



Community Consultation No. 4

Halifax Regional School Board

19 February 2008
Peninsula Halifax

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10 Year Facilities Master Plan



- Response to Consultation No. 3
 - HRM Development
 - HRM Demographics
 - School Capacity Calculations
 - Retain not Build New
 - French Immersion
 - Implementation/Phasing
- Proposed Draft Plan
- Group Discussion
- Community Feedback

Agenda

- Meetings with HRM Planning Staff:
 - Sept 27, Nov 14, Dec 4, Jan 10, Jan 29
- Meetings with Municipal & Provincial politicians:
 - Nov 1, Jan 23
- “Downtown Halifax: Towards a Development Strategy”, September 10, 2007
 - Population increase of 5,000 in next 10 years, aligns with HRM by Design strategy
 - Anticipated student yield is included in projections: i.e. St. Mary’s ES enrolment to increase from 116 in 2007/2008 to 208 in 2017/2018

Community Resources

- HRM Approved Regional Master Plan
- HRM Planning and Development
- HRM by Design
- HRM Facility Master Plan
- HRM Real Property Planning
- HRM Transportation Strategic & Long Term Plan
- Metro Transit
- HRM Approved Active Transportation Plan

- Capital Health
- Halifax Public Library Master Plan
- Municipal & Provincial Politicians

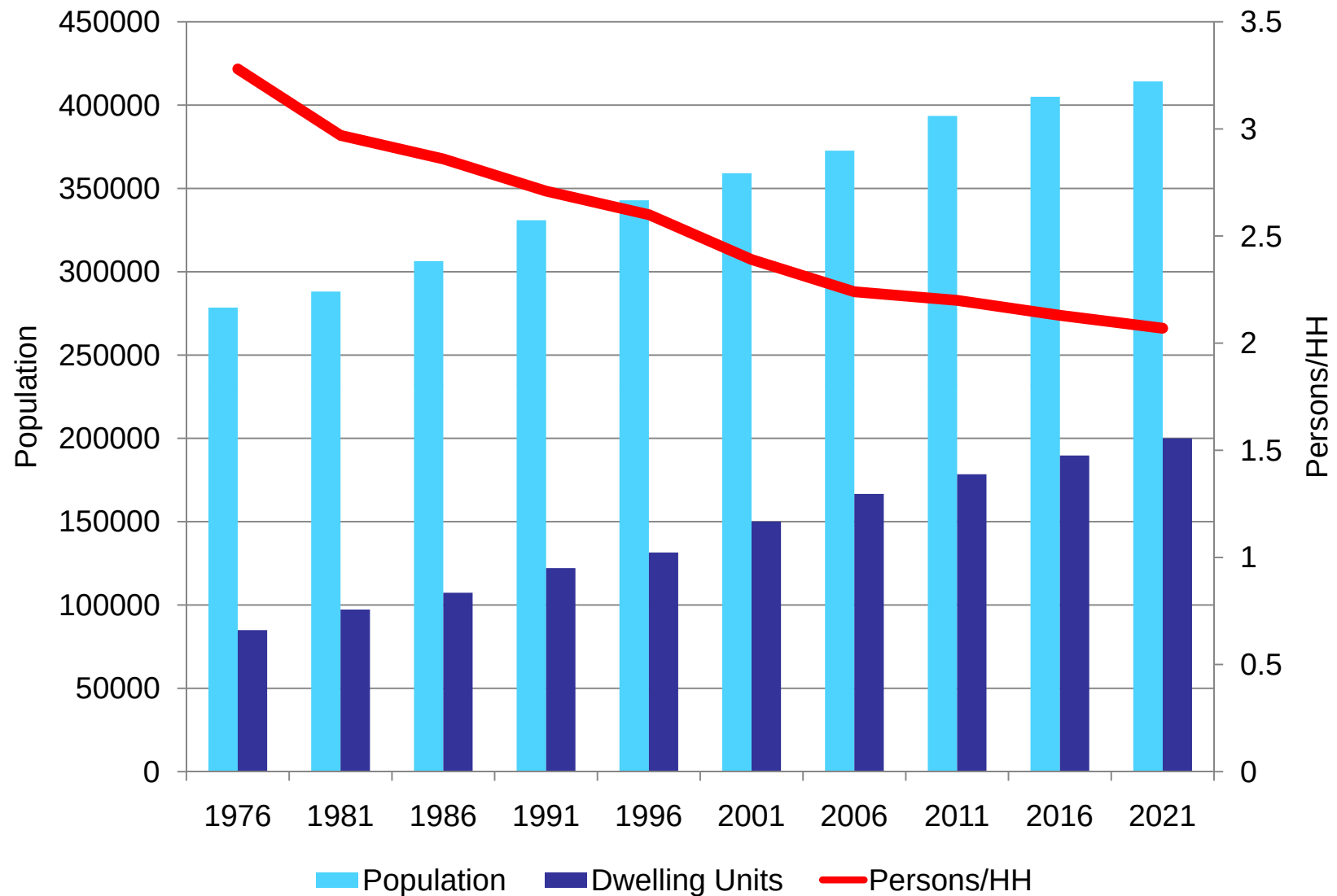
HRSB Resources

- Operations
- Administration
- Programming
- Communications
- Diversity Management
- Health Promotion

HRM Development

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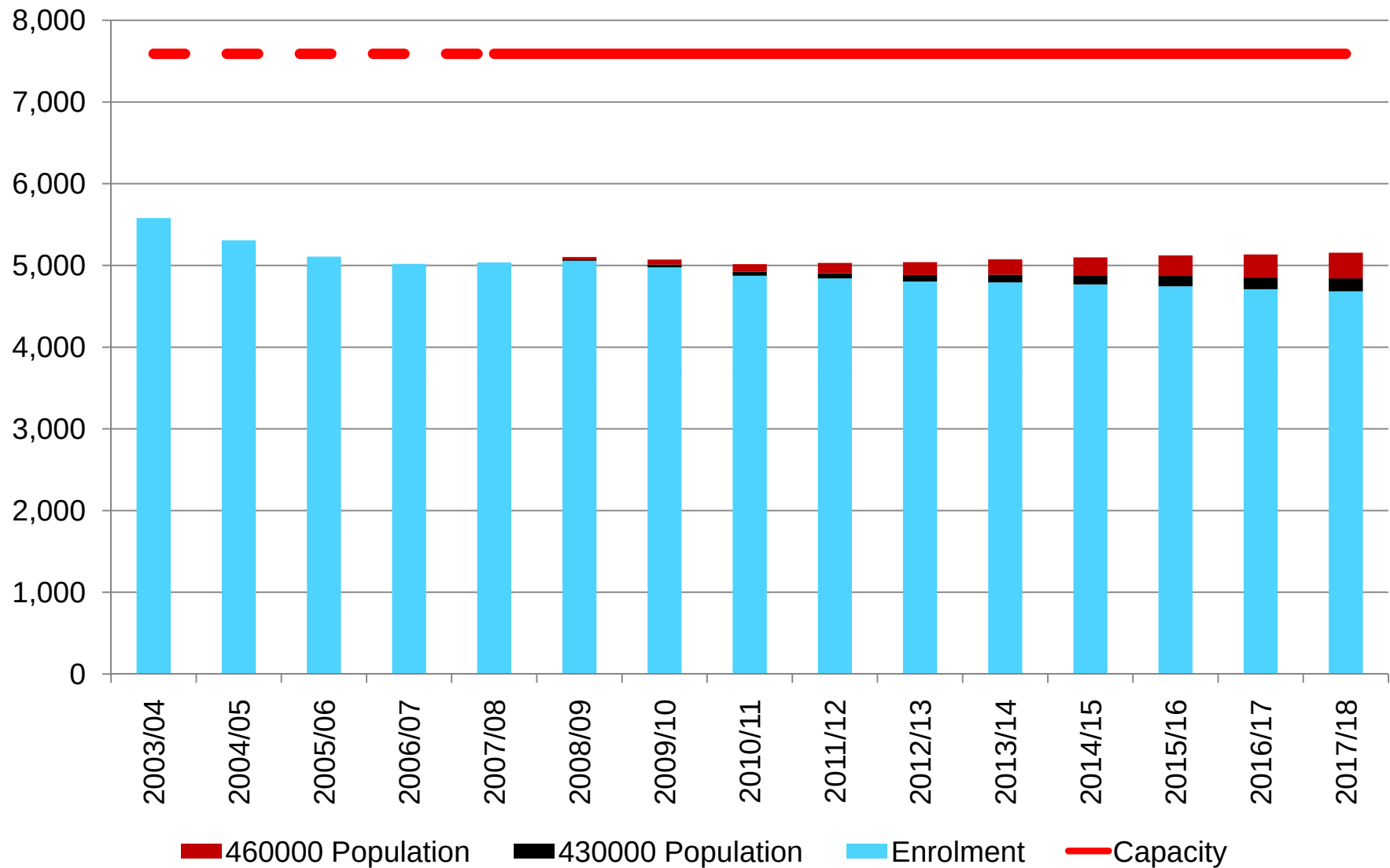
HRM Projected Population, Number of Dwelling Units, persons per Household



HRM Demographics

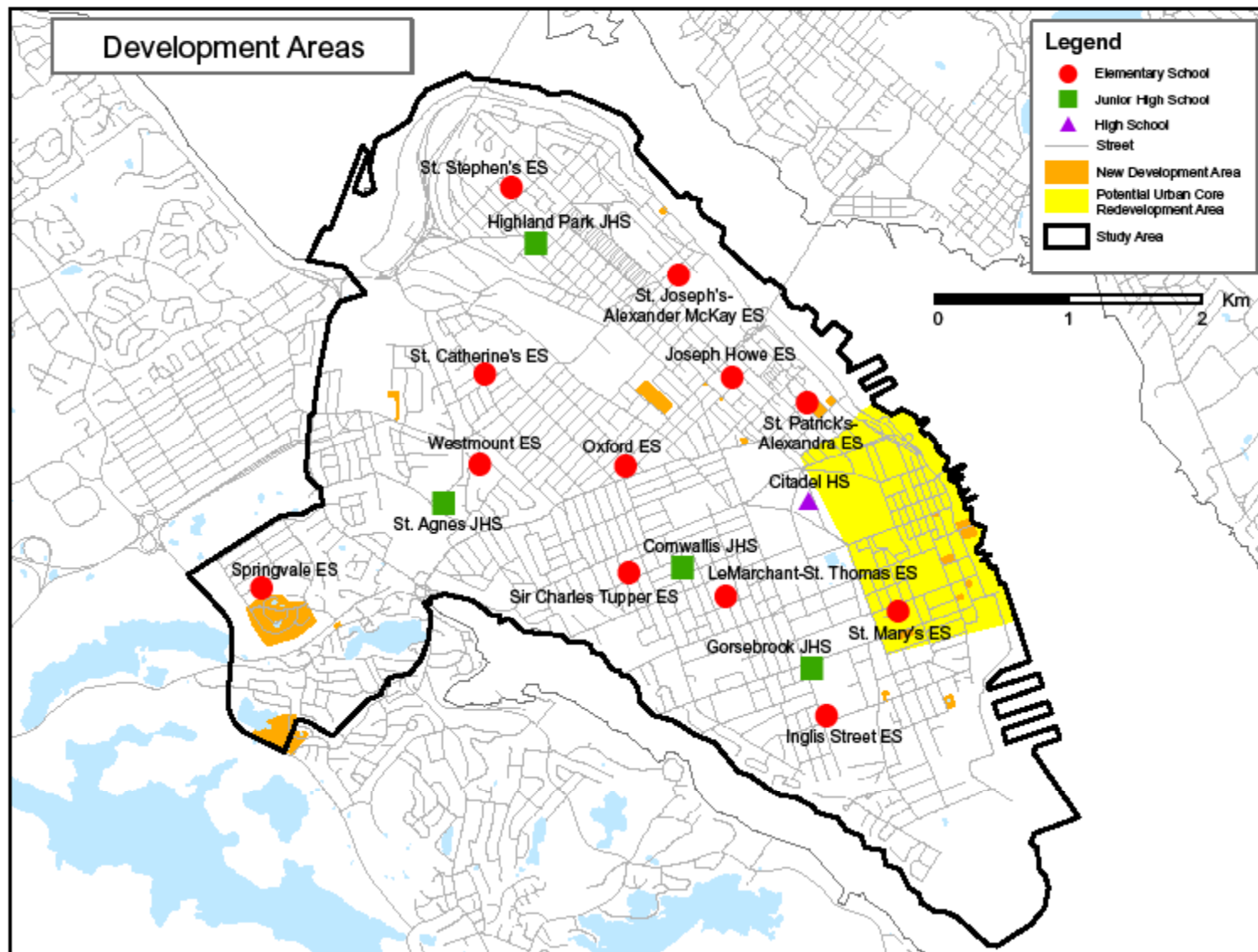
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Peninsula Adjusted Enrolments based on Higher Population Estimates



