

**WESTERN**  
School Division  
Morden, Manitoba

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Committed to Learning”*



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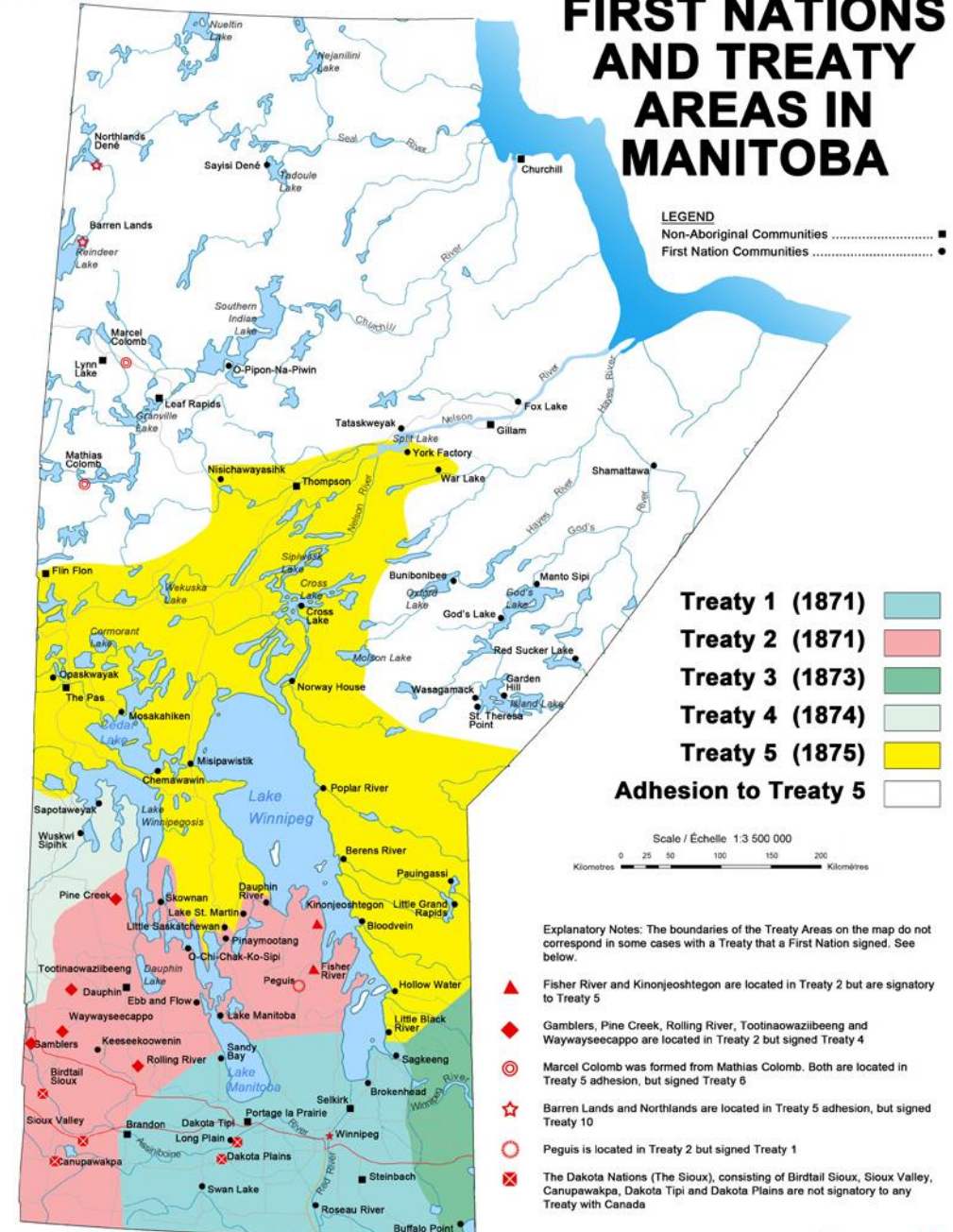
# School Configuration and Catchment Areas

# FIRST NATIONS AND TREATY AREAS IN MANITOBA

## Land Acknowledgment

We are gathered here today on Treaty 1 land.

