot for Erin Park users.

Q27—What are you asking from the City of St. Albert?

Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord and the parents of École Alexandre-Taché are requesting that Council give clear, immediate and unmitigated support for the construction of École Alexandre-Taché on the Erin Ridge school site.

Quick Facts on Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord

- ✓ Inaugurated in 1994
- ✓ Largest of five francophone education Authorities in Alberta
- ✓ 14 public and catholic schools in Edmonton, Fort McMurray, Jasper, Legal, Red Deer, Saint-Albert & Wainwright
- ✓ Seven trustees, one representing Legal-St. Albert — Ginette Martel
- ✓ 2,585 students (2012-13)
- ✓ \$42 million budget
- ✓ Full-time kindergarten since 1997
- ✓ 3 & 4 year-old preschool programming at every elementary school
- ✓ 65-70% of students have only one French-speaking parent

Quick Facts on École Alexandre-Taché

- ✓ Opened in 2009 with 73 grades 7-10 students
- ✓ 143 grades 7-12 students in 2012-13
- ✓ Francophone & catholic school
- ✓ Located in leased quarters at Youville Centre
- ✓ 12 teachers (11,9 fte)
- ✓ 8 support staff
- ✓ Free busing
- ✓ 19 graduates in June 2013
- ✓ Quality English programming
- ✓ Spanish
- ✓ Complementary & CTS courses
- ✓ Provincial, national and international excursions
- ✓ Provincial sports & cultural events
- ✓ Volleyball, basketball, badminton, cross-country & track teams
- ✓ Alpine skiing
- ✓ Cultural activities and clubs: theatre, music, artists, choir, dance, etc.
- ✓ Student newspaper & council
- ✓ Christmas & Spring concerts
- ✓ *Semaine de la francophonie*

If you wish to further discuss this matter, please call Board Chair Karen Doucet at 780-468-6440 or 780-490-4832.

On behalf of the students, parents and staff at École Alexandre-Taché, we trust that you will welcome our new school in your neighbourhood and City. We look forward to establishing strong community ties that will enable us to share our facility with all of you.

Future School Sites Map
Erin Ridge, Erin Ridge North & Oakmont Neighbourhoods



Basemap current to: March 2013

Legend

- ★ Future School (as per ASP)
- ▨ Park/School as per ASP
- Parklands Adjoining School

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Future School Sites Map with Land Use Districts
Erin Ridge, Erin Ridge North & Oakmont Neighbourhoods



