

# East Kitchener 7-12 Boundary Review ThoughtExchange #2 (Extended)



**Waterloo Catholic  
District School Board**  
Quality, Inclusive, Faith Based Education

# Introduction



Originally open September 9 – September 19, 2022

Extended until September 26, 2022

**Focus question asked:**

What thoughts or questions do you have about the Boundary Review Committee's preferred option (Option 6) and proposed implementation details?

# Participation



135

Participants



92

Thoughts



2,543

Ratings

- 38% of the participants shared their thoughts
- 60% rated thoughts
- 60% explored the thought summaries after the exchange

## **Participants were required to complete the following demographic information:**

- Who were they answering as? (Parent/Guardian, Staff Member, Community Member, Student, Other)
- The school their “youngest” child attends? (Canadian Martyrs, Saint John Paul II, St. Anne (Kitchener), St. Daniel, St. Mary’s, or Not Applicable)
- Which sub-area they currently reside in?

# Demographics

I am answering as a (select only one option):



%	Person Icon	Answer
87%	(110)	■ A. Parent/Guardian
2%	(2)	■ B. Student
4%	(5)	■ C. Staff Member
5%	(7)	■ D. Community Member
2%	(3)	■ E. Other

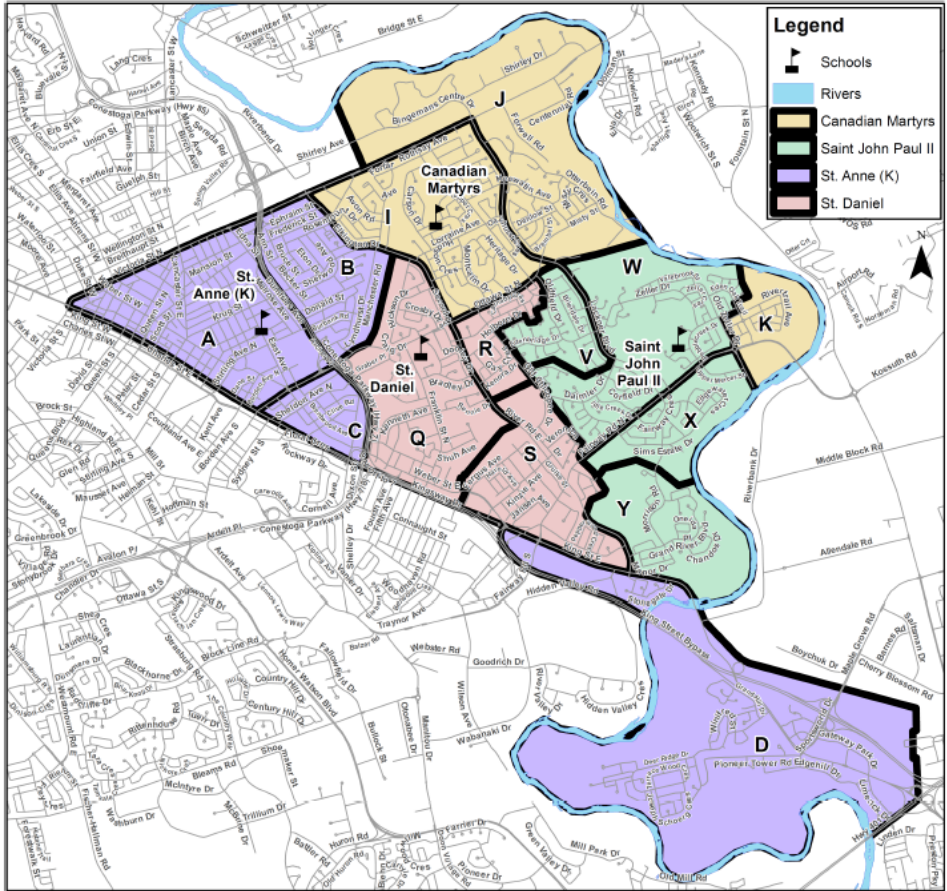
Please select the school that your youngest child attends. If answering as a student, select the school that you currently attend (select only one option).