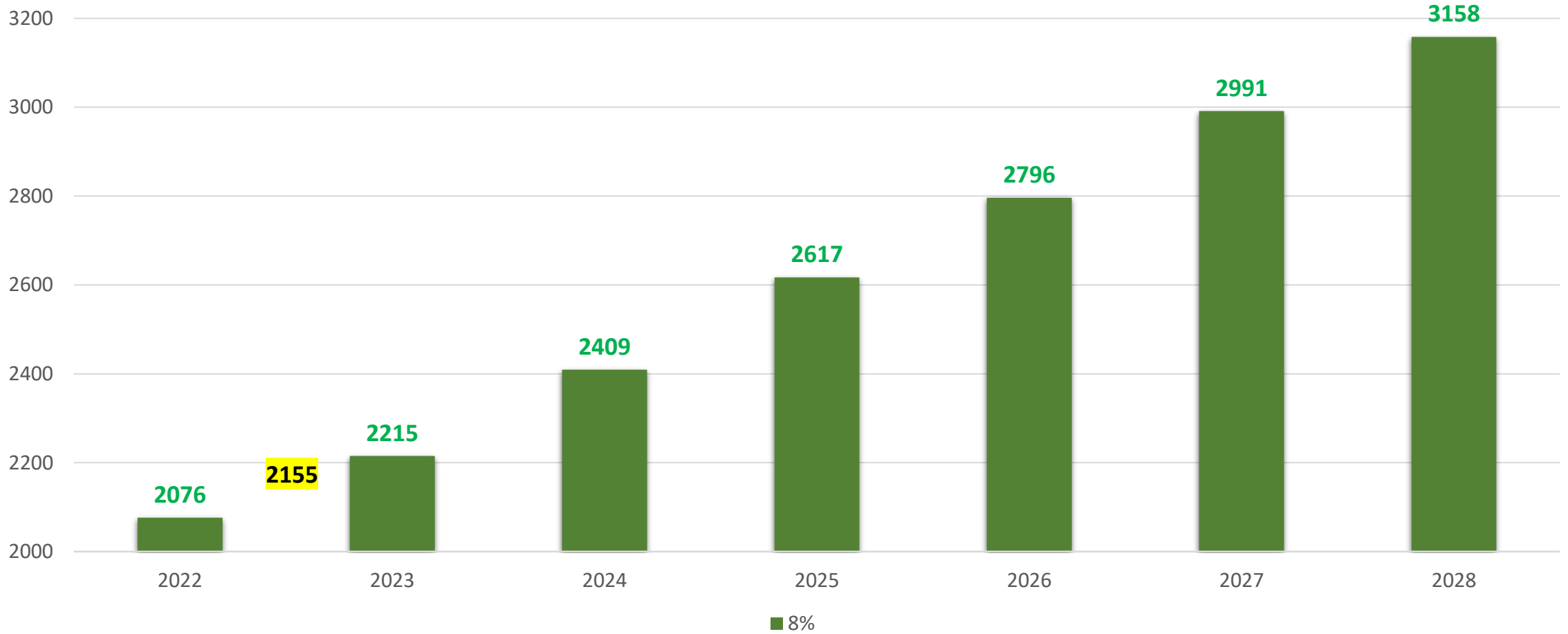
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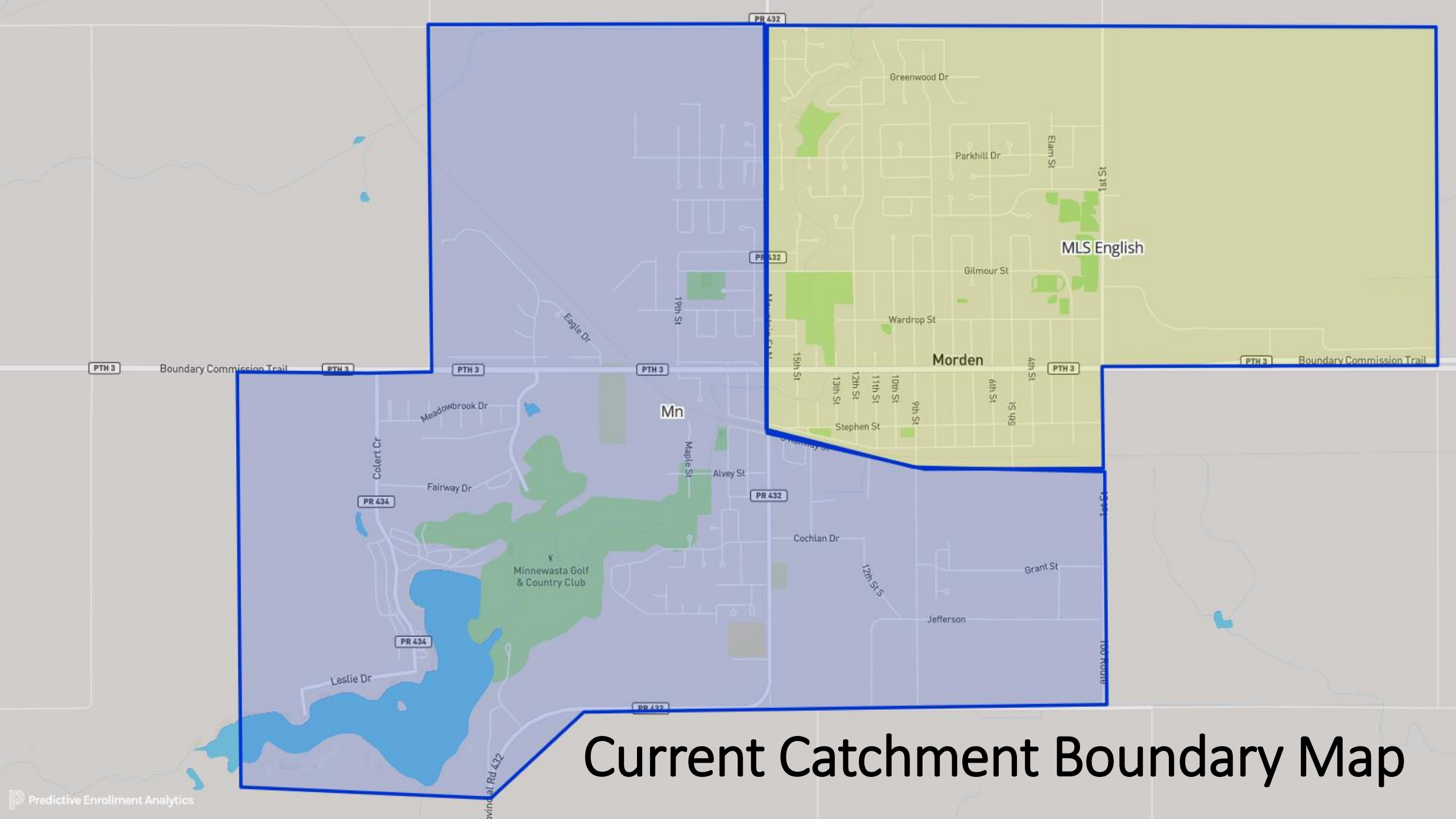
# Background