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Road Type

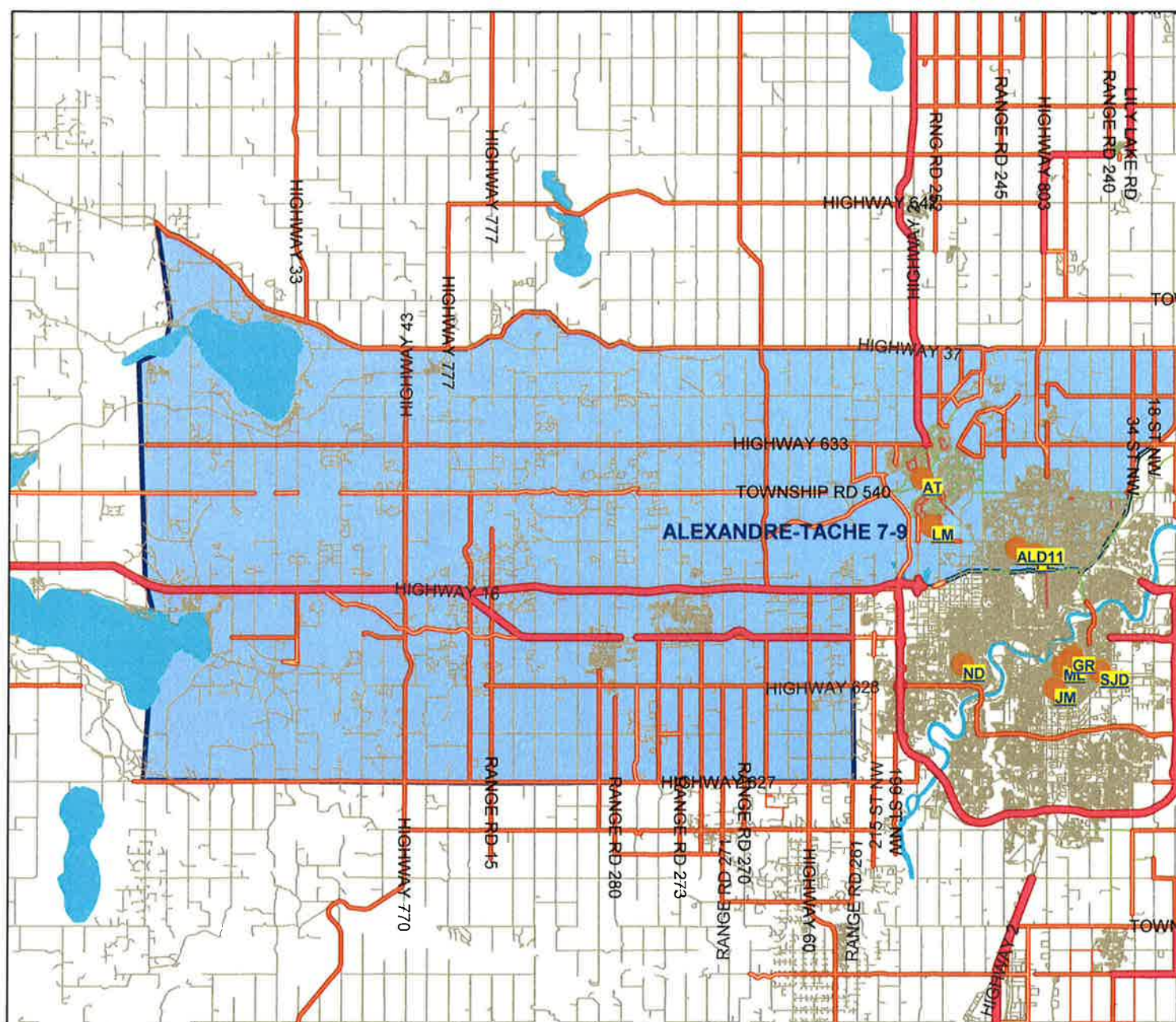
- Arterial
- Major Collector
- Road Closure