%	Person Icon	Answer
10%	(12)	■ A. Canadian Martyrs
50%	(63)	■ B. Saint John Paul II
15%	(19)	■ C. St. Anne (Kitchener)
9%	(11)	■ D. St. Daniel
6%	(7)	■ E. St. Mary's
10%	(13)	■ F. Not Applicable

# Sub-Area Participation

%	👤	Answer
6%	(7)	Canadian Martyrs Sub-Area I
1%	(1)	Canadian Martyrs Sub-Area J
1%	(1)	Canadian Martyrs Sub-Area K
8%	(10)	Saint John Paul II Sub-Area V
14%	(17)	Saint John Paul II Sub-Area W
5%	(6)	Saint John Paul II Sub-Area X
23%	(27)	Saint John Paul II Sub-Area Y
6%	(7)	St. Anne (K) Sub-Area A
1%	(1)	St. Anne (K) Sub-Area B
4%	(5)	St. Anne (K) Sub-Area C
2%	(2)	St. Anne (K) Sub-Area D
3%	(3)	St. Daniel Sub-Area Q
2%	(2)	St. Daniel Sub-Area R
5%	(6)	St. Daniel Sub-Area S
19%	(22)	Not applicable



# Theme Methodology

- 10 themes emerged when reviewing the collected thoughts
- The themes were determined based on keyword searches and general reoccurring topics

Capacity vs Enrolment

French Immersion

Grade Configuration

Legacy Exceptions

Miscellaneous

Proximity to School

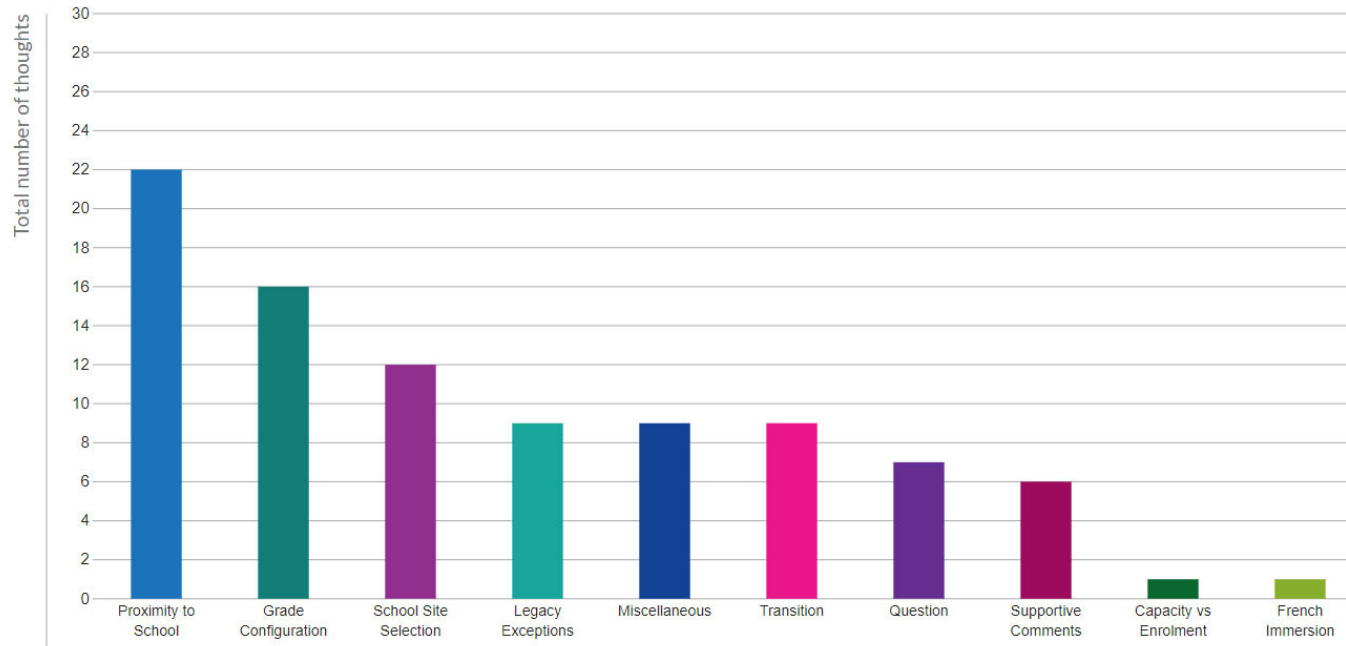
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School Site Selection