- School catchments are not permanent. Each school has a limited capacity and the neighborhoods they serve also change over time.
- Changing demographics, immigration and legislative changes can affect the enrolment of a school. School enrolments are constantly monitored. Division staff regularly updates the Province on our enrolment pressures and future needs.
- Programming impacts enrolment configuration (ie: French Immersion, English, special needs, vocational, arts etc...)
- In a community our size, changing the configuration and/or catchment of one school affects the others.

# Enrollment Projections



 <p><b>WESTERN</b> School Division Morden, Manitoba</p> <p><i>"Rooted In Caring; Committed to Learning"</i></p>	<b>Today</b>	<b>Sept. 2023</b>	<b>Sept. 2024</b>	<b>Sept. 2025</b>	<b>Sept. 2026</b>
<b>Minnewasta</b>	340	332	351	359	390
<b>Maple Leaf</b>	493	475	518	567	625
<b>Discovery Trails</b>					
<b>EMMS</b>	715	753	788	849	865
<b>MCI</b>	607	654	696	789	890
<b>Totals</b>	2155	2214	2353	2564	2770



# Current Catchment Boundary Map

# Current Catchments

School	Grades	Catchment	Accepts School of Choice
Minnewasta	K-4 English	All rural, south of South Railway and west of Mountain	Yes
Maple Leaf	K-4 English	Within the city, north of North Railway and east of Mountain	Yes
Maple Leaf	K-4 French Immersion	Entire Division + Program Not Offered Locally	Yes
ÉMMS	5-8 English	Entire Division	Yes
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# Target Sizes Without Portables

- Minnewasta – 225 (375) current enrolment 339
- Maple Leaf – 360 (560) current enrolment 492
- Discovery Trails - 600 (expand to 800)
- École Morden Middle School – 550 (675) current enrolment 713
- Morden Collegiate – 550-600 (600) current enrolment 607

\* (capacity with portables)



# Current Situation

- Increasing Enrolment
- One of the fastest growing school divisions in Manitoba.
- We currently have 19 portable classrooms:
  - Minnewasta - 6
  - Maple Leaf – 8
  - ÉMMS – 5
- Discovery Trails
  - 600 students
  - K-8
  - Middle Years Human Ecology, Industrial Arts and Band
  - Programming spaces for children with significant exceptional needs



# Challenge

- The Province continues to move toward a 100% Provincial funding model which gives the division limited financial planning ability and control.
- Discovery Trails is under construction, but we anticipate continuing to need portable classrooms when it opens.
- We need to balance the needs of:
  - Thousands of students, parents and community members
  - All schools
  - Early Years, Middle Years and Senior Years growth
  - Growing French Immersion and English programs
- Our goal is to provide equitable access to amenities in all of our schools.



# Challenge

(continued)

- Morden Collegiate will grow significantly in the coming years
  - The French Immersion program at MCI will double
  - We need to consider options that create space for that growth on the ÉMMS/MCI campus while reducing the number of ÉMMS students as we wait for the new high school announcement
- We anticipate having 850 Middle Years students in the next couple of years.
- Discovery Trails will allow us to run Middle Years Industrial Arts and Band programs opening up programming space at Morden Collegiate for high school students.
- Growth is mostly expected in the northwest corner of the city.