- R1 - Low Density Residential
- R2 - Low Density Residential
- R3 - Medium Density Residential
- R3A - Medium Density Residential
- R4 - Medium/High Density Residential
- C1 - Neighbourhood Commercial
- C2 - General Commercial
- CC - Corridor Commercial
- P - Public Park
- PS - Public and Private Service
- UR - Urban Reserve
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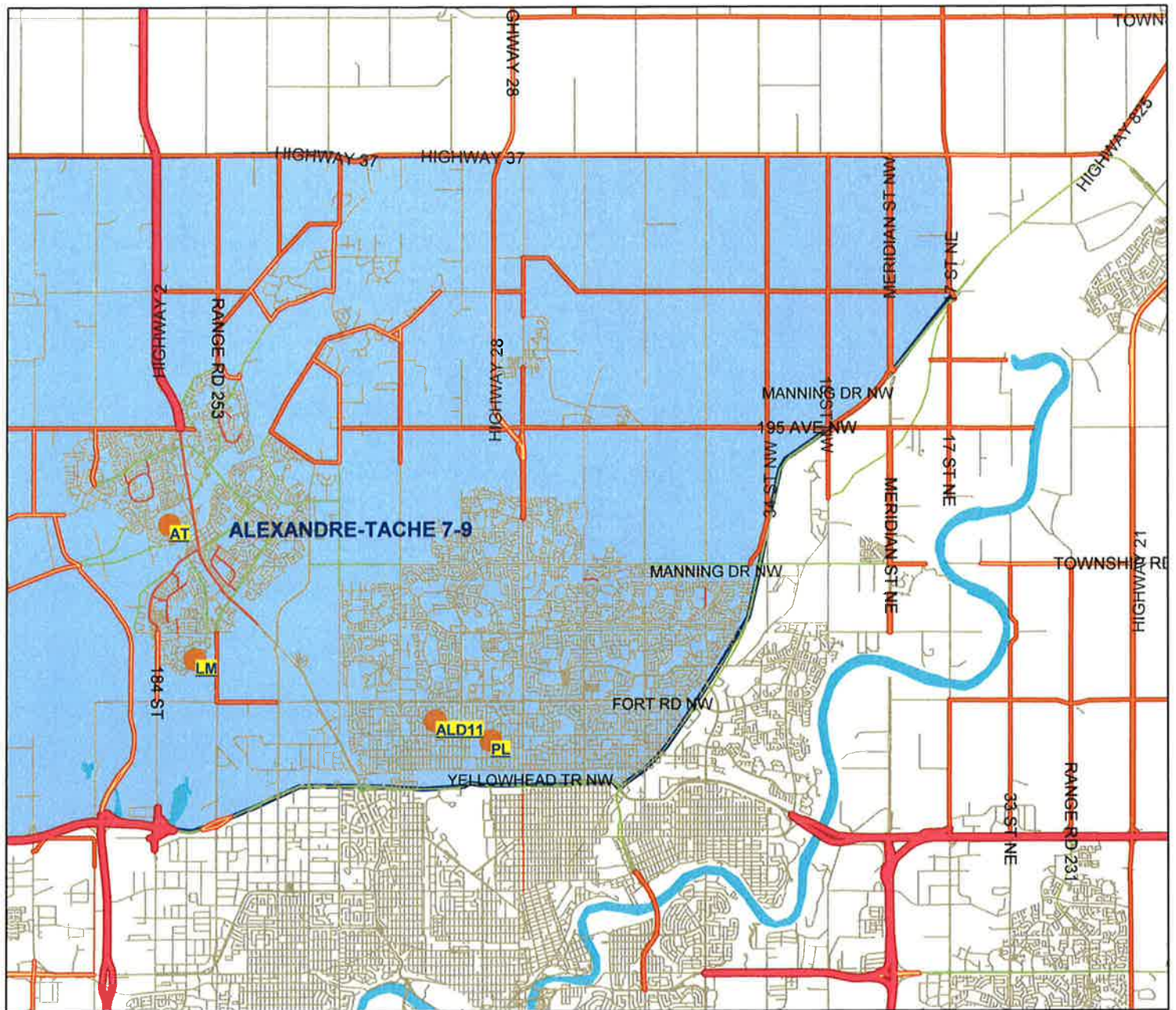
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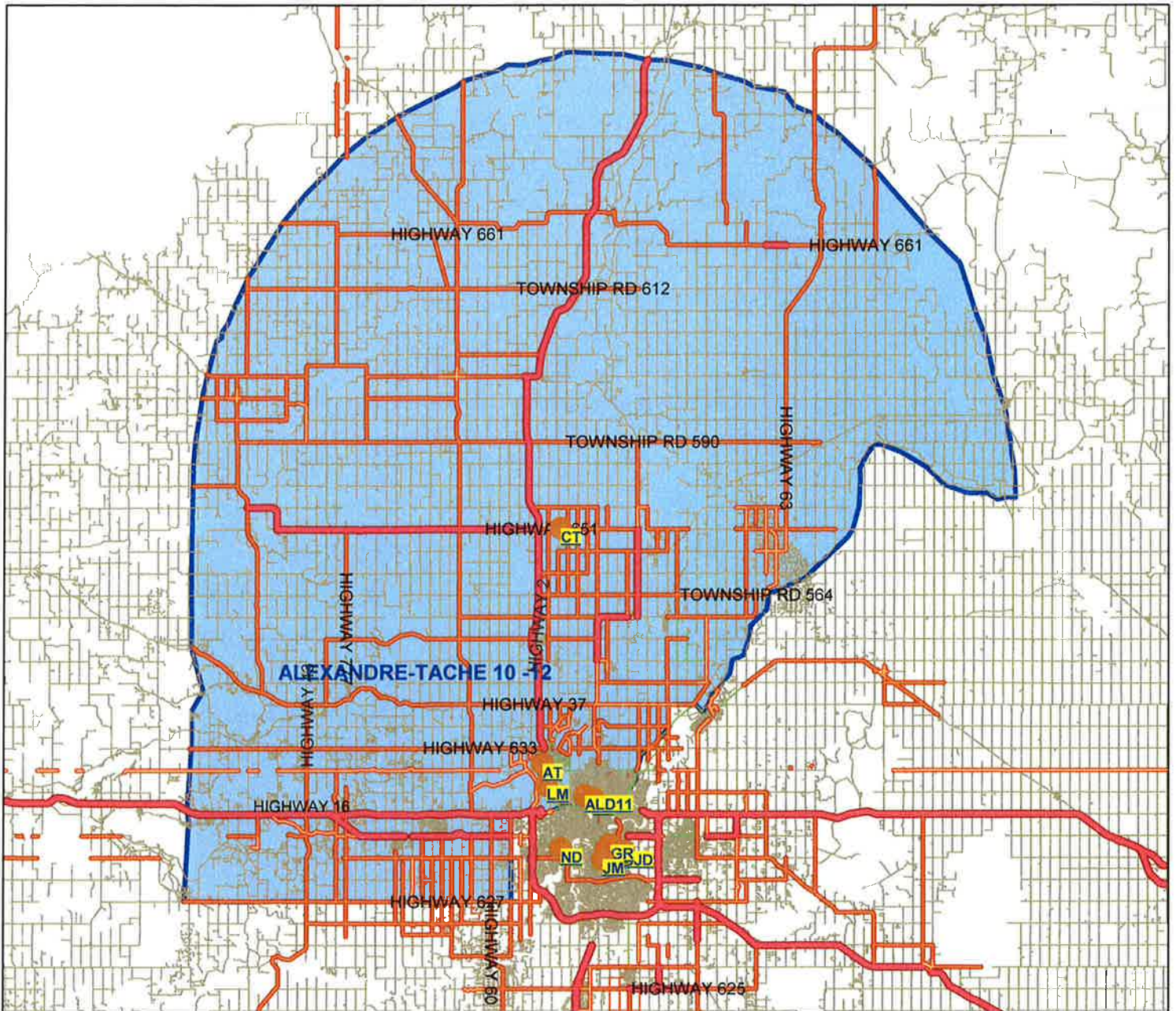
Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord
Aire de fréquentation
École Alexandre-Taché
7^e à 9^e année, catholique