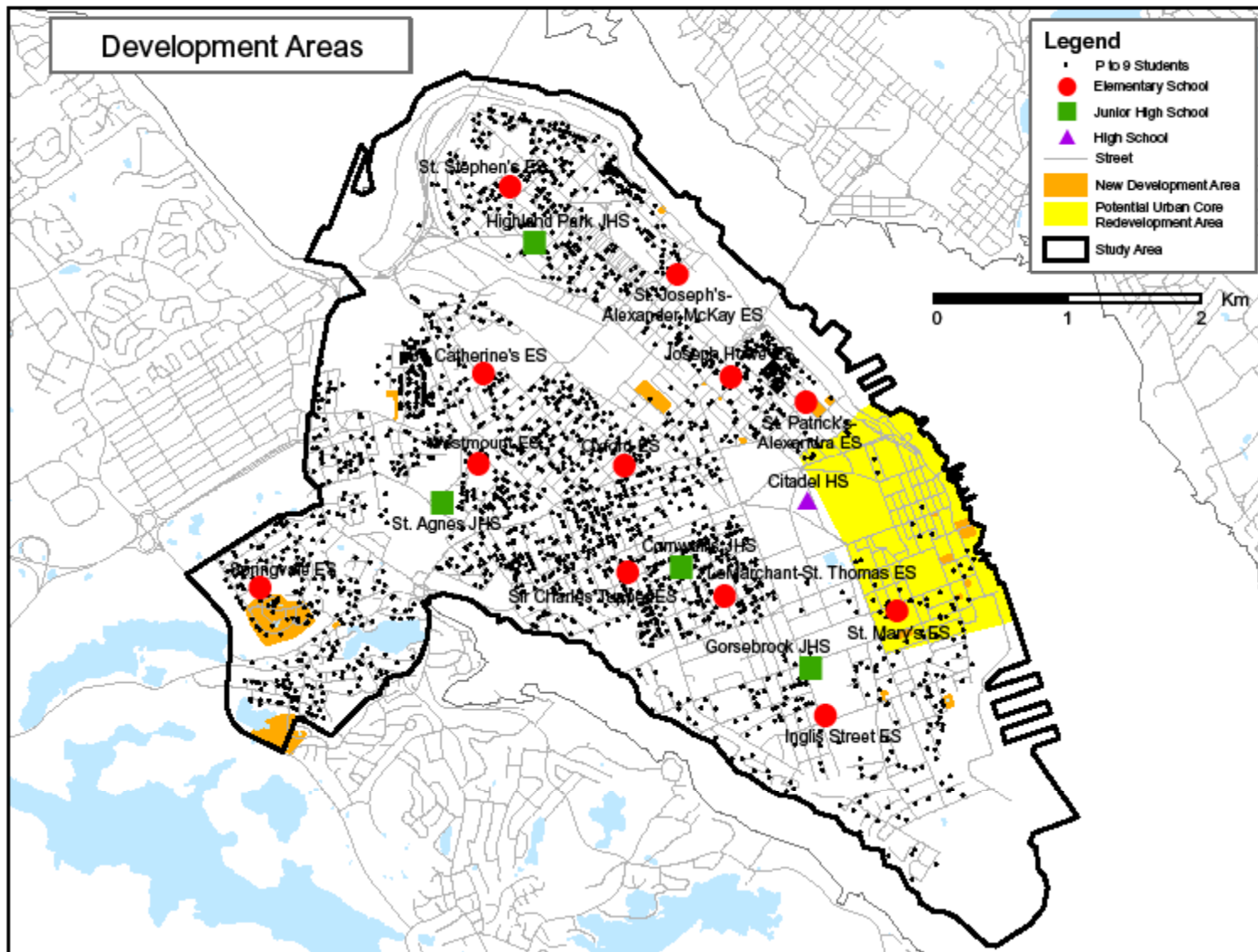
HRM Demographics

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HRM Development Areas

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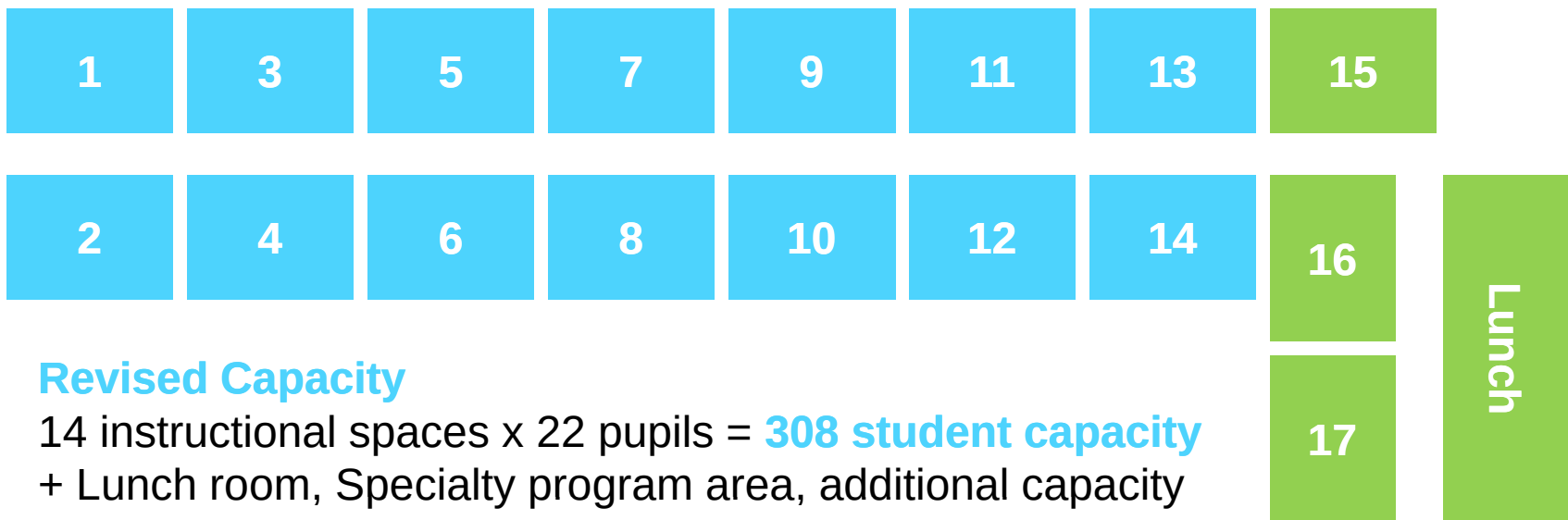
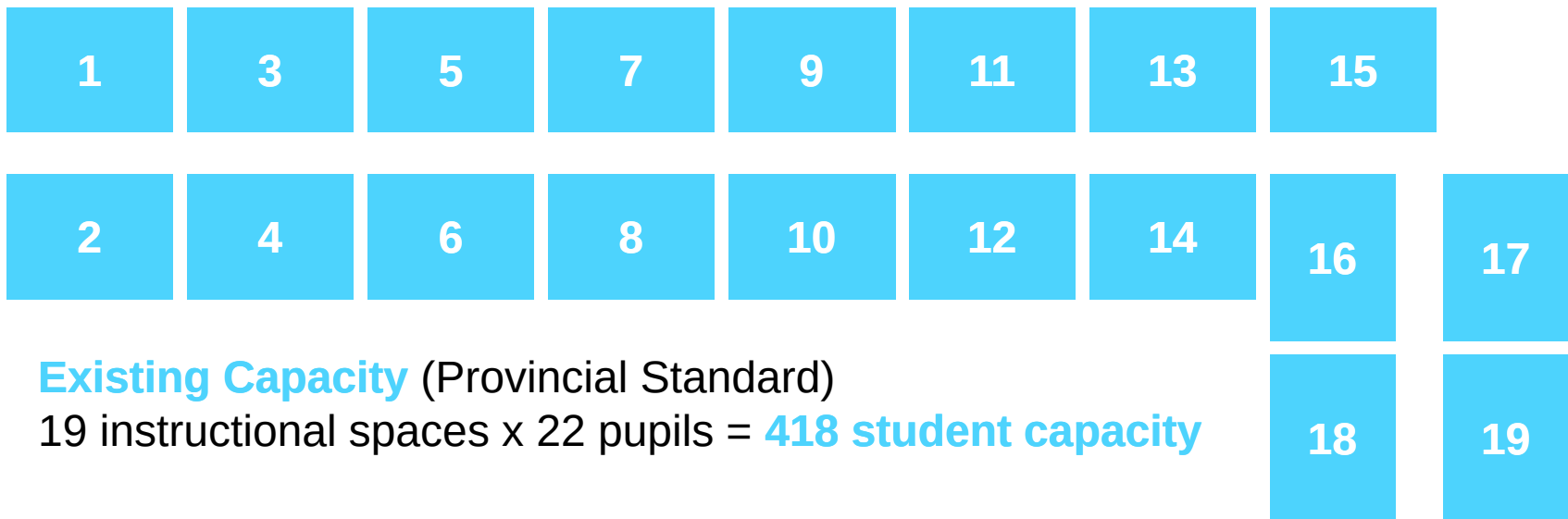
Development with Students

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- Current school capacity numbers are based on Provincial assessment of number of instructional spaces
- Recommendation includes a reassessment of capacity to allow for:
 - Lunch rooms
 - Specialty program spaces
 - Additional student capacity (+/-85% utilization rate)

School Capacity

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School Capacity

1	3	5	7	9	11	13
2	4	6	8	10	12	14

Existing Capacity (Provincial Standard)

14 instructional spaces x 22 pupils = **308 student capacity**

1	3	5	7	9	11	13	15	
2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	
							17	Lunch

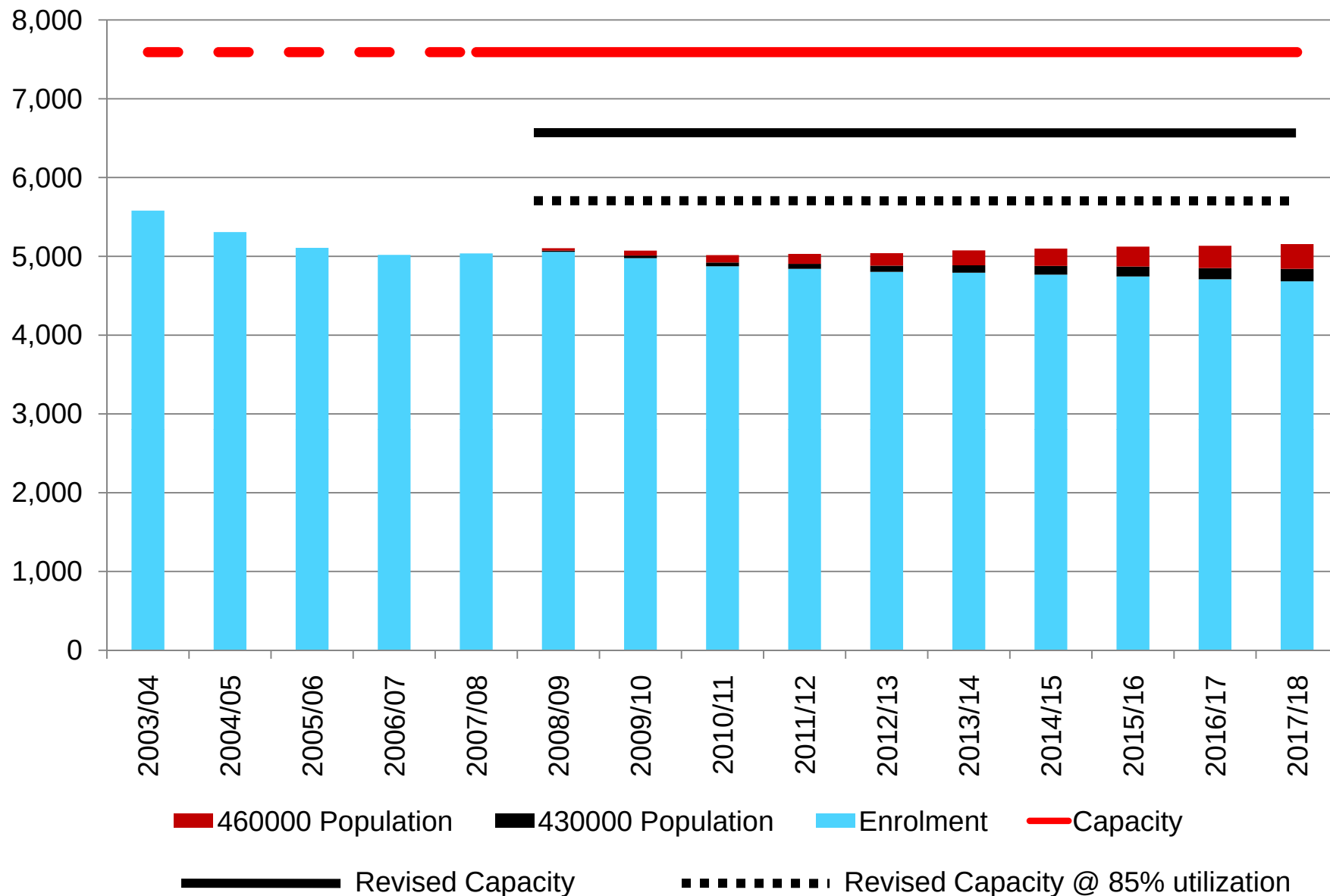
Revised Capacity (addition to existing school)

14 instructional spaces x 22 pupils = **308 student capacity**

+ Lunch room, Specialty program area, additional capacity

School Capacity

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Revised Capacity

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- In most cases the plan will recommend retaining, not rebuilding existing schools
- Alterations or additions may be recommended to specific schools to provide needed instructional or ancillary spaces, such as:
 - Lunch rooms
 - Primary classrooms
 - Special education
 - Music, Drama
 - Technology

Retain not Build New

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- 300 student ES with 2 classes per grade level
 - Reduces combined grades
 - Increased availability of teachers to offer expertise for specialty program areas: library, program support, music, phys ed, etc.
 - Net instructional area balanced with ancillary spaces such as gym, library, administration
 - Operations & maintenance budgets aligned with educational use
- Ensures a viable school presence in each neighbourhood
 - Walk-able community centred schools

Retain not Build New

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- Program delivery decision regarding French Immersion affects facility plan
- French Immersion is a Provincial curriculum issue
- French Immersion decisions are program driven
 - Careful consideration and further discussion are required
- Facility plan will be designed to allow flexibility to accommodate French Immersion program options
 - Dual track
 - Immersion sites
 - Entry level

French Immersion

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- Proposed plan for alterations and additions distributes capital more equitably to many schools as opposed to only one or two new schools
- Phasing for proposed alterations and additions to existing schools and related school reviews will be aligned with capital funding schedule

Implementation/Phasing

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“No problem can be solved with the same consciousness that created it. We must learn to see the world anew.”