# Next New School



Dual-Track High School



500 students, expand up to 700



Design approval requested for 2024-25

# Discovery Trails Addition



8 Classroom Addition to  
Discovery Trails



Expand from 600-800

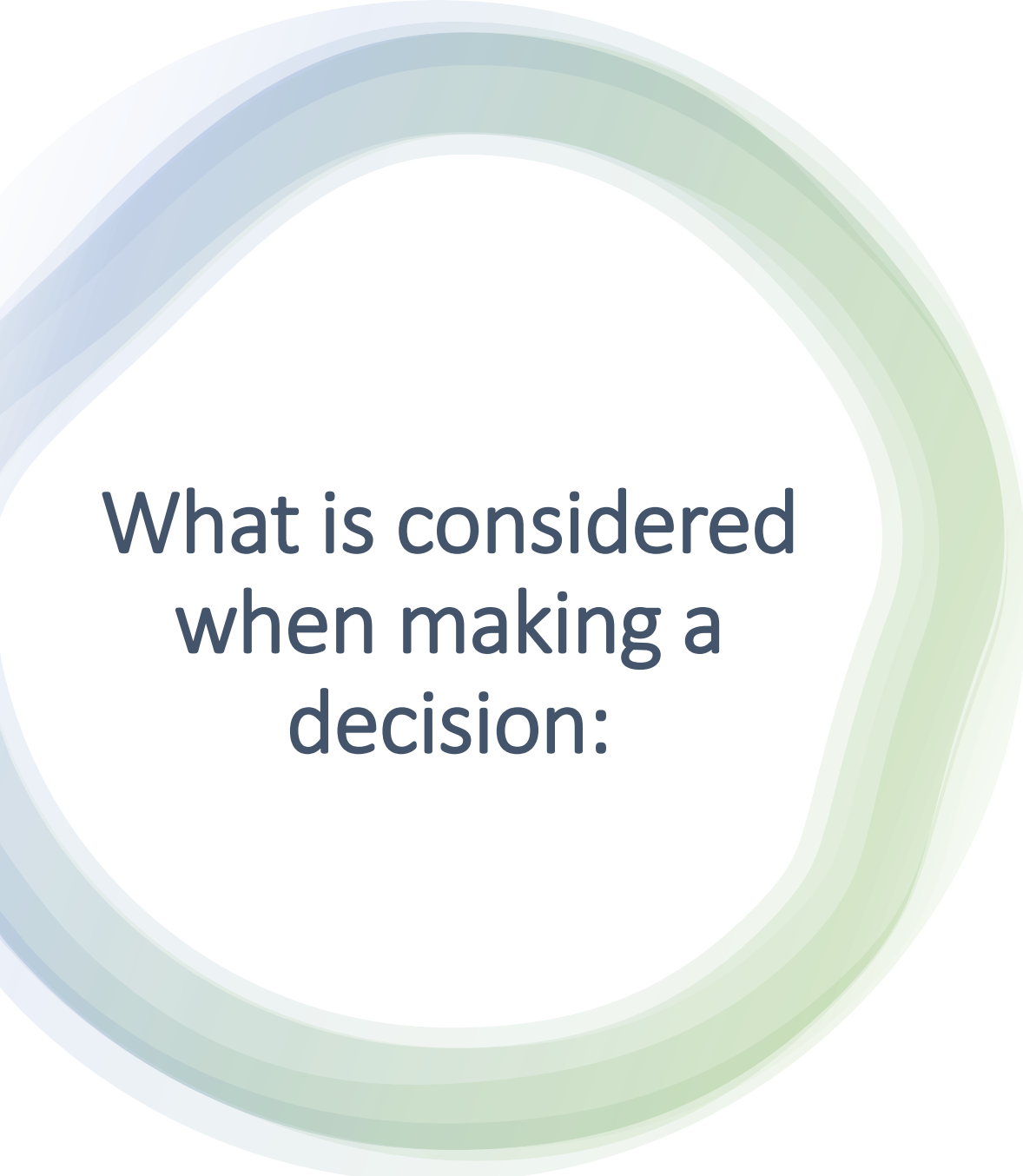


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# Early Learning and Child Care Centers in Schools

- Discovery Trails – under construction
- Minnewasta School – Expression of Interest
  - 74 additional spaces requested





# What is considered when making a decision:

- **Capacity of schools**
- **Projected enrolments**
- **Future Growth**
- **Student transitions (Early, Middle, High school path)**
- **Future residential development**
- **Safe walkability to school**
- **Transportation**
- **Staffing**
- **Programming Options (French Immersion, RRTVA)**
- **Schools of Choice**
- **Student transfers**
- **Ability to keep siblings of children with exceptional needs in the same school**

# Scenarios Considered:

- Discovery Trails K-8 English, Maple Leaf K-5 FI, ÉMMS K-8 Eng + 6-8 FI**
- Discovery Trails Dual-Track including rural north of 3 and west of PR 432**
- Discovery Trails K-8 Dual Track (within the city)**
- Discovery Trails K-8 English and ÉMMS K-8 French Immersion + 5-8 English**
- Mn + MLS K-5, Discovery Trails K-8 Dual Track, ÉMMS 6-8 English**
- Discovery Trails K-8 English and ÉMMS K-8 French Immersion + 6-8 English**



Scenario Chosen for Sept. 2024:

**Minnewasta + Maple Leaf K-4 English  
ÉMMS 5-8 English (7-8 FI to start)  
Discovery Trails K-8 Dual Track (Start K-6)**



# Minnewasta + Maple Leaf K-4 English ÉMMS 5-8 English (7-8 FI to start) Discovery Trails K-8 Dual Track (Start K-6)

- ÉMMS reduces slowly as FI move to Discovery Trails
- Growth should fit with potential new spaces
- Most simple shift for students and staff

<b>September 2024 – Projected Enrolment</b>					
	<b>Grades</b>	<b>Feeds to...</b>	<b>In Area</b>	<b>Immersion</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Minnewasta</b>	<b>K-4</b>	<b>ÉMMS</b>	<b>223</b>		<b>223</b>
<b>Maple Leaf</b>	<b>K-4</b>	<b>ÉMMS</b>	<b>251</b>		<b>251</b>
<b>École Morden Middle</b>	<b>5-8</b>	<b>MCI</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>619</b>
<b>Discovery Trails</b>	<b>K-8</b>	<b>MCI</b>	<b>239(K-6)</b>	<b>325 (K-6)</b>	<b>564</b>
<b>Morden Collegiate</b>	<b>9-12</b>		<b>595</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>697</b>
					<b>2354</b>