Conseil Scolaire Centre-Nord District Map

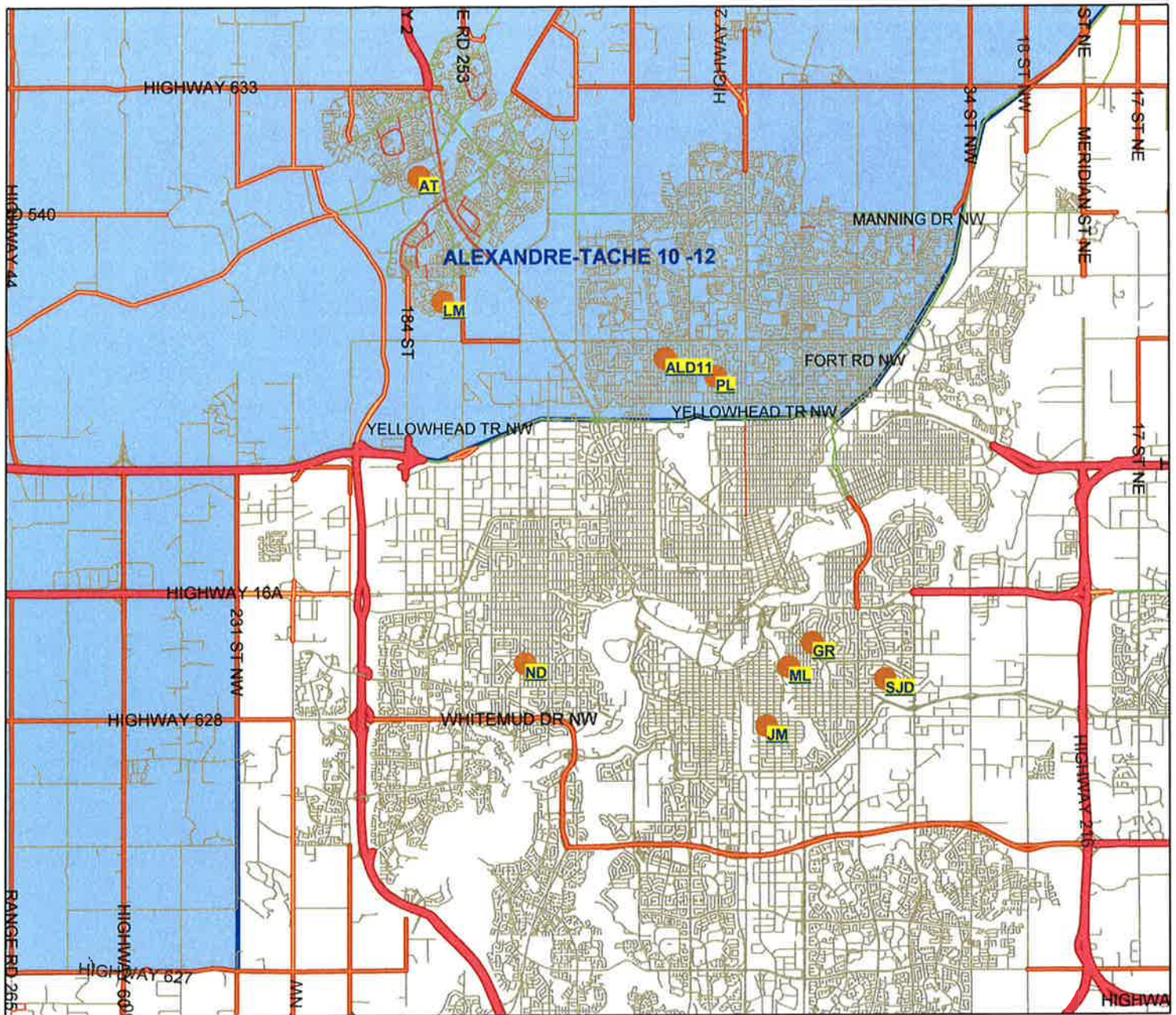


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7^e à 9^e année, catholique

Conseil Scolaire Centre-Nord District Map



Conseil scolaire Centre-Nord
Aire de fréquentation
École Alexandre-Taché
10^e à 12^e année, catholique



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École Alexandre-Taché



Taylor Ames



Patrick Bélanger



Monique Branscombe



Kaitlyn Cameron



Maxime Chabot



Aidan Cochlin



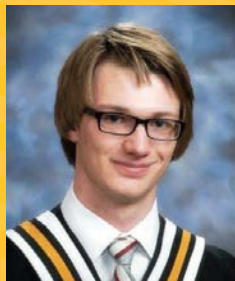
Samantha Dacey



Alexandra Daigle



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Zaccary Fortin



Kassandra Hruschak



Nathan Lamarche



Daniel Lessard



Edwin Lukenda-Sabanovic



Justin Trudel



Kelsie Turcotte



Anne-Marie Turenne



Melissa Uwera

I am very proud to congratulate our 2013 grad class on their numerous accomplishments and dynamic contribution to our school and community! École Alexandre-Taché opened in 2009 as St. Albert's first and only francophone junior/senior high school. Our graduates finish with a high proficiency in both official languages, opening doors to all postsecondary institutions in Canada and around the world. Among the highlights of their high school years are the success of our theatre group and our cultural, historical and humanitarian school trips to Europe and Vietnam. On June 7th, we celebrated our graduation and the numerous accomplishments of our grad class. Here is an excerpt of our valedictorian's speech, Aidan Cochlin:

“Je suis fier de faire partie de notre famille ici à l'école, faire partie de notre famille franco-albertaine et canadienne. Je suis fier de vous avoir comme frères et sœurs dans cette aventure qui était notre Alexandre-Taché; être les ambassadeurs de notre langue et notre culture. Des pionniers français qui se sont établis à Saint-Albert dans la première et unique école secondaire francophone. We could have very easily changed schools when times were tough. When people tell me that we never got the whole high school experience, I agree with them. We could never get lost in the seeming endless hallways, pick and choose our teachers or finally meet everyone in our graduating class at graduation; we had something different that they never had. What we lost in sacrifices we gained back in multiples. We had the privilege to really get to know each other, our teachers and connect to our community and our school in a way only a family could.”

Je voudrais remercier tous les parents qui ont eu la vision et l'audace d'inscrire leurs enfants à l'école francophone. Vos enfants sont maintenant prêts à prendre leur envol avec une grande fierté de leur héritage et un grand désir de poursuivre leurs rêves personnels, académiques et professionnels.

Marcel Ouellette, directeur École Alexandre-Taché

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