Albert Einstein

Proposed Plan

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Student Achievement

- Maximize facility program delivery opportunities to meet future educational needs
 - Equitable access to full range of opportunities
 - School size
 - Grade configuration
 - Agility to respond to change

Community

- Enhance opportunities for community centred schools
 - Shared or Joint-use
 - Viable school presence in every community
 - Walk-ability (safety, security)
 - Culture/diversity

Province

- Promote effective utilization of facilities
- Maximize full potential of community centred facilities

Principles

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Peninsula Halifax - Number of Schools

	P-5	6-8	9-12	P-6	7-9	10-12	7-12	P-9	Total
Existing				10	4	1		2	17
Option 1 P-6, 7-9, 10-12				8	2	1			11
Option 2 P-9, 10-12						1		6	7
Option 3 P-6, 7-12				8			2		10
Option 4 P-5, 6-8, 9-12	7	2	1						10

Peninsula Halifax – Number of Students Current & Projected

	P-6	7-9	10-12	Total
Current	2,532	1,116	1,389	5,037
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Grade Configuration Options

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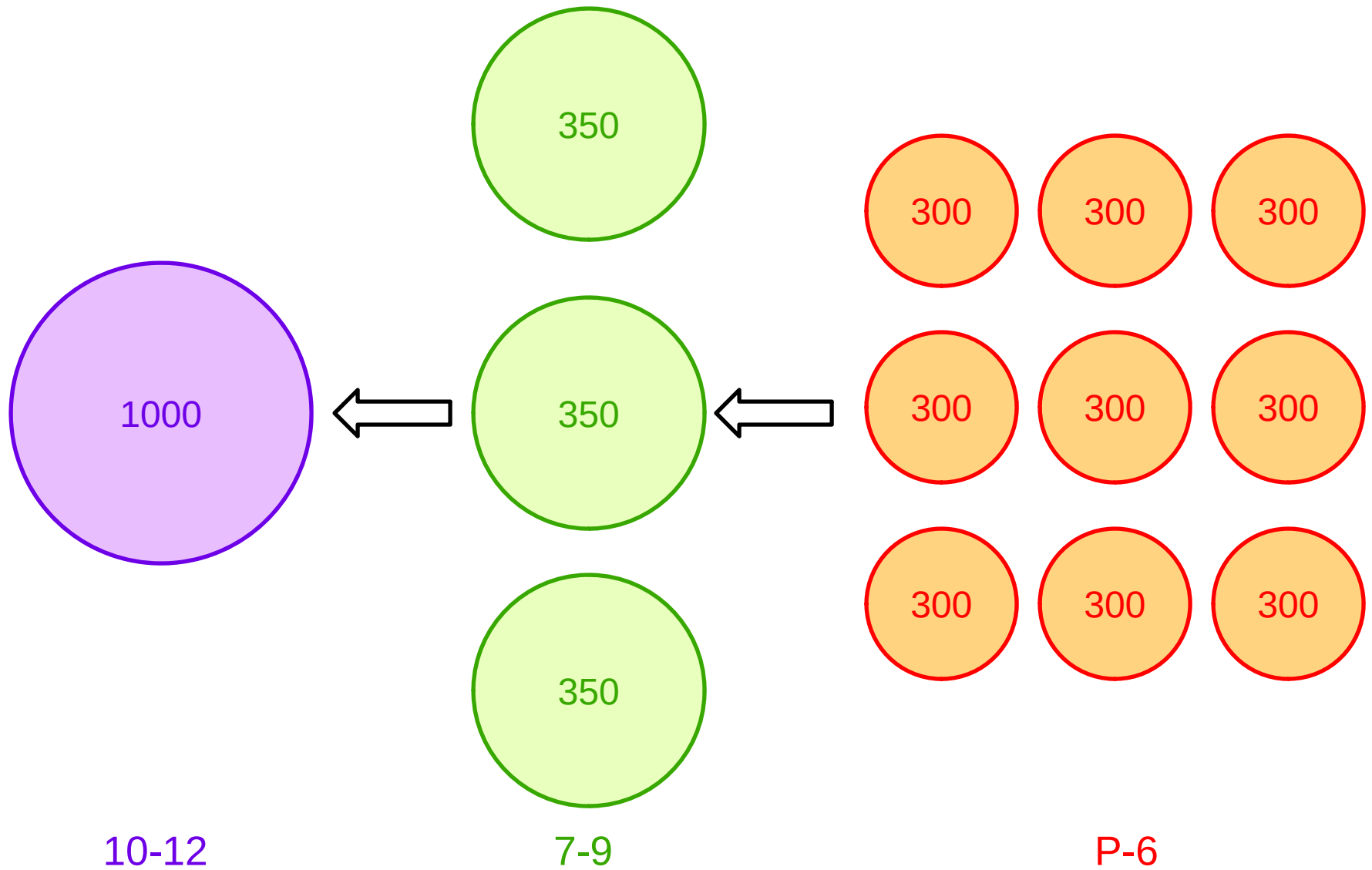
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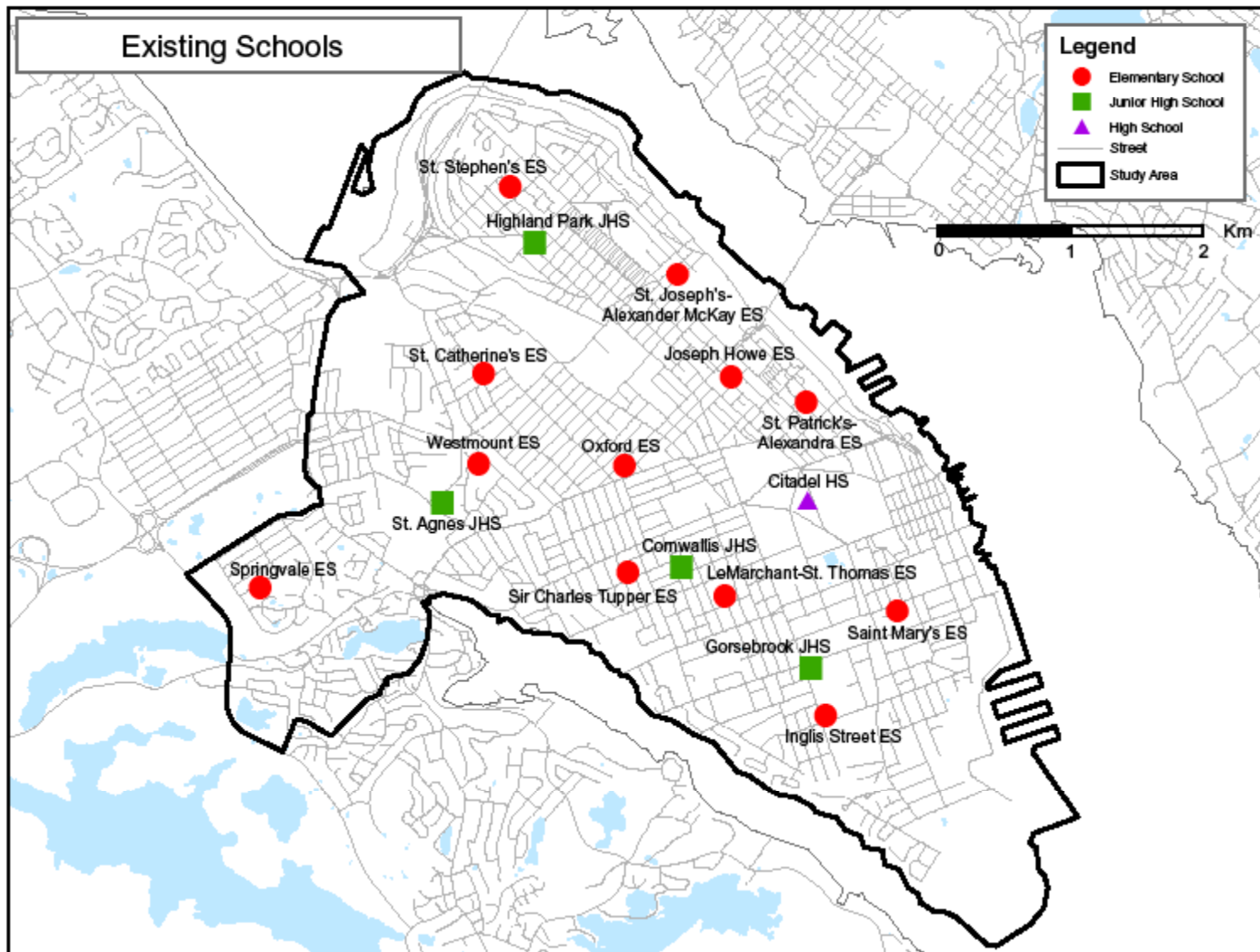
Proposed Plan 2017/2018

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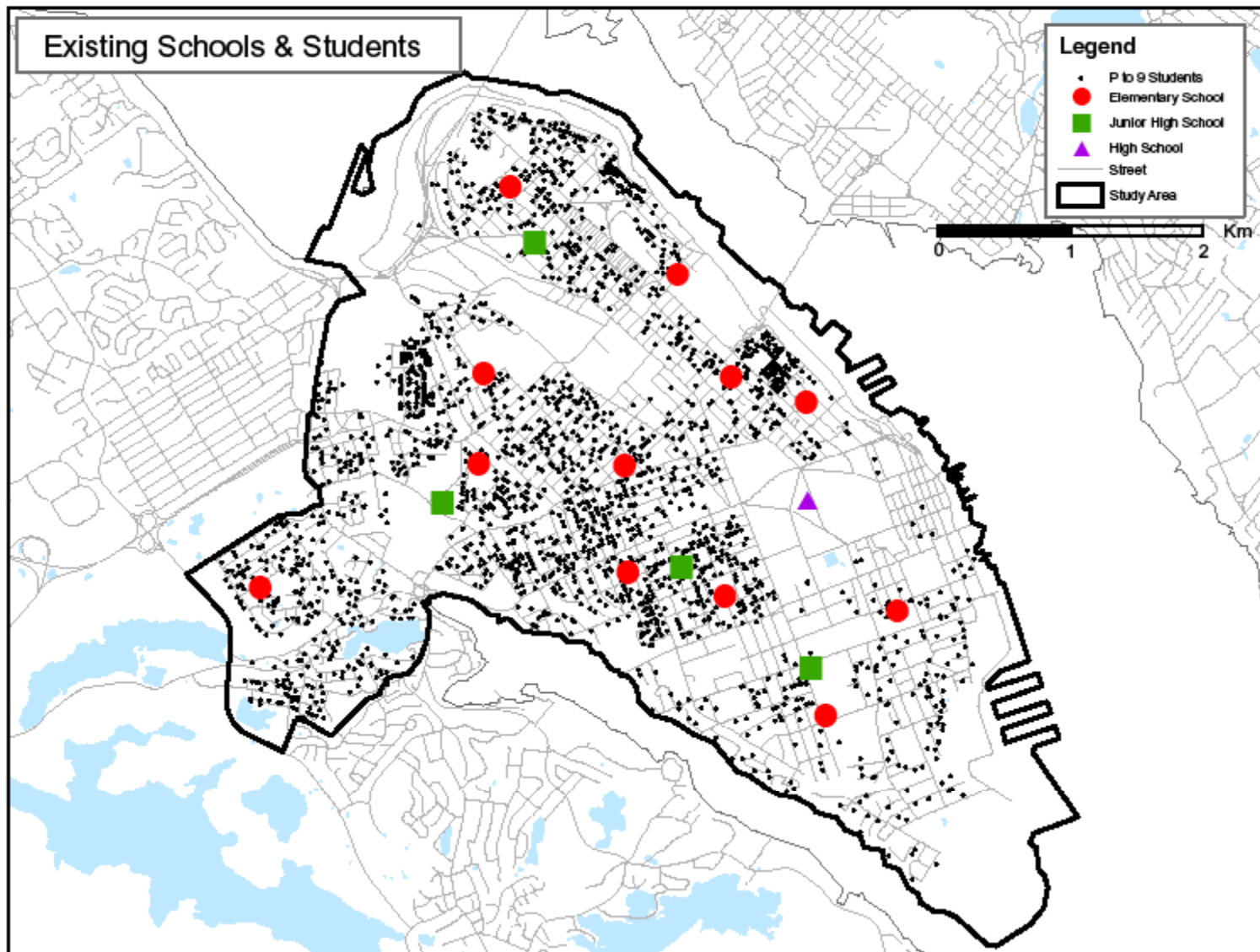
Proposed Plan

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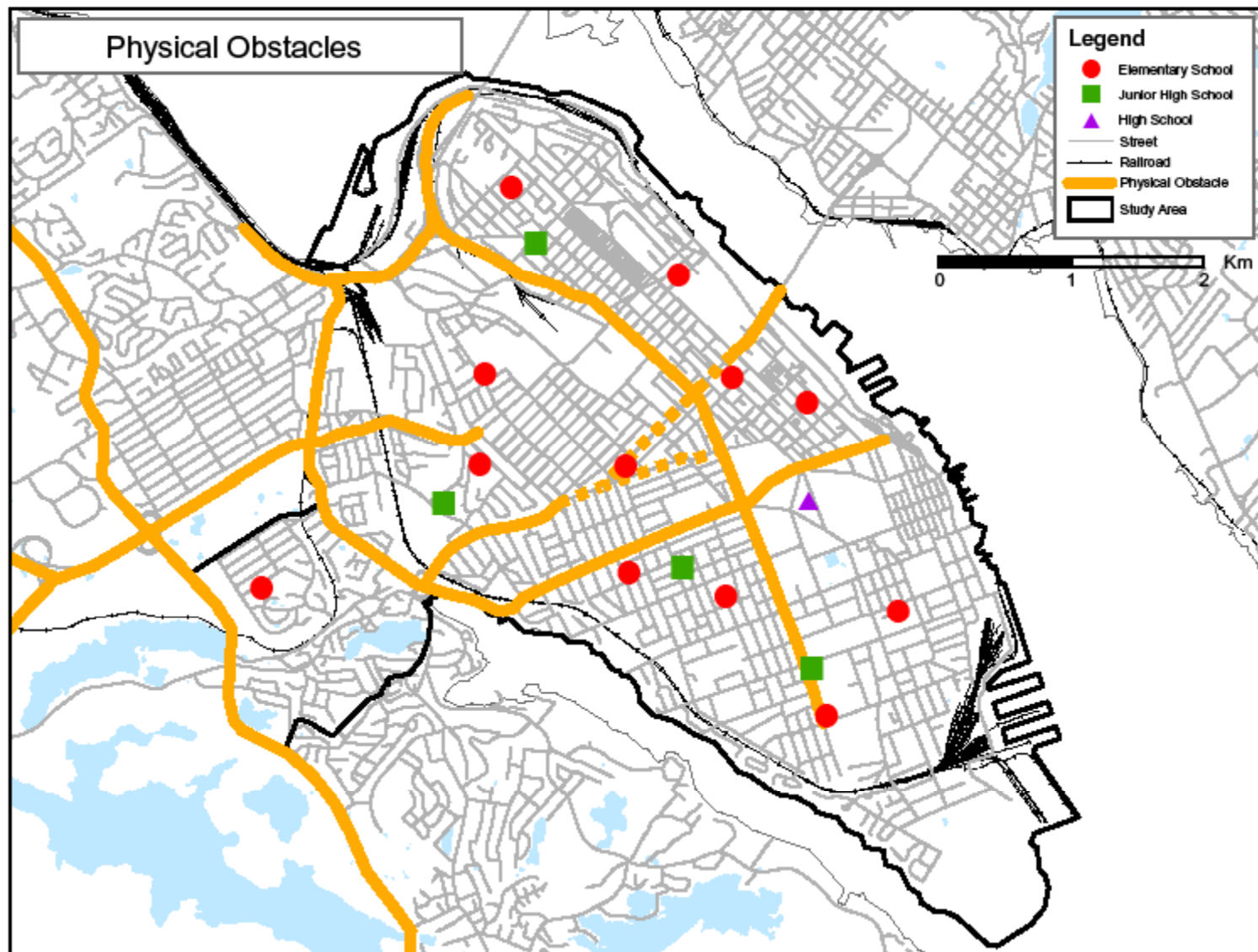
Existing Schools