	Minnewasta			Maple Leaf			ÉMMS					Discovery Trails					
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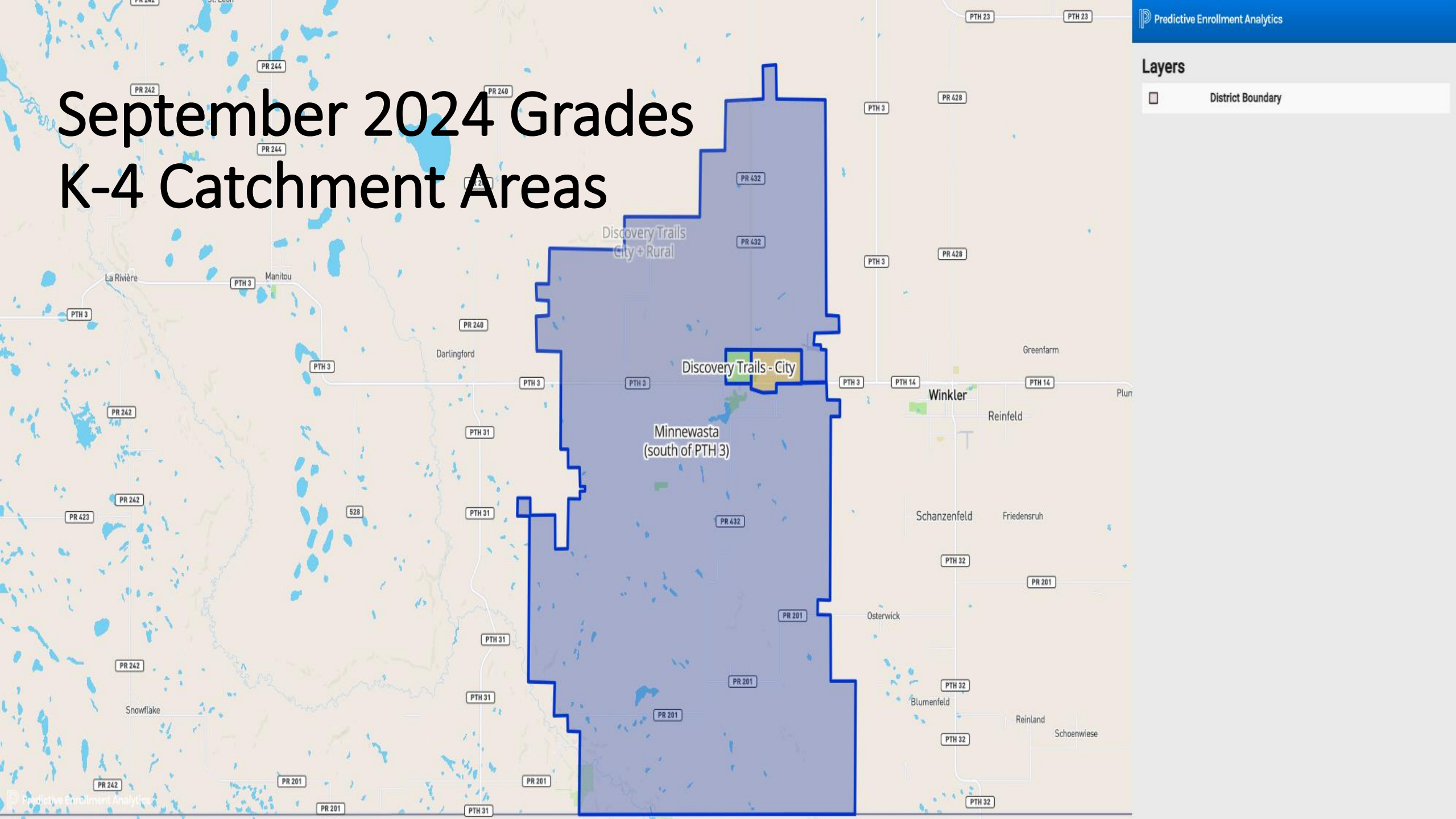
# Discovery Trails Grade Progression

Year	English Program	French Immersion
2024-25	K-6	K-6
2025-26	K-7	K-7
2026-27	K-8	K-8