Supportive Comments

Transition

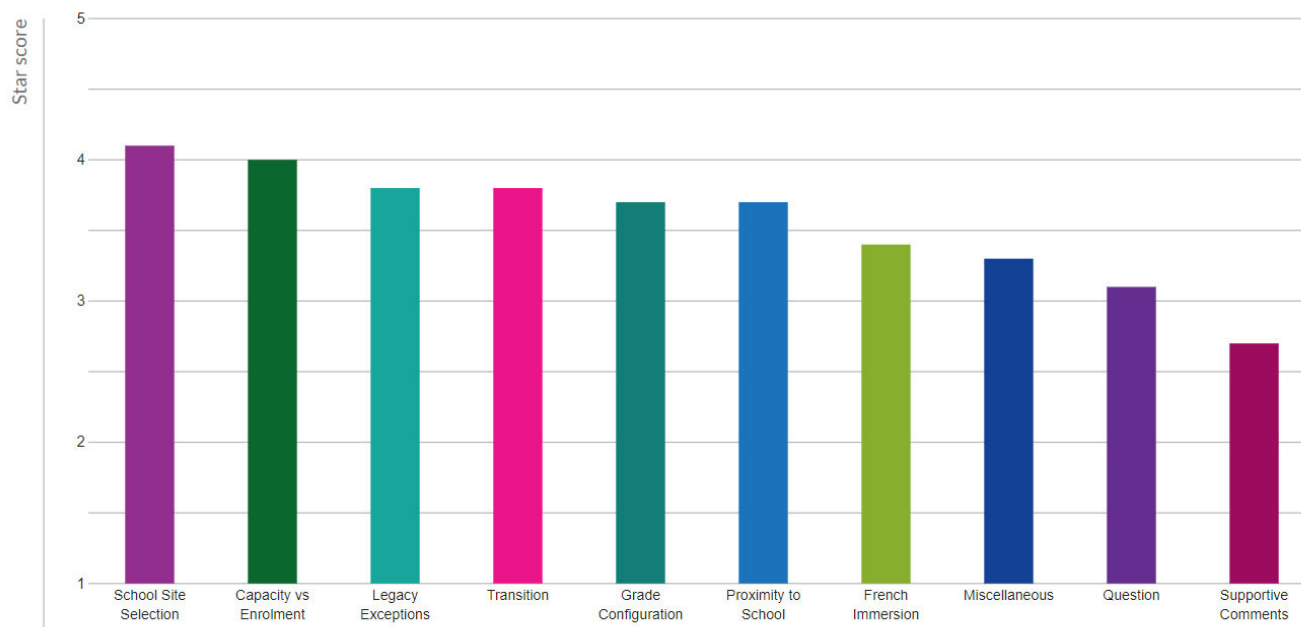
# Analysis: Total Number of Thoughts



**This bar chart depicts the frequency of thoughts by theme**

- Most prevalent theme: 'Proximity to School' with a total of 22 thoughts
- Second most prevalent theme: 'Grade Configuration' with a total of 16 thoughts
- Third most prevalent theme: 'School Site Selection' with 12 thoughts

# Analysis: Thoughts by Participant Ratings




**This bar chart depicts the frequency of thoughts by theme**

- Most highly rated theme: 'School Site Selection' with an average rating of 4.1
- Second highest rated theme: 'Capacity vs Enrolment' with a rating of 4.0



# Key Thoughts

**High school students driving across town on a bus to go to an overcrowded school should to be solved. Build the school and allow students to go to the closer school. Distance and safety are important.**

4.4  (16 )  
Ranked #1 of 92





**The importance of safety** I don't feel comfortable sending my young children to elementary school in an area that has a high incidence of crime. Safety should be a #1 priority!

4.2  (36 )  
Ranked #2 of 92





**Please ensure the school is open on time for those that are entering grade 9.** The kids don't need to move schools again. Stick to the schedule so that it opens on time

4.2  (22 )  
Ranked #3 of 92





**Traffic Safety Issues** There is very high volumes of traffic on Fairway Rd N and speeding is an issue. What steps will be taken to help provide a safe route?

4.1  (40 )  
Ranked #4 of 92



**Please do not change the boundary. We do not want to switch schools. We will not go if it's changed to Kinzie area.** The new proposed area is in a terrible location. An area that constantly has police presence, next to a busy road. This is a safety concern.

4.1  (36 )  
Ranked #5 of 92



# Representative Thoughts by Theme

## School Site Selection

### The importance of safety

I don't feel comfortable sending my young children to elementary school in an area that has a high incidence of crime. Safety should be a #1 priority!