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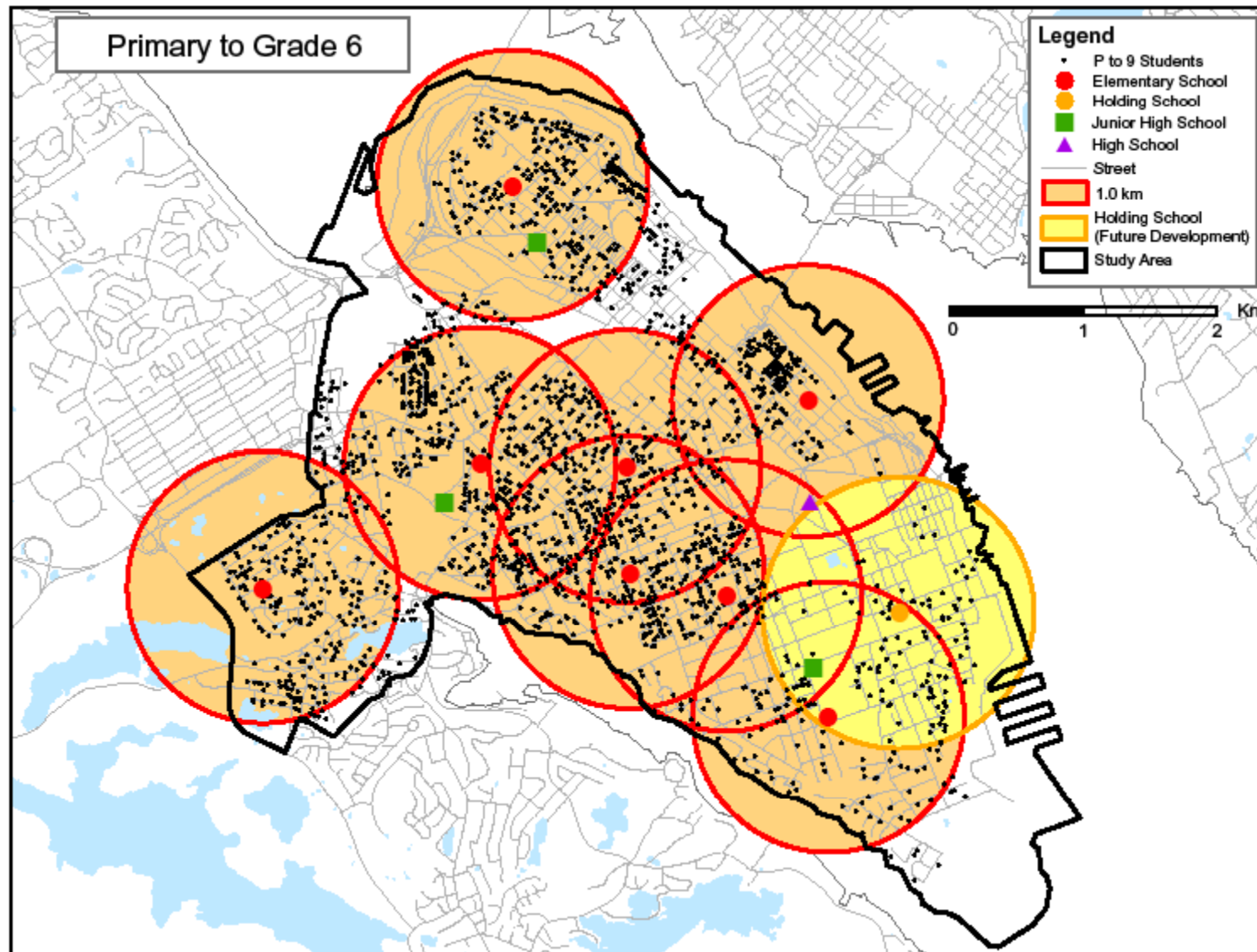
Existing Schools with Students

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Physical Obstacles

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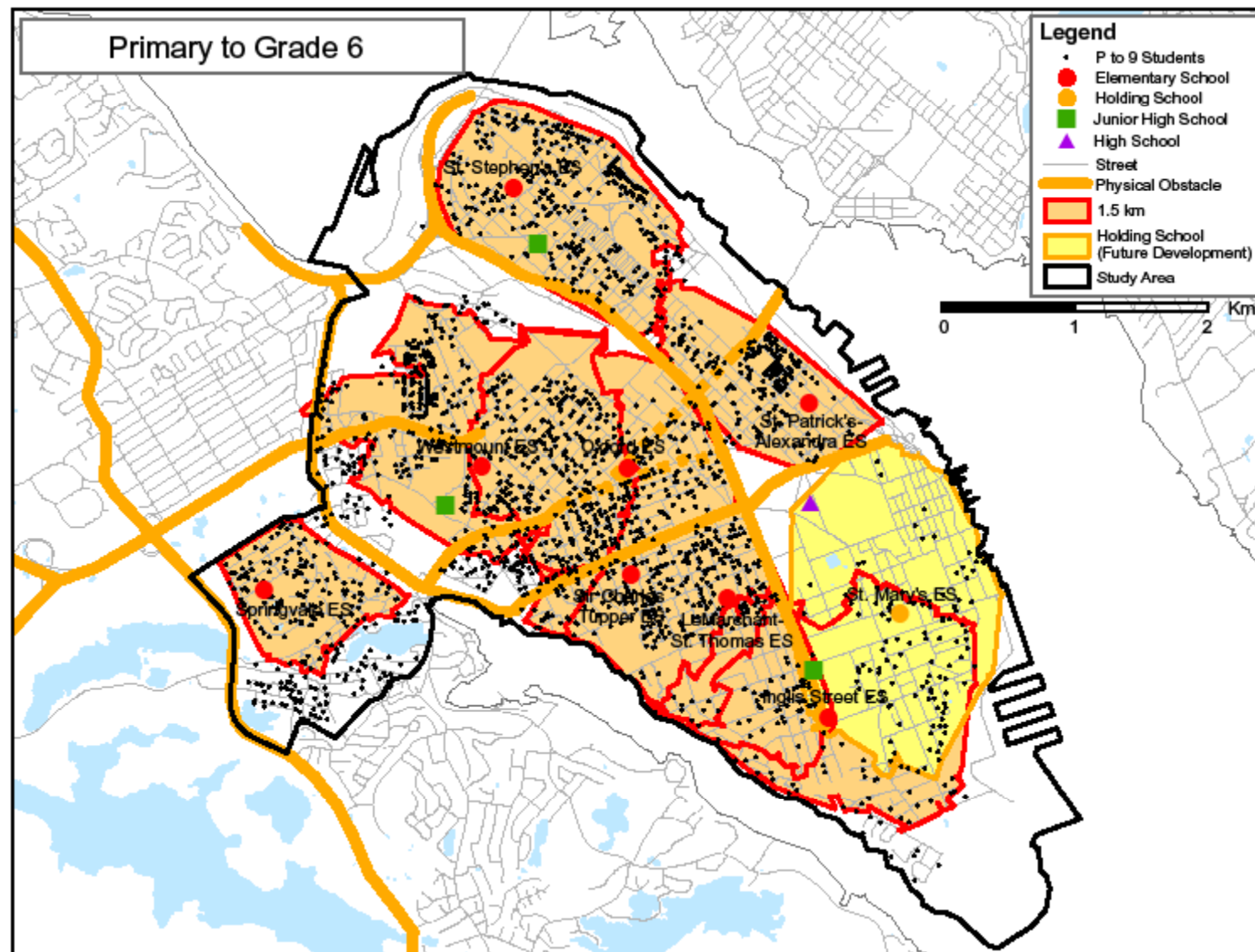


Proposed P-6 Schools

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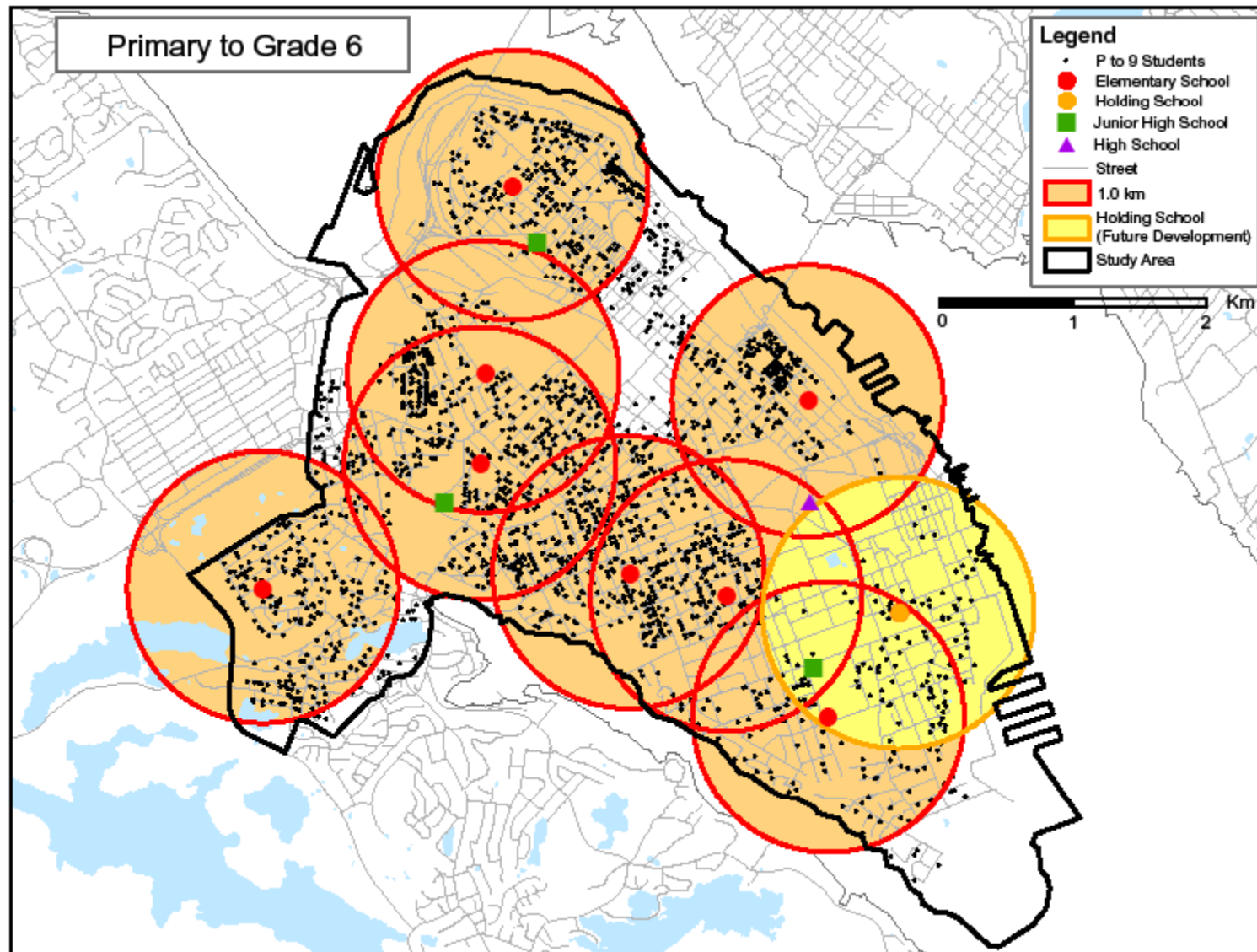
P-6 Walking Distance

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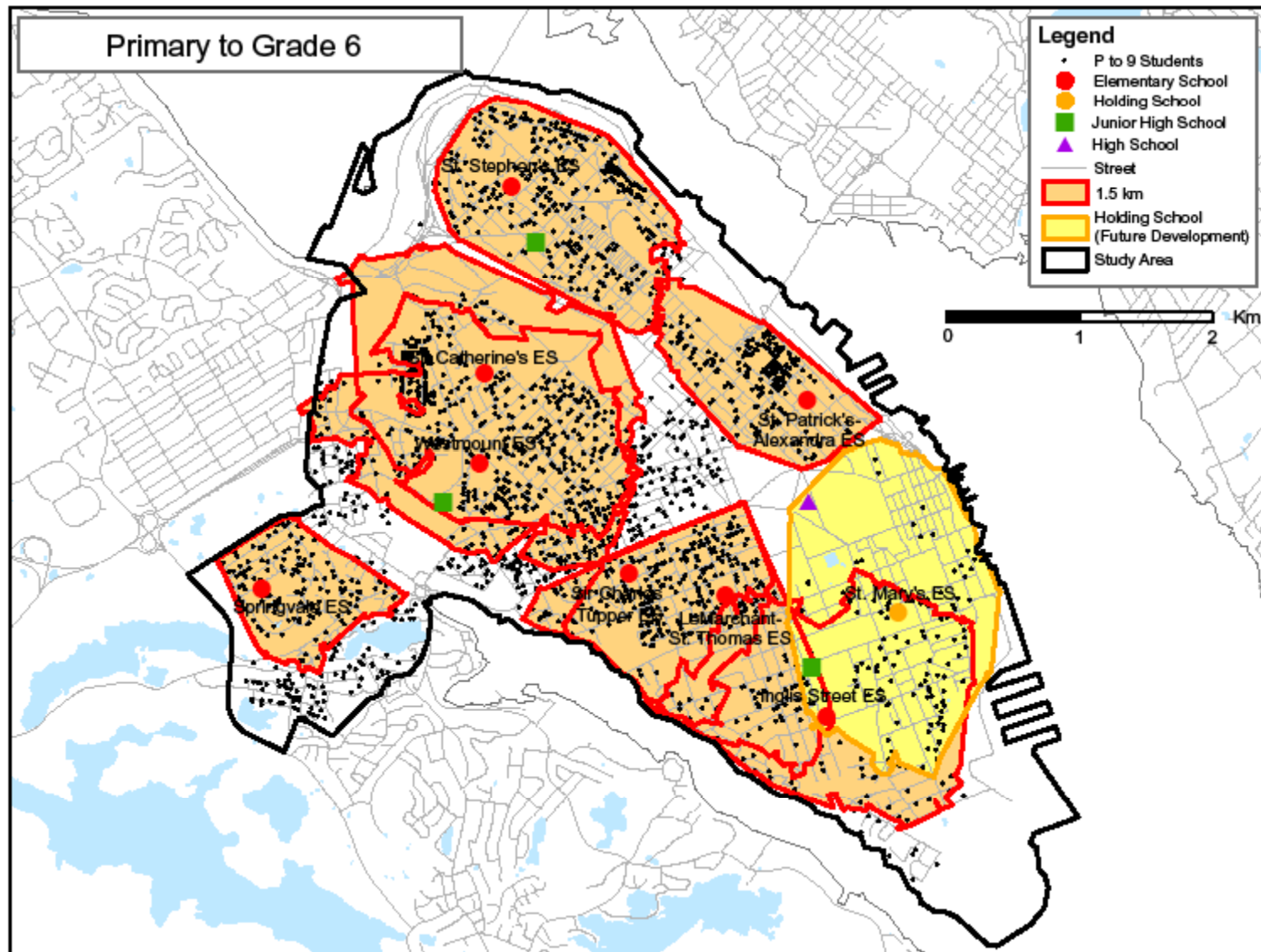
P-6 with Physical Obstacles