# September 2024 Grades K-4 Catchment Areas

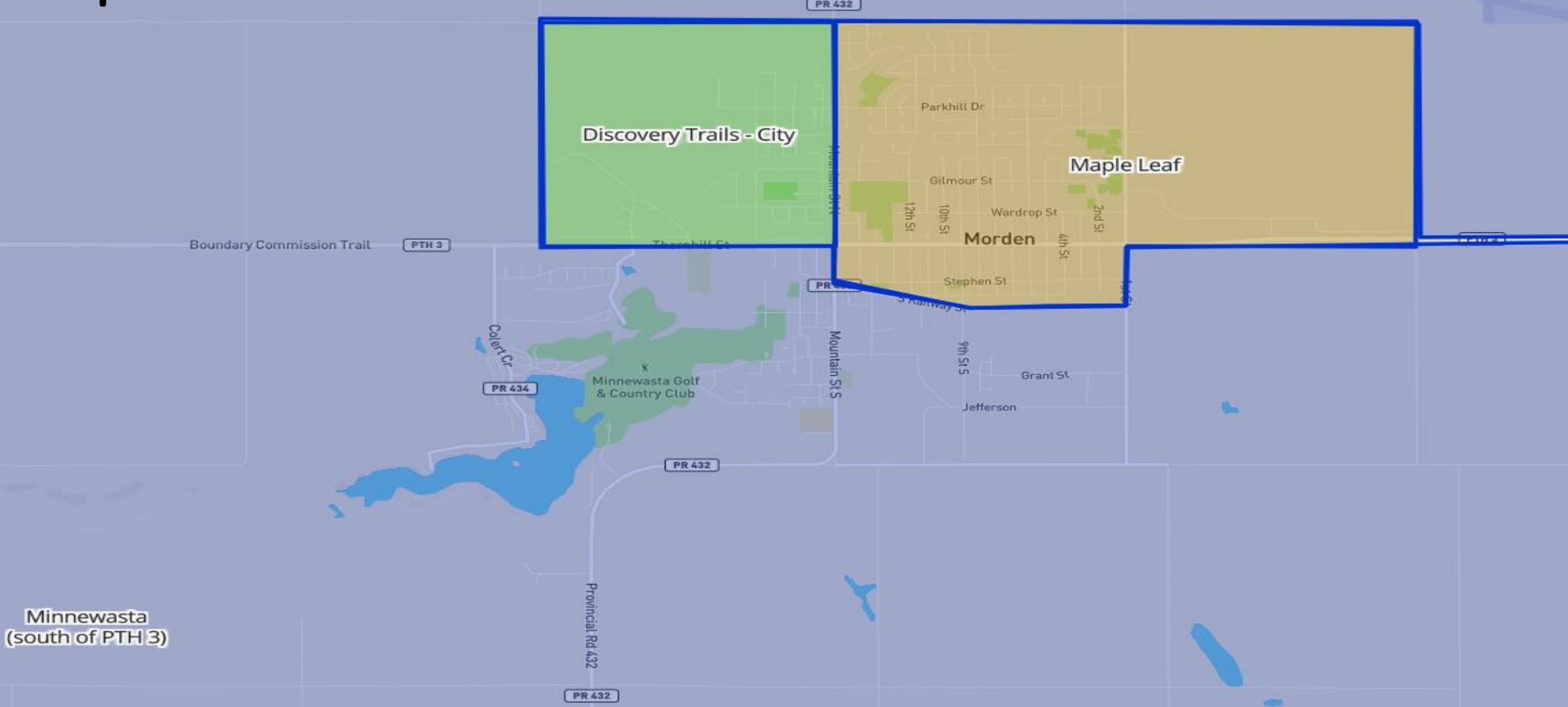
## Layers

- District Boundary



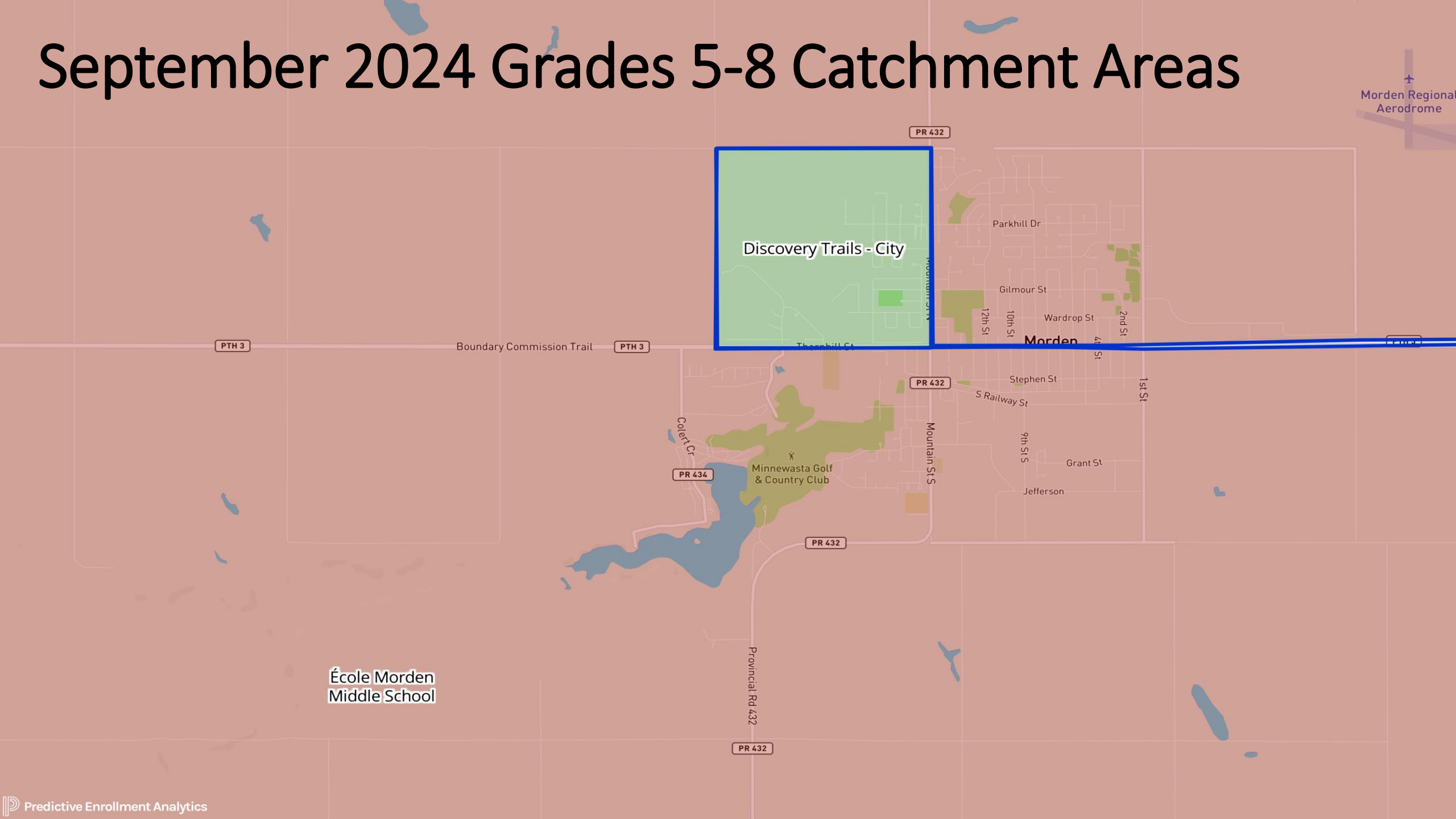
# September 2024 Grades K-4 Catchment Areas