4.2 (36)



Comment Action

### Please do not change the boundary. We do not want to switch schools. We will not go if it's changed to Kinzie area.

The new proposed area is in a terrible location. An area that constantly has police presence, next to a busy road. This is a safety concern.

4.1 (36)



Comment Action

### Horrible idea. St Patrick school original location is also in a dangerous area. I will pull all my kids out of the catholic school board

Dangerous location (st Patrick's).

4.1 (34)



Comment Action

## Capacity vs. Enrolment

### New east kit high school, if the possibility of needing portables is already there, why not build the school larger for increased capacity?

4.0 (35)



Comment Action

## Legacy Exceptions

### If grade 9 students in 2024 go to St Mary's due to a delayed opening of the new school, they should be given a choice of where to attend for Grade 10

Keeping siblings in the same school is incredibly important for families. It is not helpful to have 1 child at St.Marys and another at the new school

3.8 (36)



Comment Action

### Sub area Y so small, grandfather the children and siblings that already go here

The kids are so adjusted after 2 years of covid why flip schools and add more stress

3.8 (35)



Comment Action

### Current students and their siblings in subzone Y should be able to have legacy status to continue to attend SJPII to Grade 6.

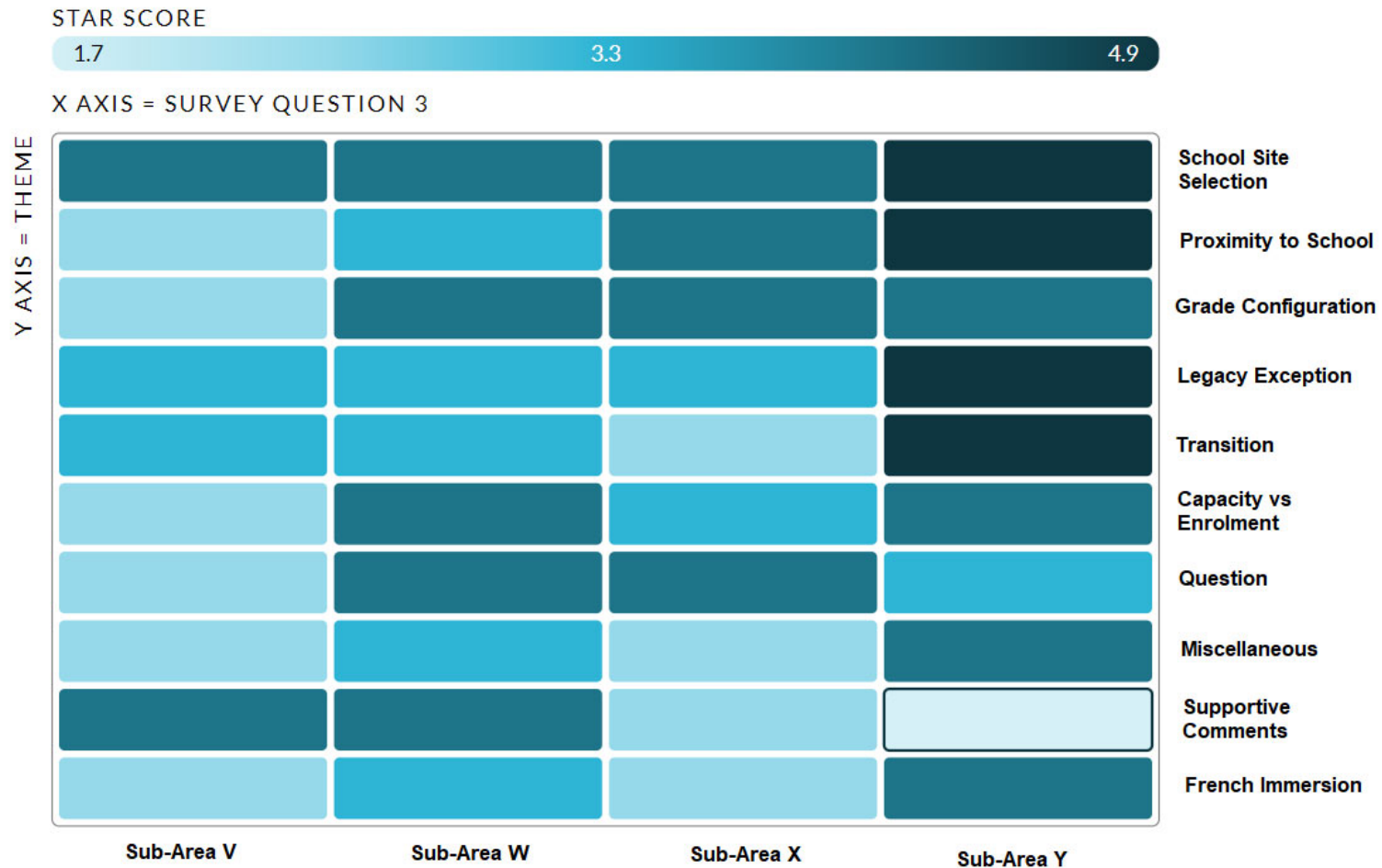
The last thing students need is another major life change. Subzone Y #'s are expected to decrease. SJP would still be under capacity.