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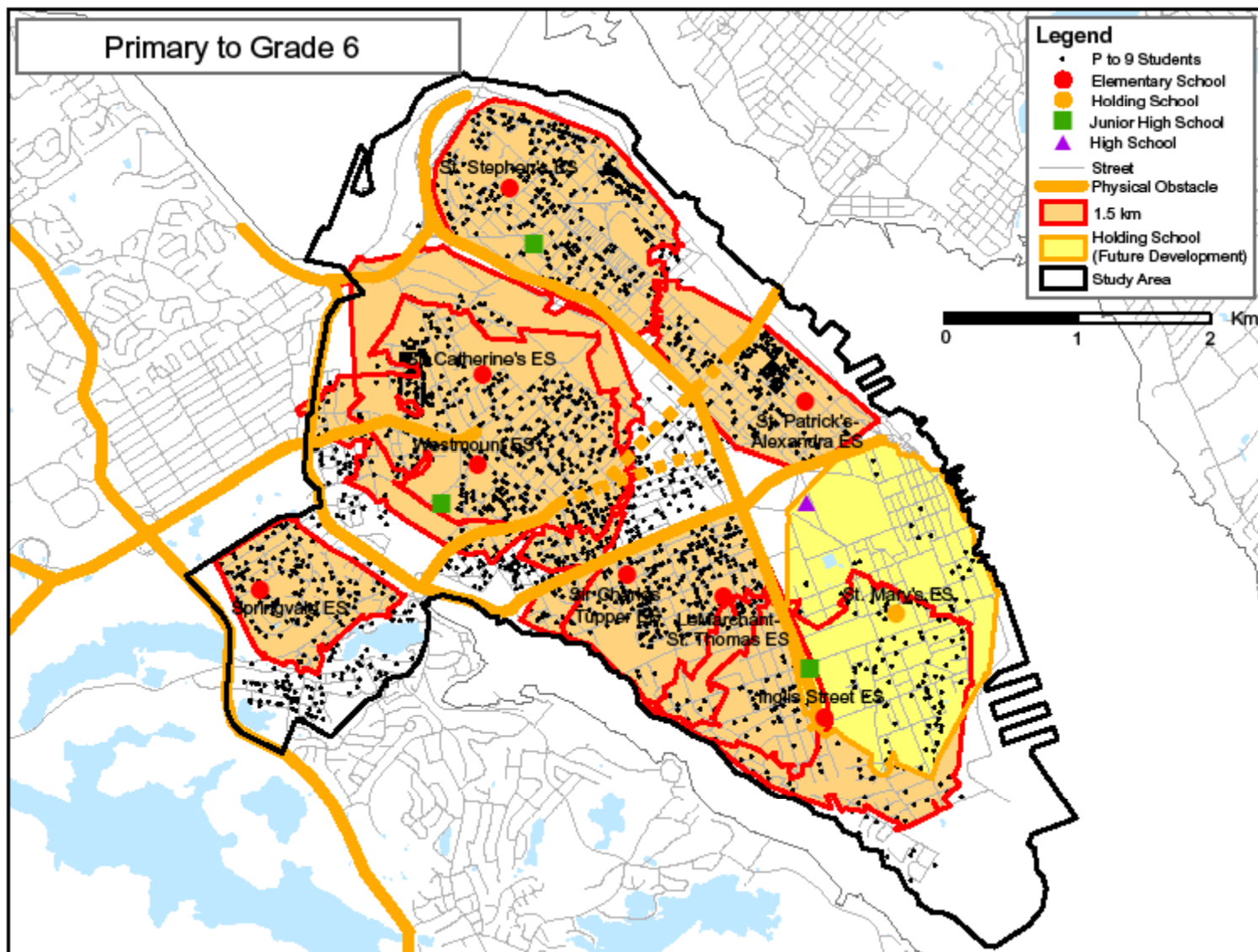
Alternative P-6 (St. Catherine's)

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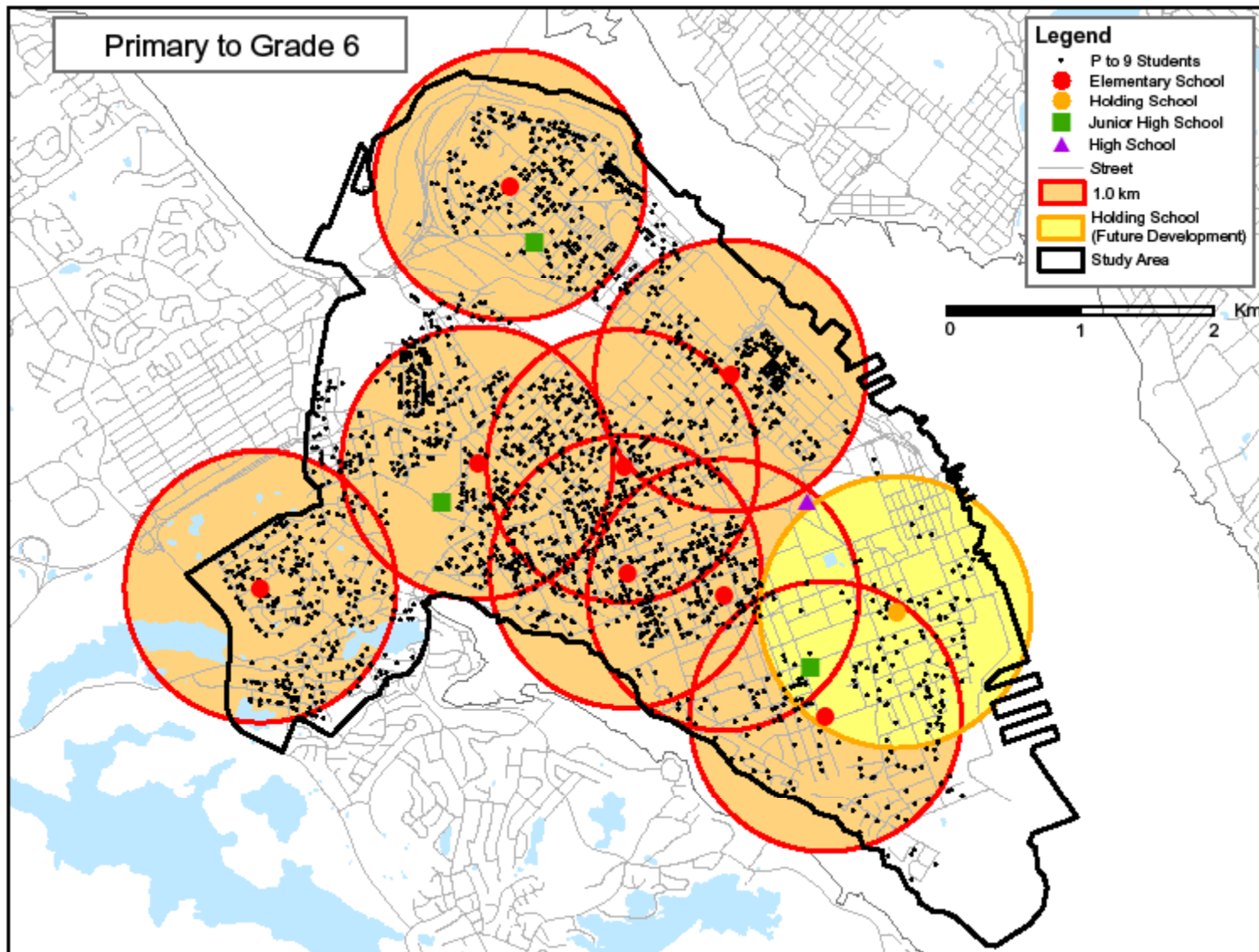
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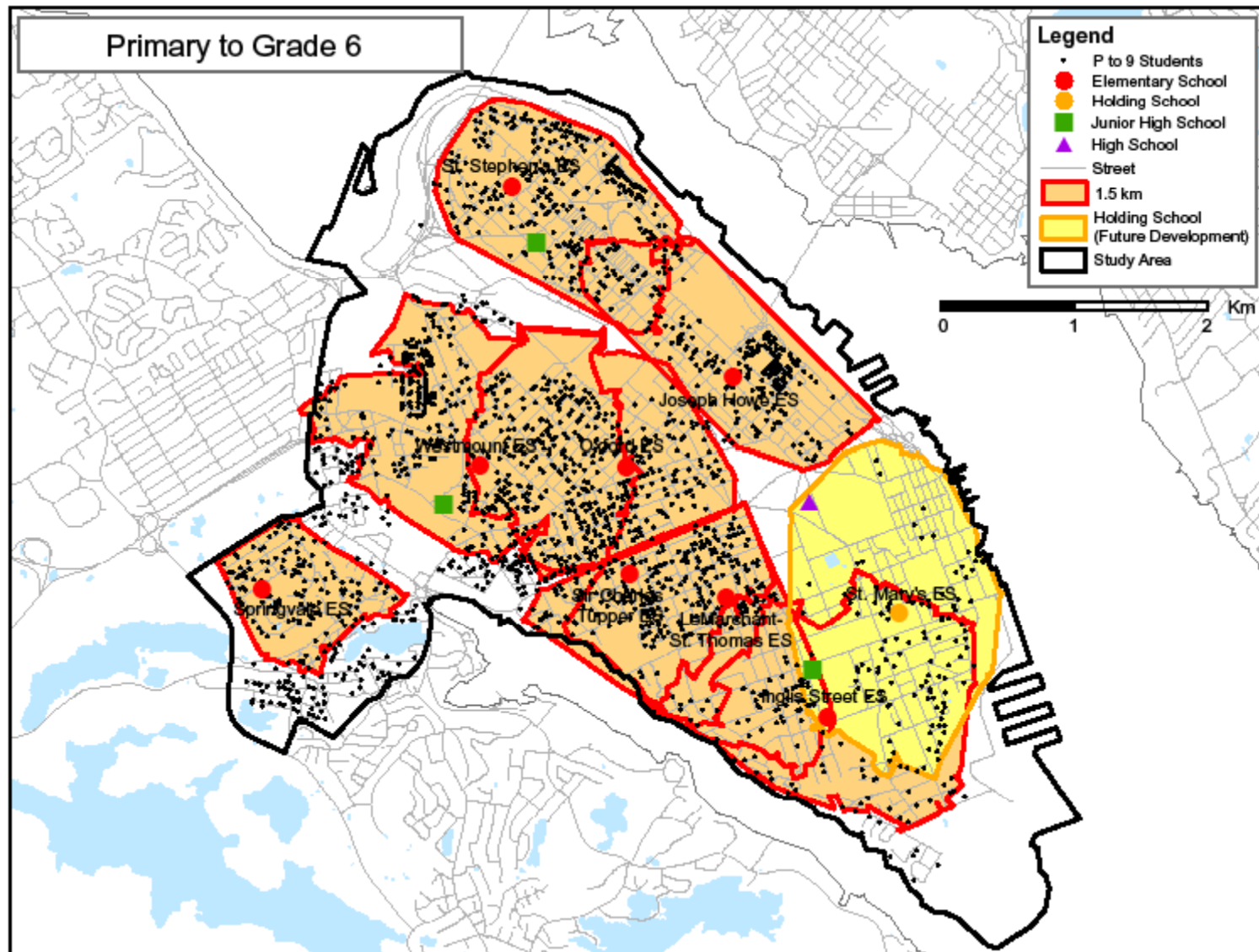
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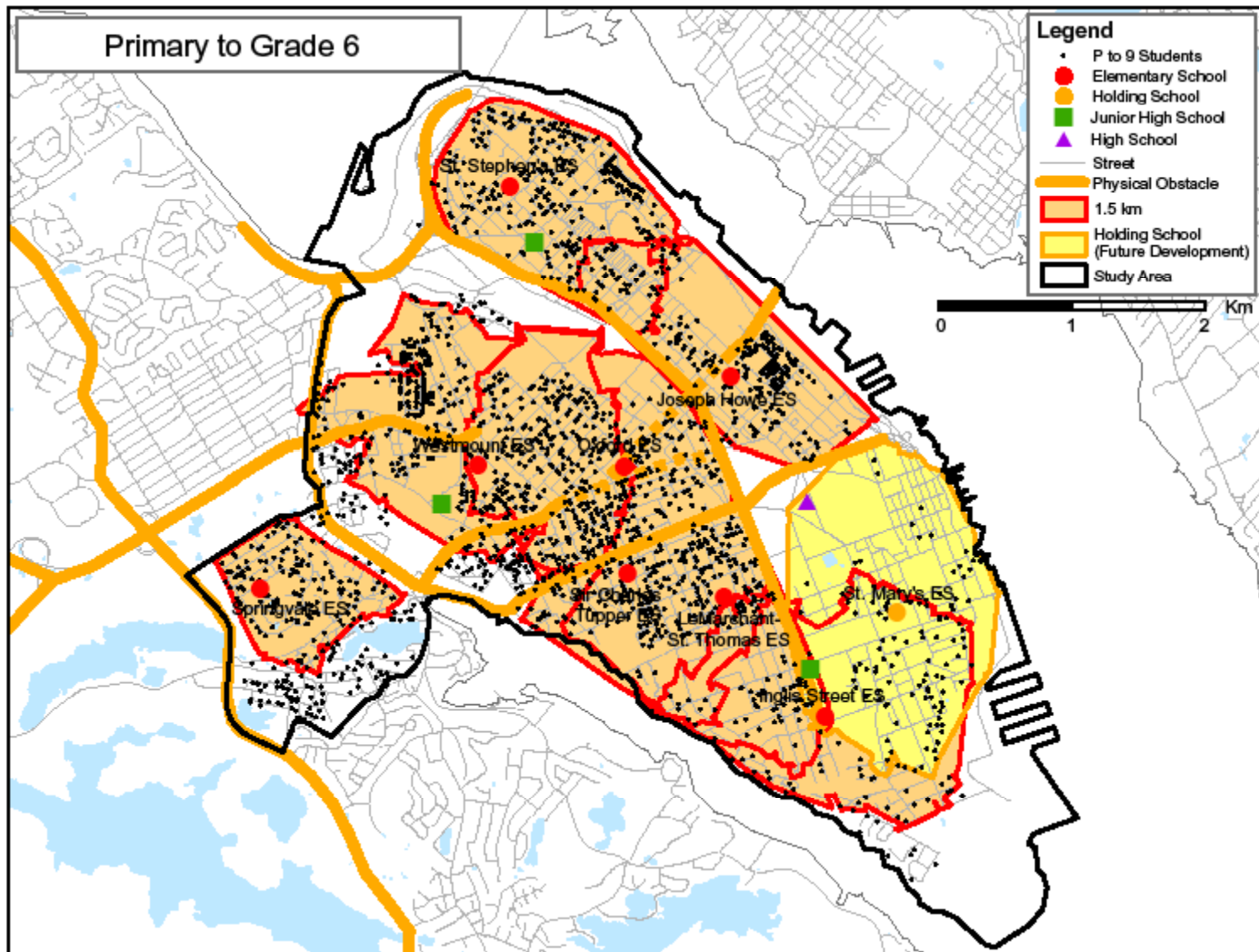
Alternative P-6 (Joseph Howe)