Morden Regional Aerodrome



Minnewasta  
(south of PTH 3)

# September 2024 Grades 5-8 Catchment Areas



École Morden  
Middle School

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# Benefits of this plan

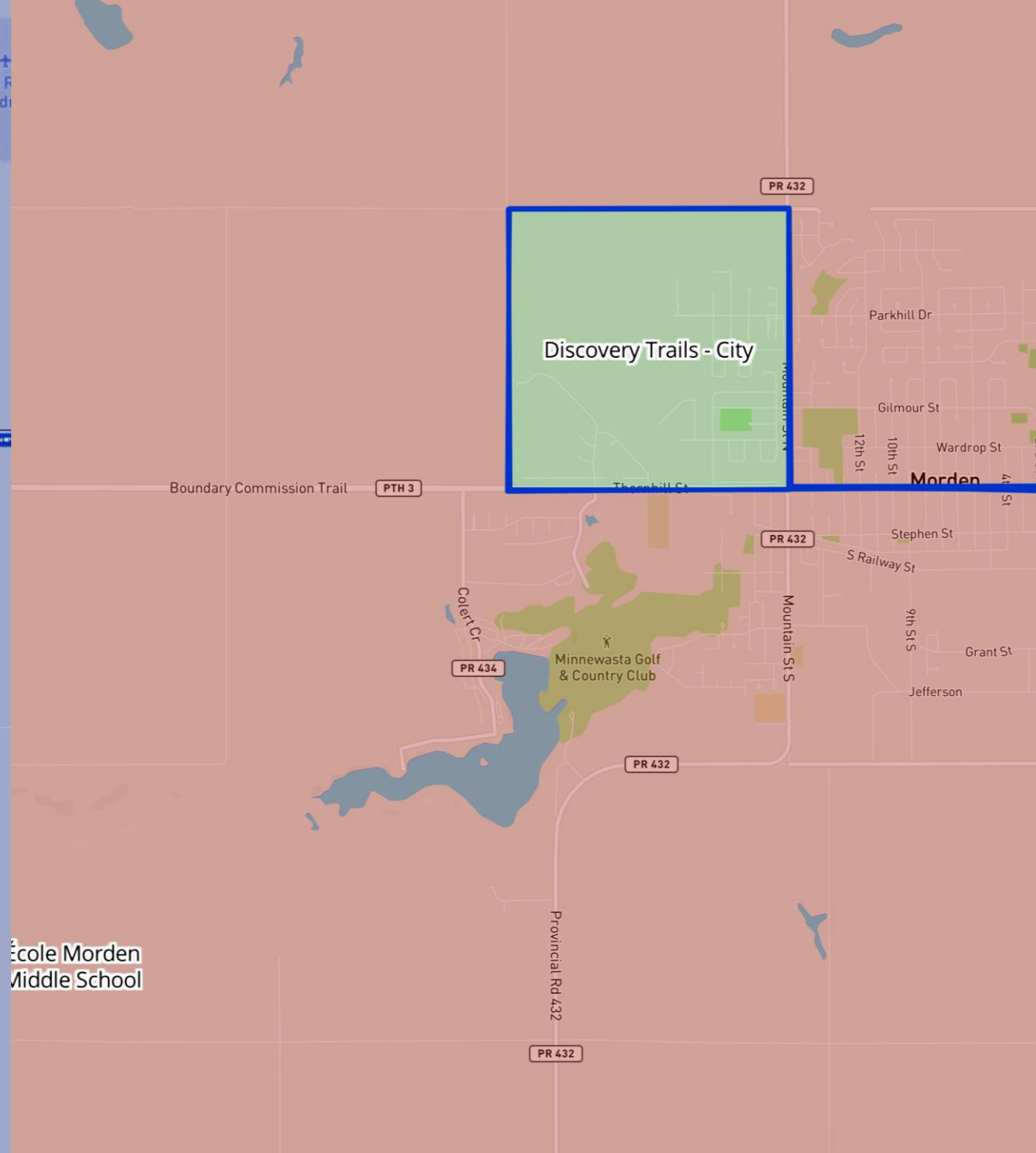
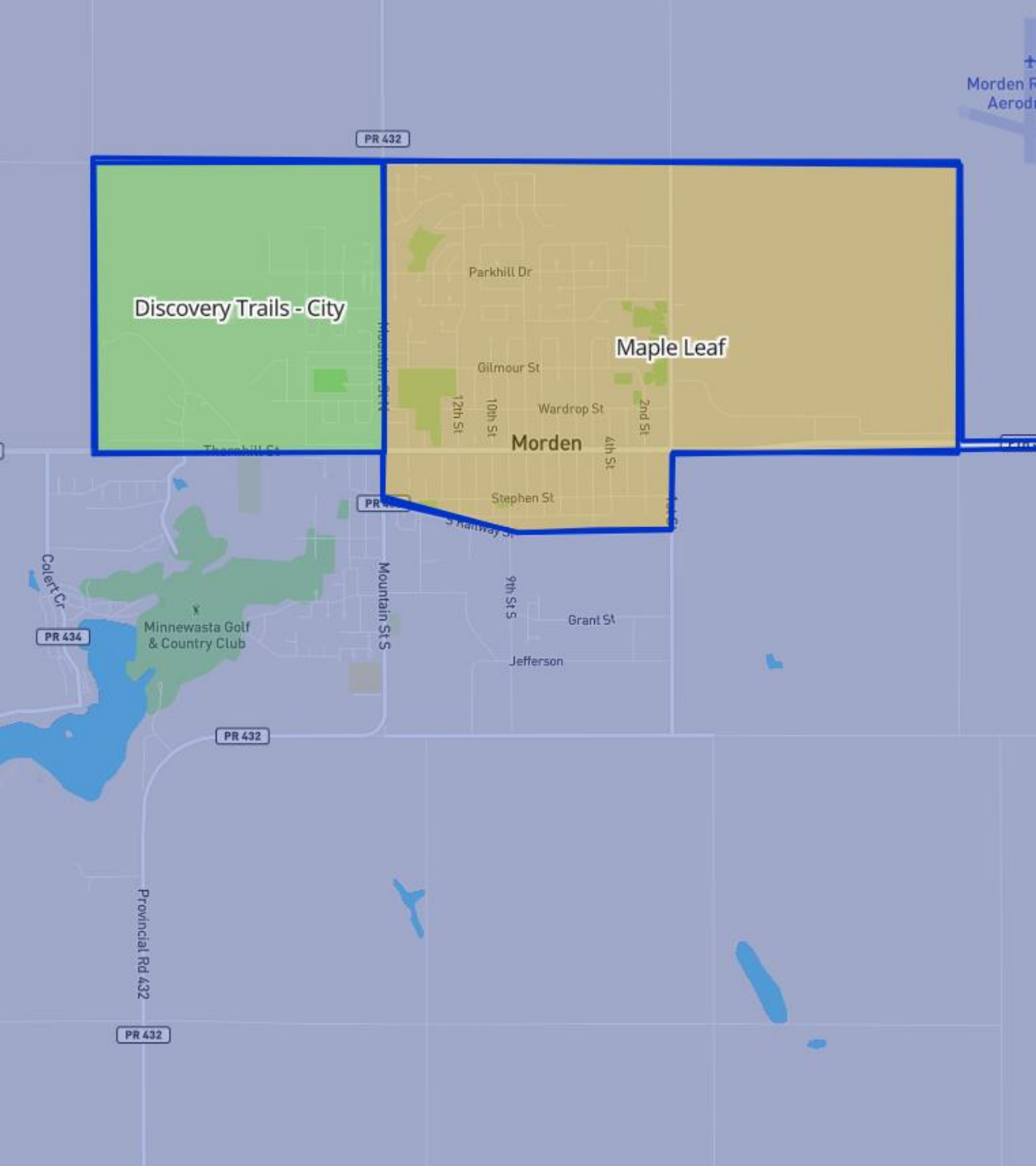
## This plan allows us to:

- Maximize space
- Maximize programming options for students while maintaining a strong Middle Years program.
- Plan for safe walkability to school
- Minimize transitions for students
- Create predictable pathways through the school system
- Balance access to resources and spaces
- Create opportunities for future growth



# Unknowns

- **Real enrolment/community growth**
- **Government Support of Future Capital Projects**
  - **New High School**
  - **Future Additions**
- **Impact of Provincial Collective agreement on this plan**



École Morden  
Middle School