3.8 (34)

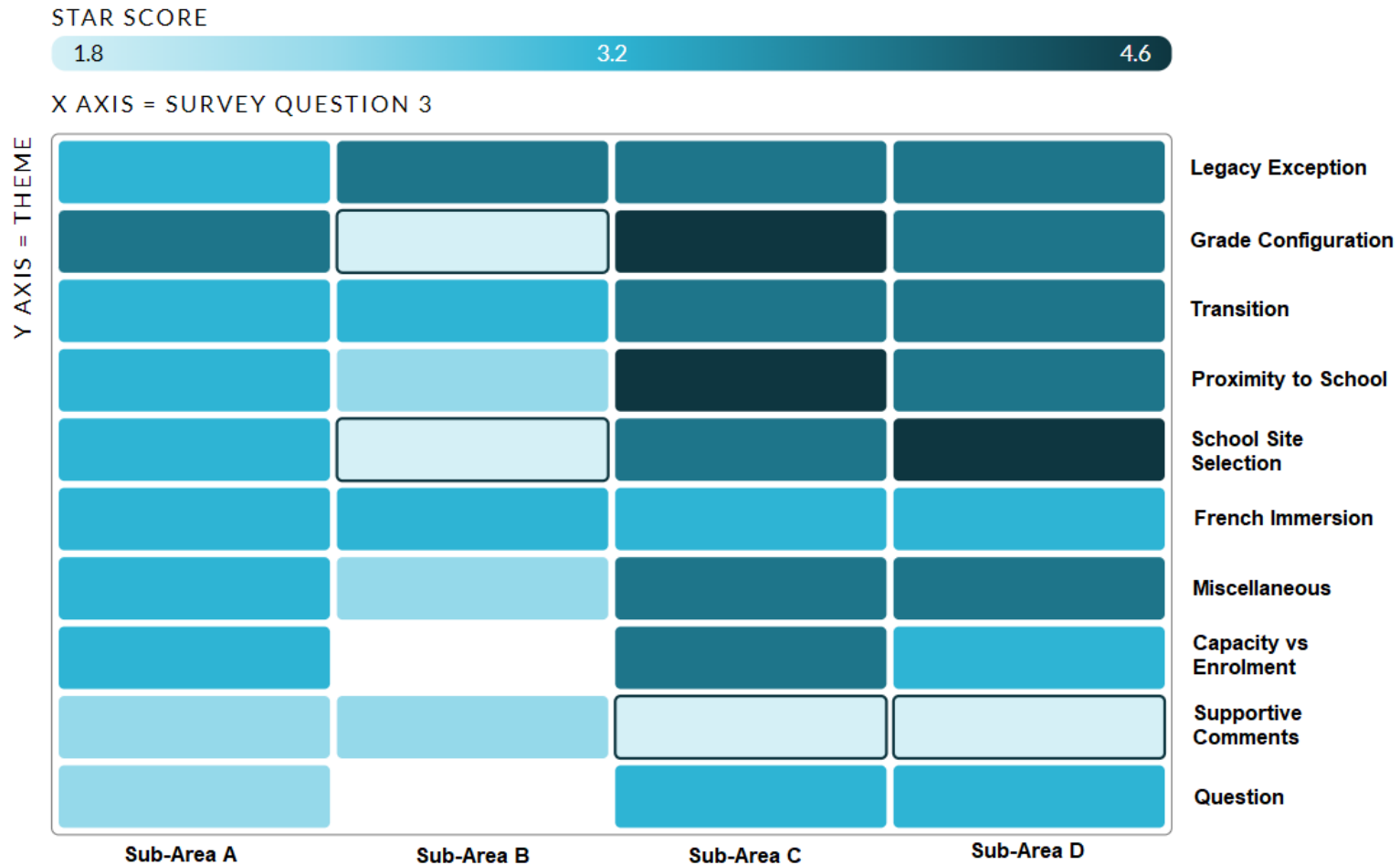


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