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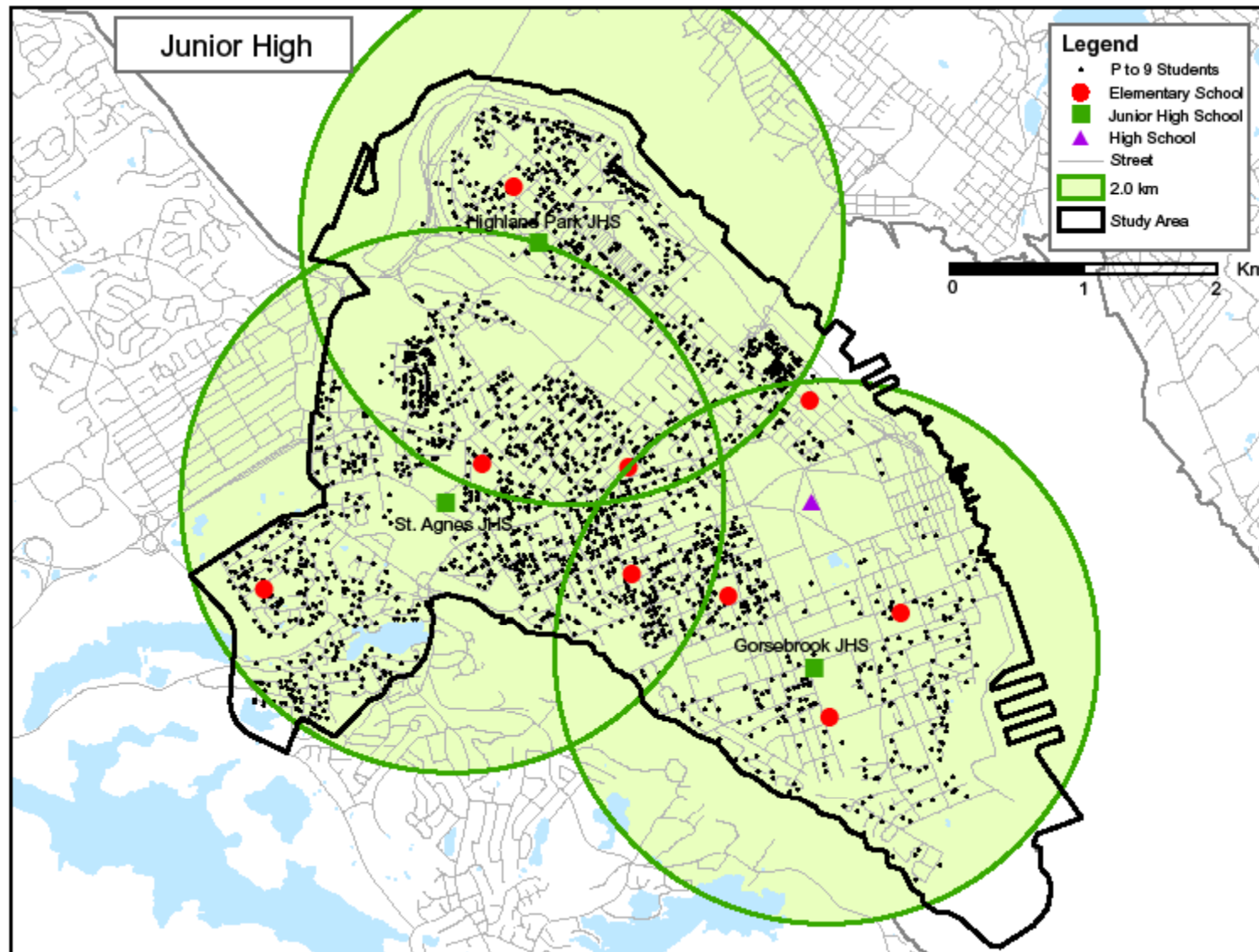
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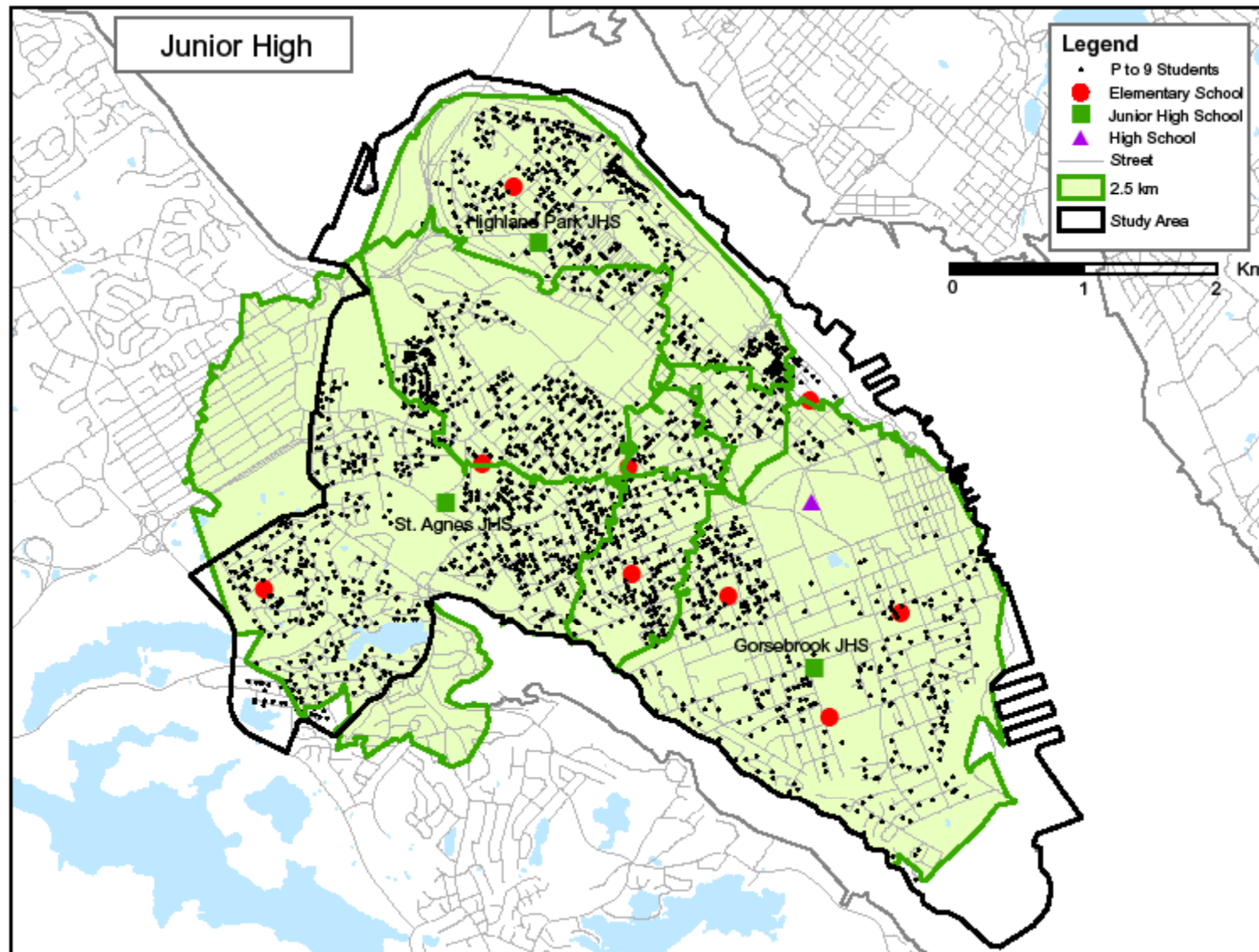
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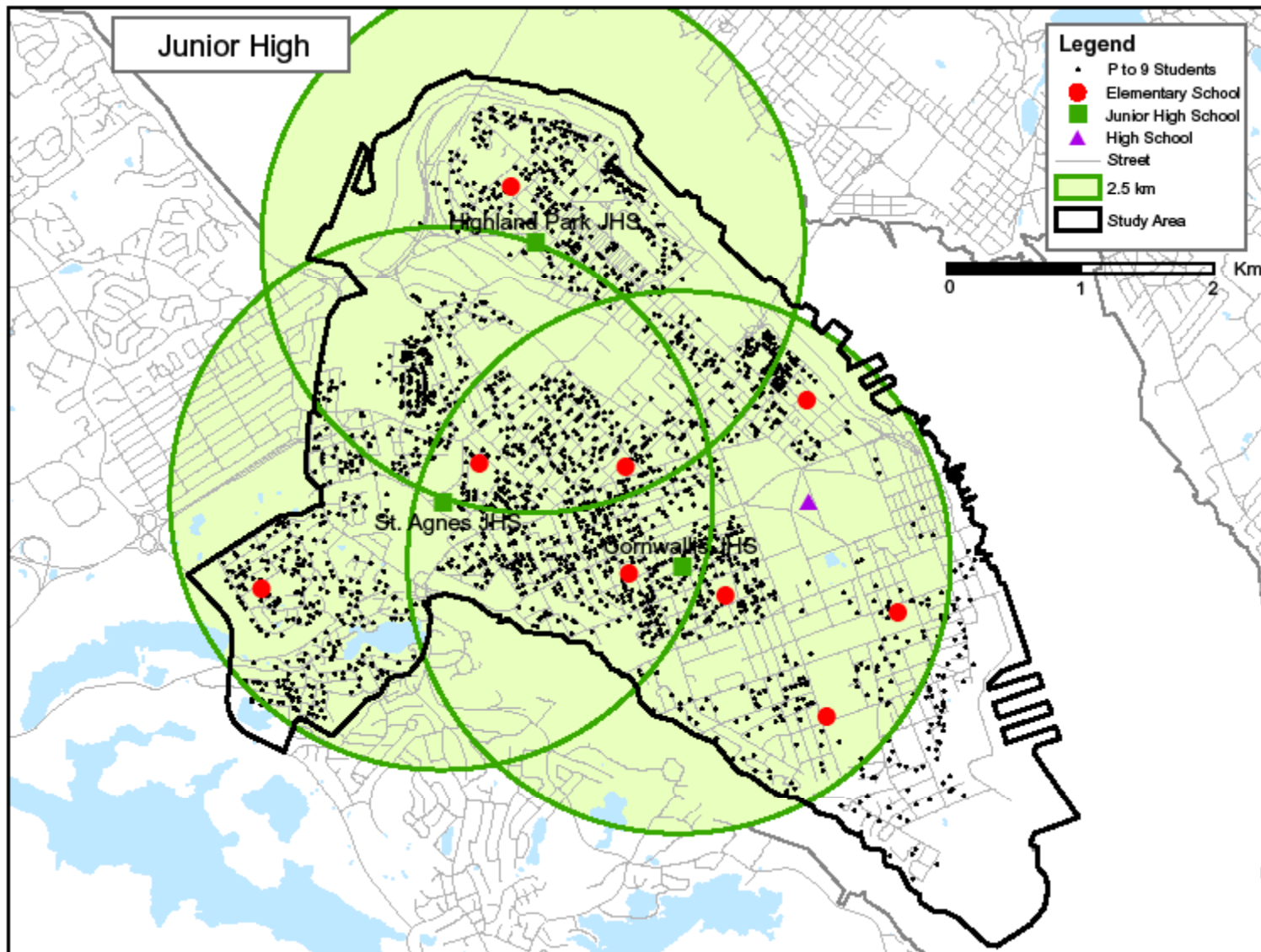
Proposed 7-9 Schools