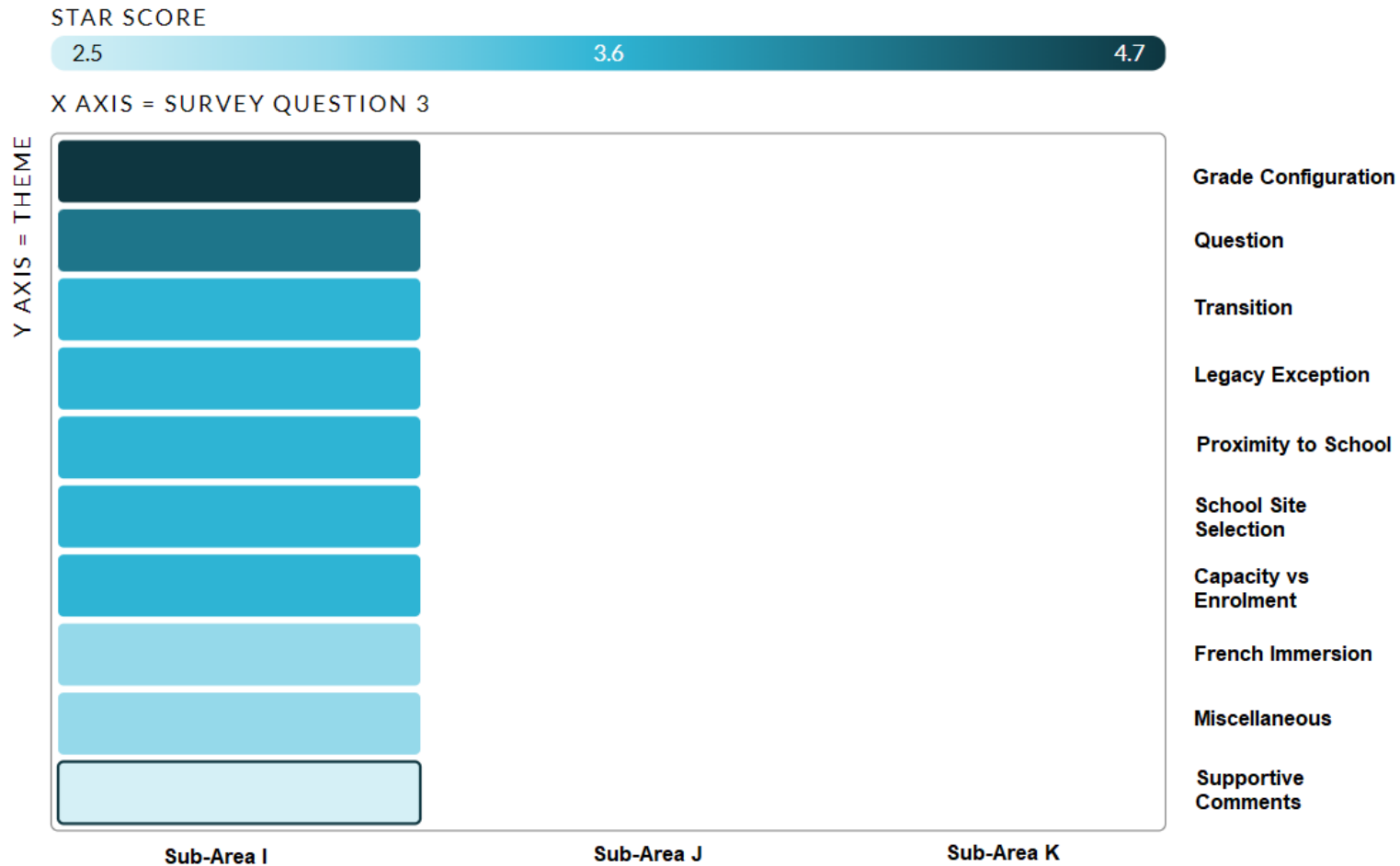
# Heat Map Thought Analysis – Saint John Paul II



# Heat Map Thought Analysis – St. Anne (K)



# Heat Map Thought Analysis – Canadian Martyrs

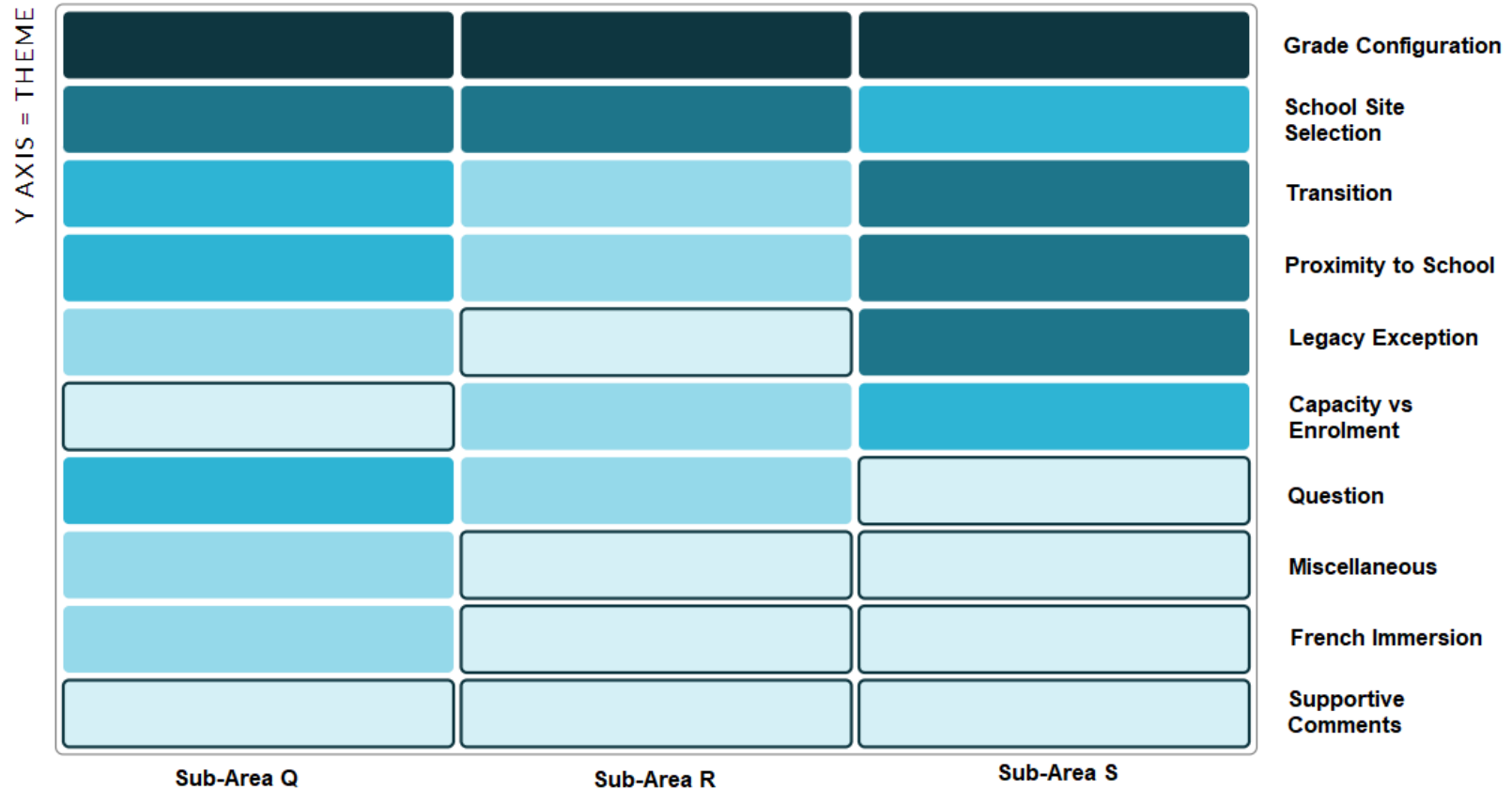


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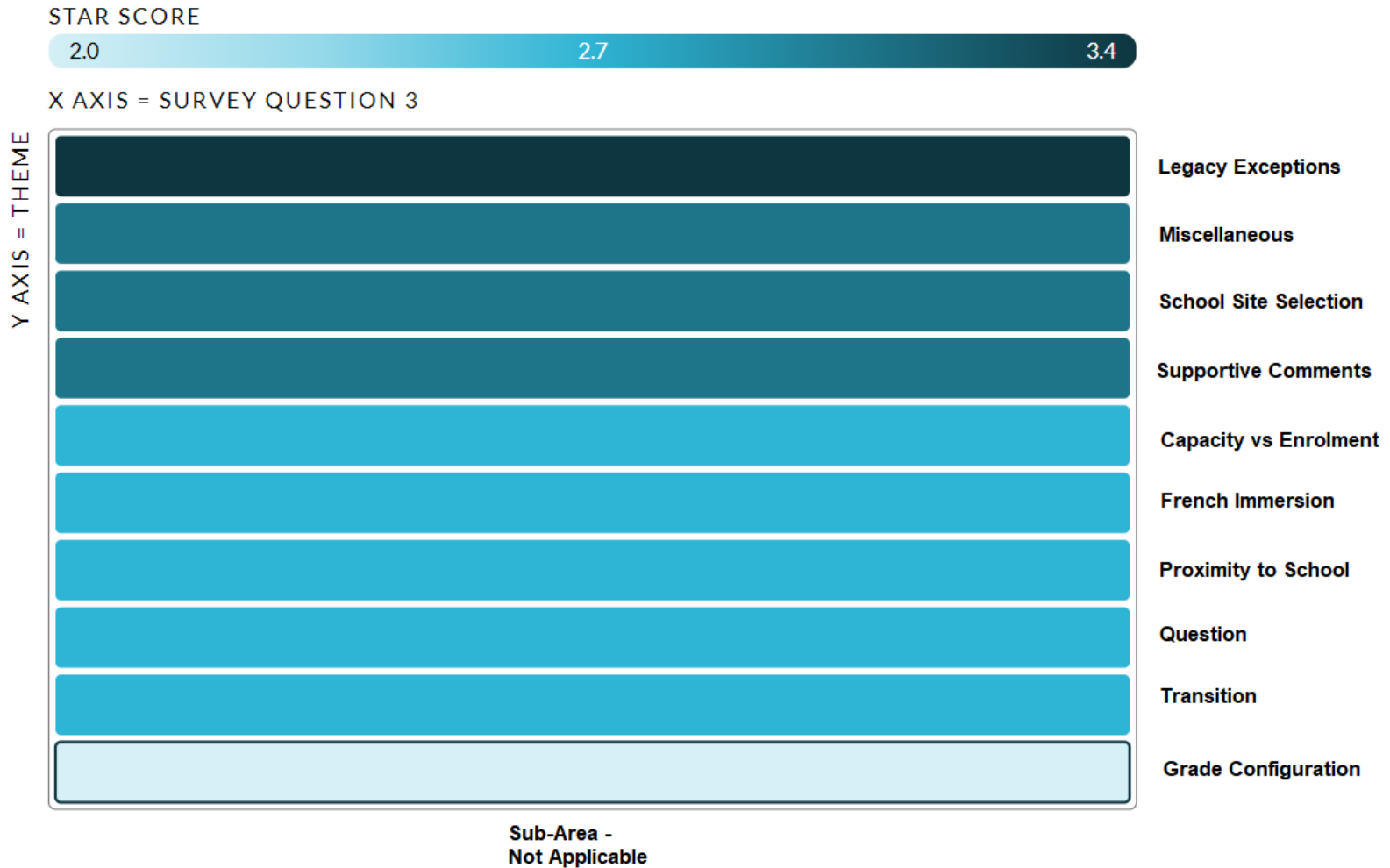
STAR SCORE



X AXIS = SURVEY QUESTION 3



# Heat Map Thought Analysis – St. Mary's



# ThoughtExchange Summary

- The majority of participants were parents (87%), half of which had children attending Saint John Paul II C.E.S. (50%)
- The themes of 'Proximity to School' and 'Grade Configuration' were the most discussed, with 41% of the thoughts
- Thoughts within the 'School Site Selection' and 'Capacity vs Enrolment' themes had the strongest support from other participants