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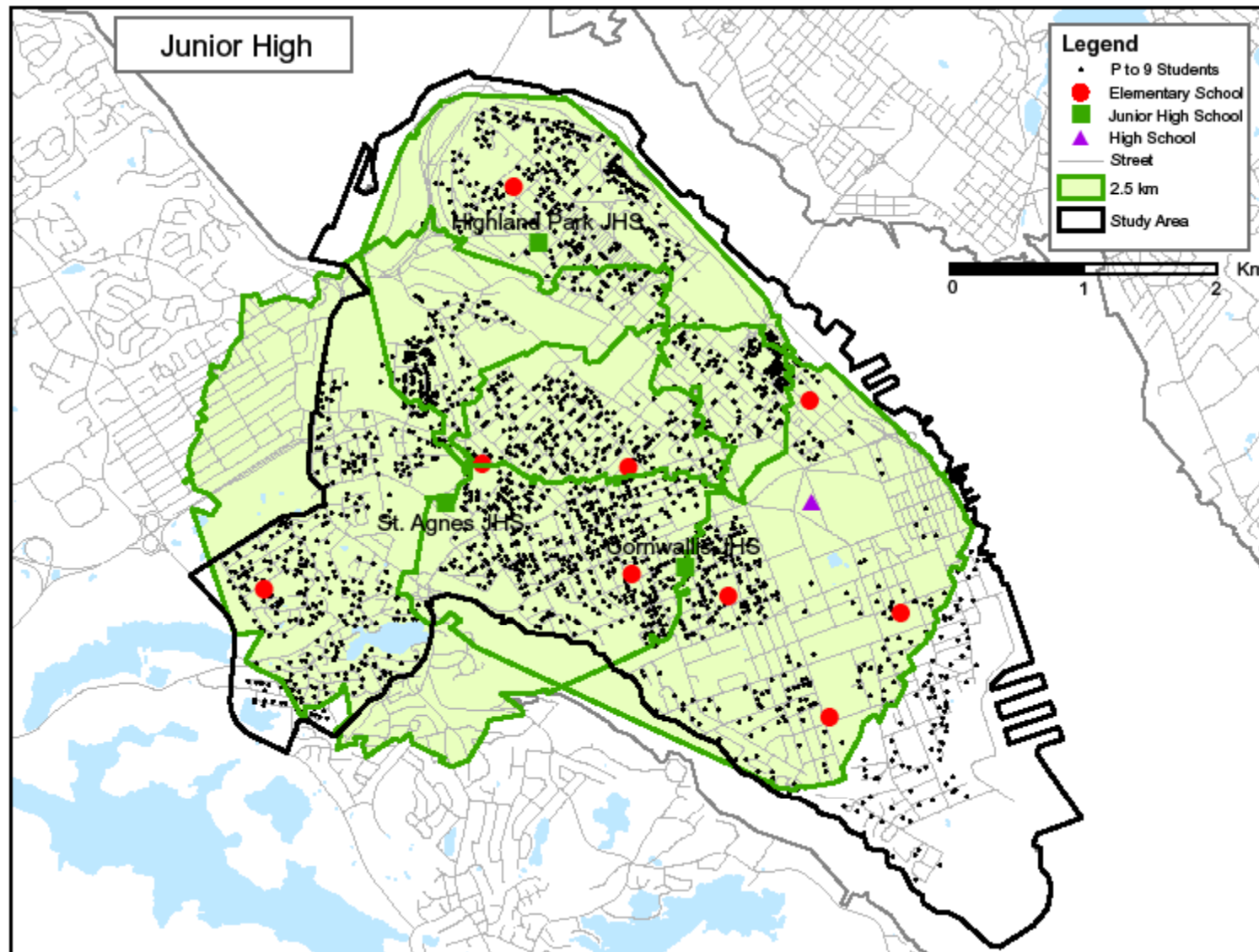
7-9 Walking Distances

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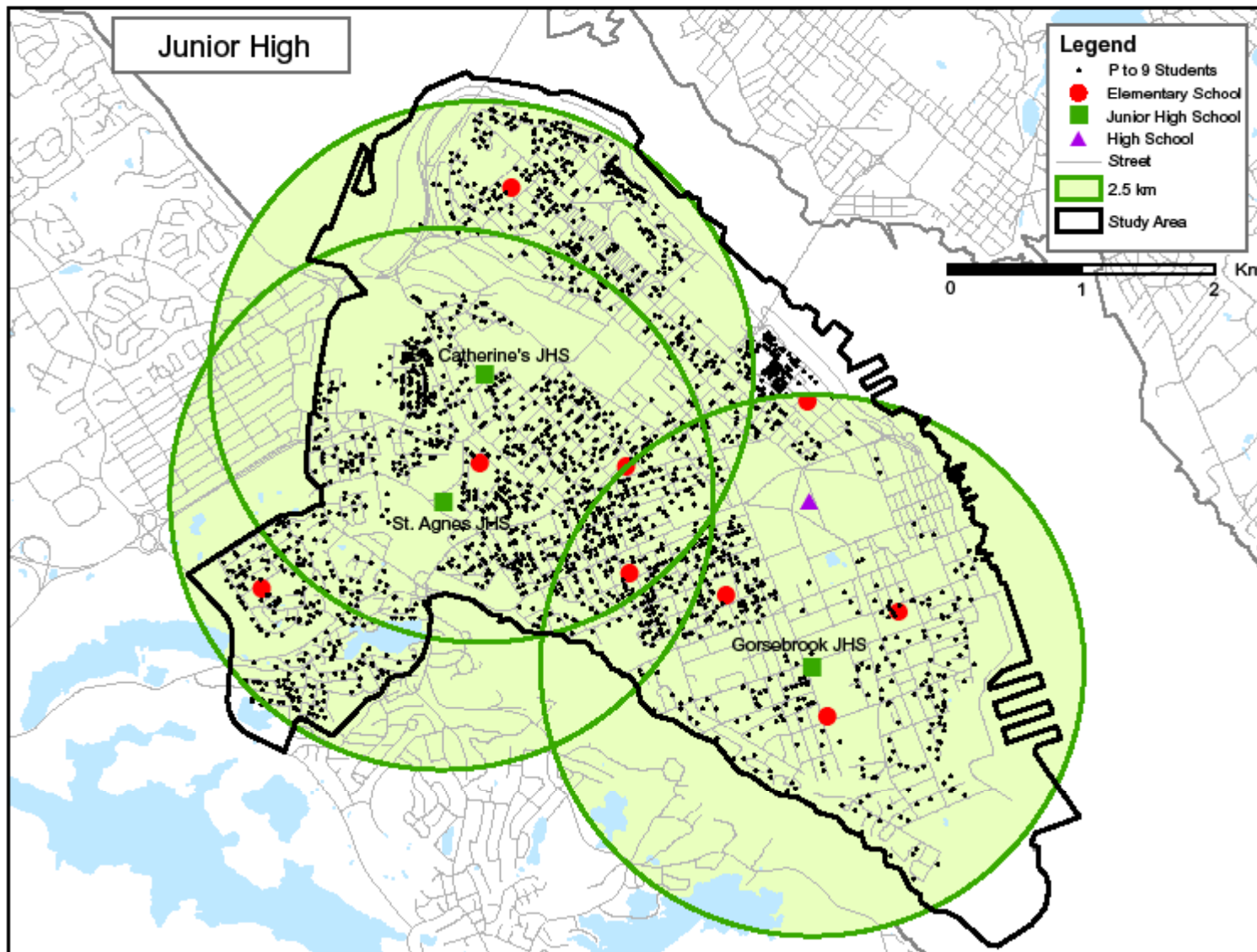
Alternative 7-9 (Cornwallis)

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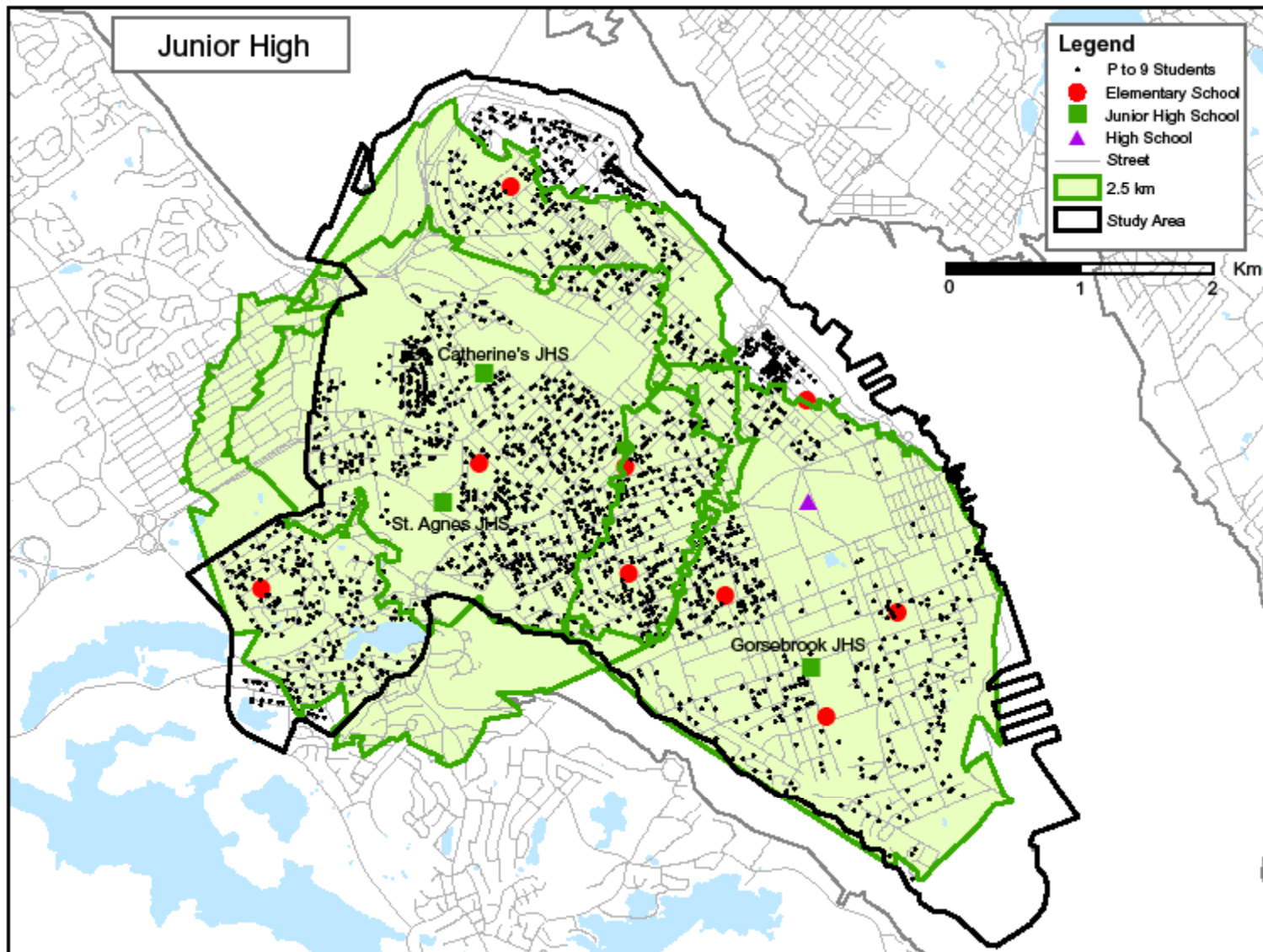
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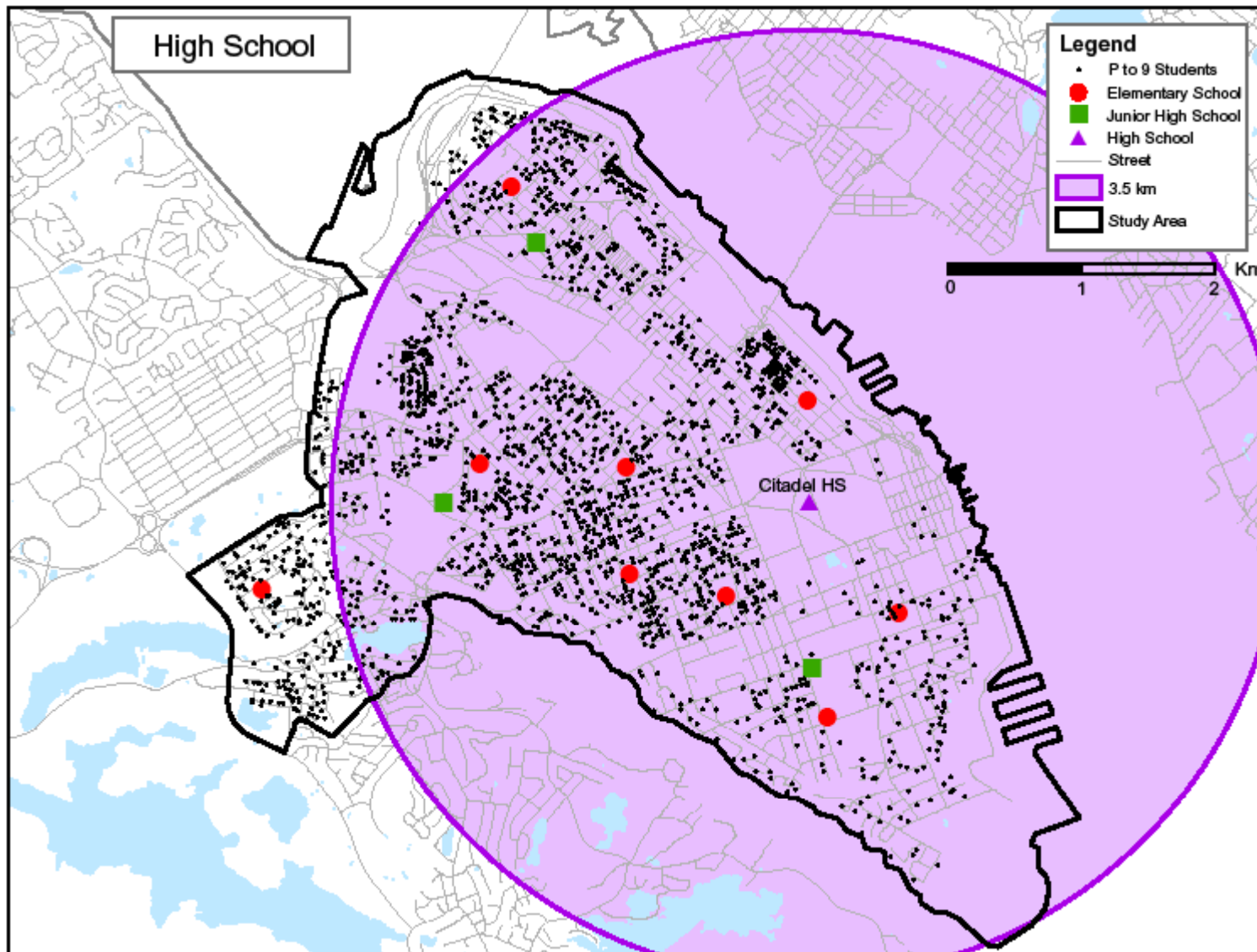
Alternative 7-9 (St. Catherine's)

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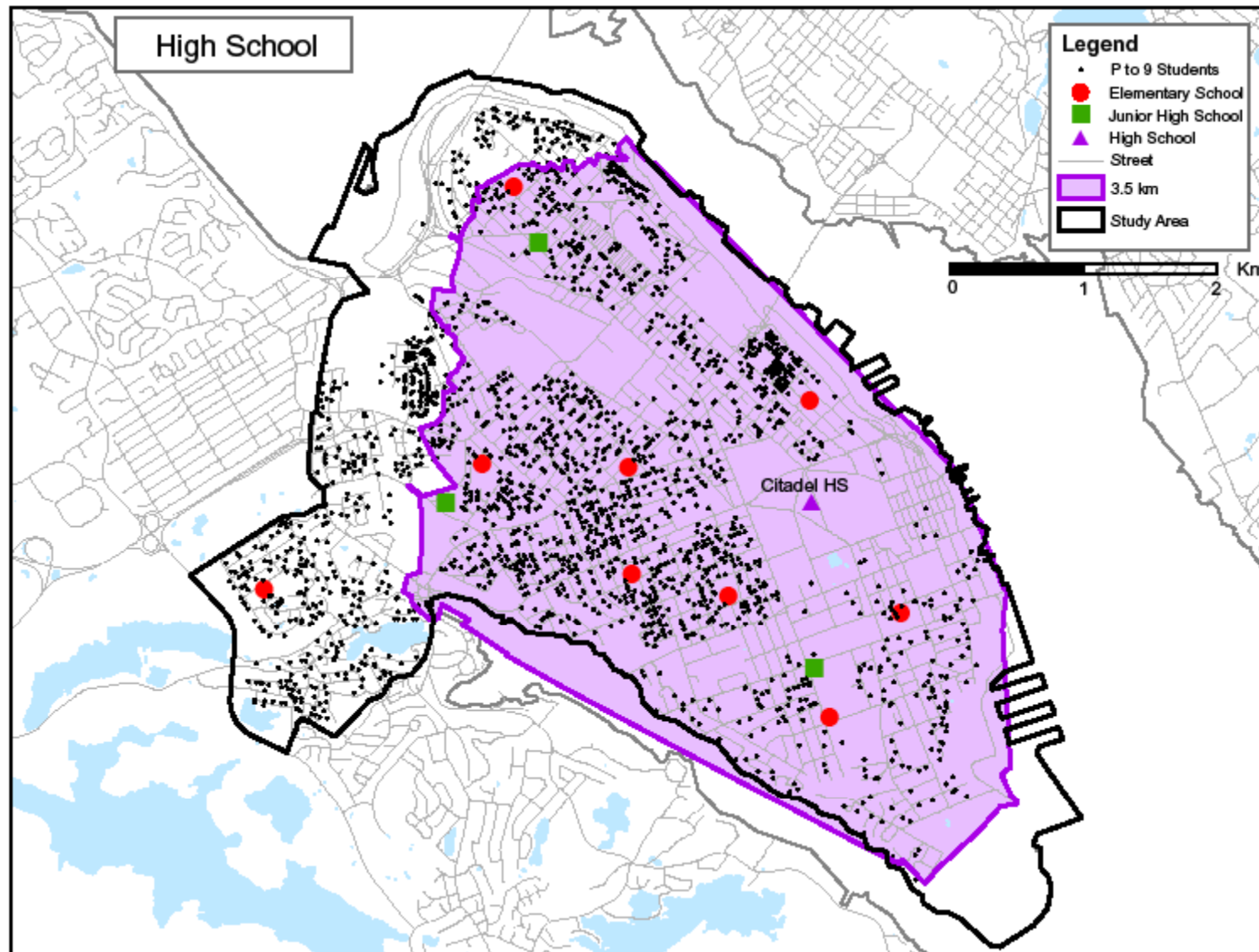
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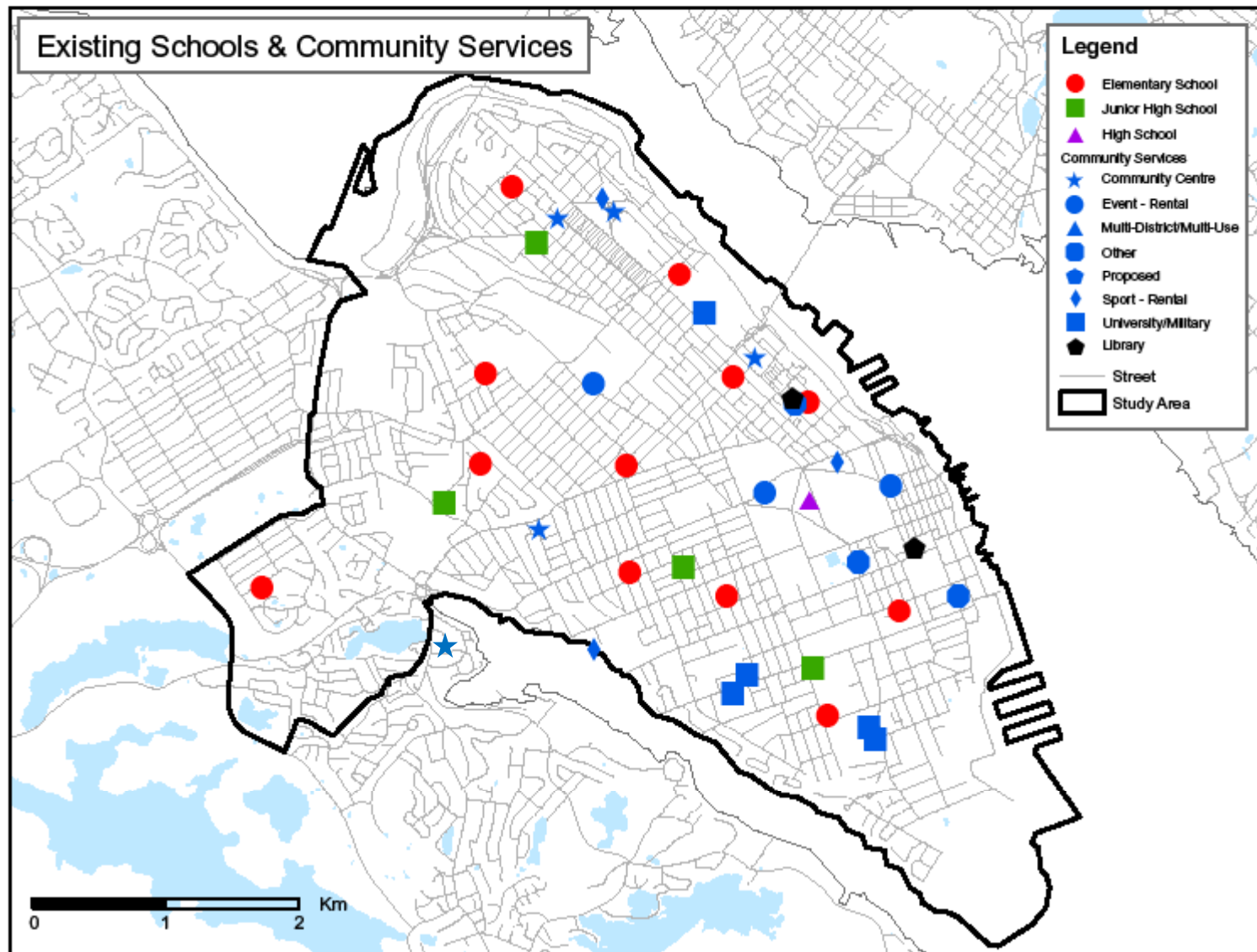
Proposed 10-12 School

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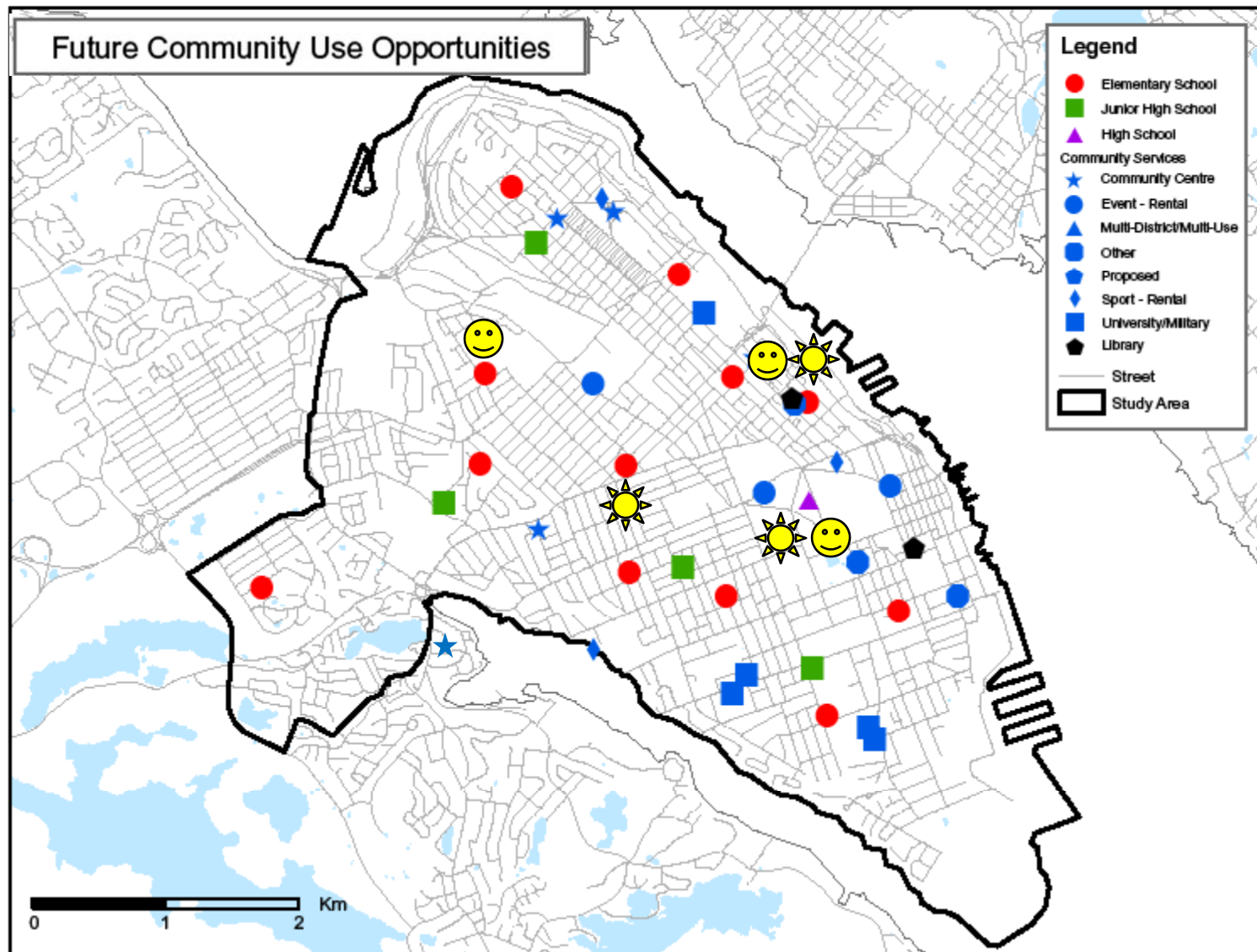
10-12 Walking Distances

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Existing Community Use

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Community Use Opportunities

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School	Current Capacity (Provincial Standard)	Enrolment 2007/08	Projected Enrolment 2017/18	Revised Capacity ES & JH @ 85% utilization (Cap. less 110ES/135JH p.p.)	Additional pupil places required for 300 @ ES/370 @ JH	Recommendation
Citadel HS	1,200	1,389	1,112	1,200		add childcare
Cornwallis JHS	360	239	155	225	75	recommend for review, study re: Gorsebrook
Gorsebrook JHS	450	223	211	315	55	alterations for lunch room
Highland Park JHS	240	153	152	105	265	addition/alteration required, or new school
Inglis Street ES	308	181	176	198	102	addition/alteration required, incl. lunch room
Joseph Howe ES	286	111	101	176	124	review w/St. Patrick's-Alexandra
LeMarchant-St. Thomas ES	286	300	263	176	124	addition/alteration required, incl. lunch room
Oxford ES	710	347	366	600	-300	opportunity for shared use, alt. for lunch room
Sir Charles Tupper ES	308	258	197	198	102	addition/alteration required, incl. lunch room
Springvale ES	308	243	242	198	102	size meets needs of community
St. Agnes JHS	480	260	316	345	25	alterations for lunch room
St. Catherine's ES	550	311	295	440	-140	review w/Oxford @ ES or Highland Park @ JHS
St. Joseph's-Alexander McKay ES	396	235	315	286	14	recommend for review
St. Mary's ES	132	116	208	22	278	hold site for future development
St. Patrick's-Alexandra ES	828	138	125	718	-418	alterations for lunch room, childcare & shared use
St. Stephen's ES	352	217	186	242	58	alterations for lunch room
Westmount ES	396	316	263	286	14	alterations for lunch room, add childcare
Total	7,590	5,037	4,683	5,730		

Proposed Plan

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- Grades P-6 proposal includes 9 existing schools with some additions/alterations including lunchrooms, childcare and shared use:
 - What are the opportunities and challenges of:
 - the proposed Oxford site vs. the alternative St. Catherine's site ?
 - the proposed St. Patrick's-Alexandra site vs. the alternative Joseph Howe site ?
- Grades 7-9 proposal includes existing 3 JH schools:
 - What are the opportunities and challenges of:
 - the proposed Gorsebrook site vs. the alternative Cornwallis site ?
 - the proposed Highland Park site vs. the alternative modified use of the St. Catherine's site ?

Group Discussion

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Cornwallis JHS

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Gorsebrook JHS

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Westmount ES

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St. Catherine's ES

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Oxford ES

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St. Patrick's-Alexandra ES

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St. Joseph's-Alexander McKay

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Joseph Howe ES

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