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City of Brantford Attendance Boundary Review: Committee Meeting #1

Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board
June 23, 2025



Committee Mandate



1

Work collaboratively to examine the initial boundary options generated by Senior Administration based on the projections and data.

2

Provide the detailed feedback on the initial options, request modifications or suggest additional options.

3

Determine one or more preferred options to be presented for public consultation.

4

Parent representatives speak on behalf of all students, regardless of school, program, or grade.

Attendance Boundary Review (ABR) Process



~10 Month Long Process

Framework
Accommodation plan or similar document outlining the need for an Attendance Boundary Review (Initial Board Report to Trustees)
<i>Develop Attendance Boundary Review Committee (ABRC) (conduit for information between the Board and School Communities)</i>
Attendance Boundary Review Committee Meetings + Trustee Vetting
<i>School-Level Meetings (Public Consultation)</i>
Review ABRC feedback (reports, survey responses, meeting dialog)
Final Attendance Boundary Review Report, Presentation and Meeting
Trustee Decision
Implementation (If Decision Made) or Termination of Process



Drivers of Attendance Boundary Reviews



Student Enrolment

Mitigate Enrolment Pressures

Balance Facility Utilization Rates

Adapt to Demographic and Growth Trends

Reduce Border-Crossing

Adjust Grade Structures

New School Facilities

Establish New Attendance Boundary

Redefine Existing Attendance Boundaries

Program

Change Program Delivery Location



Driver of the City of Brantford & Paris/Brant County Attendance Boundary Reviews

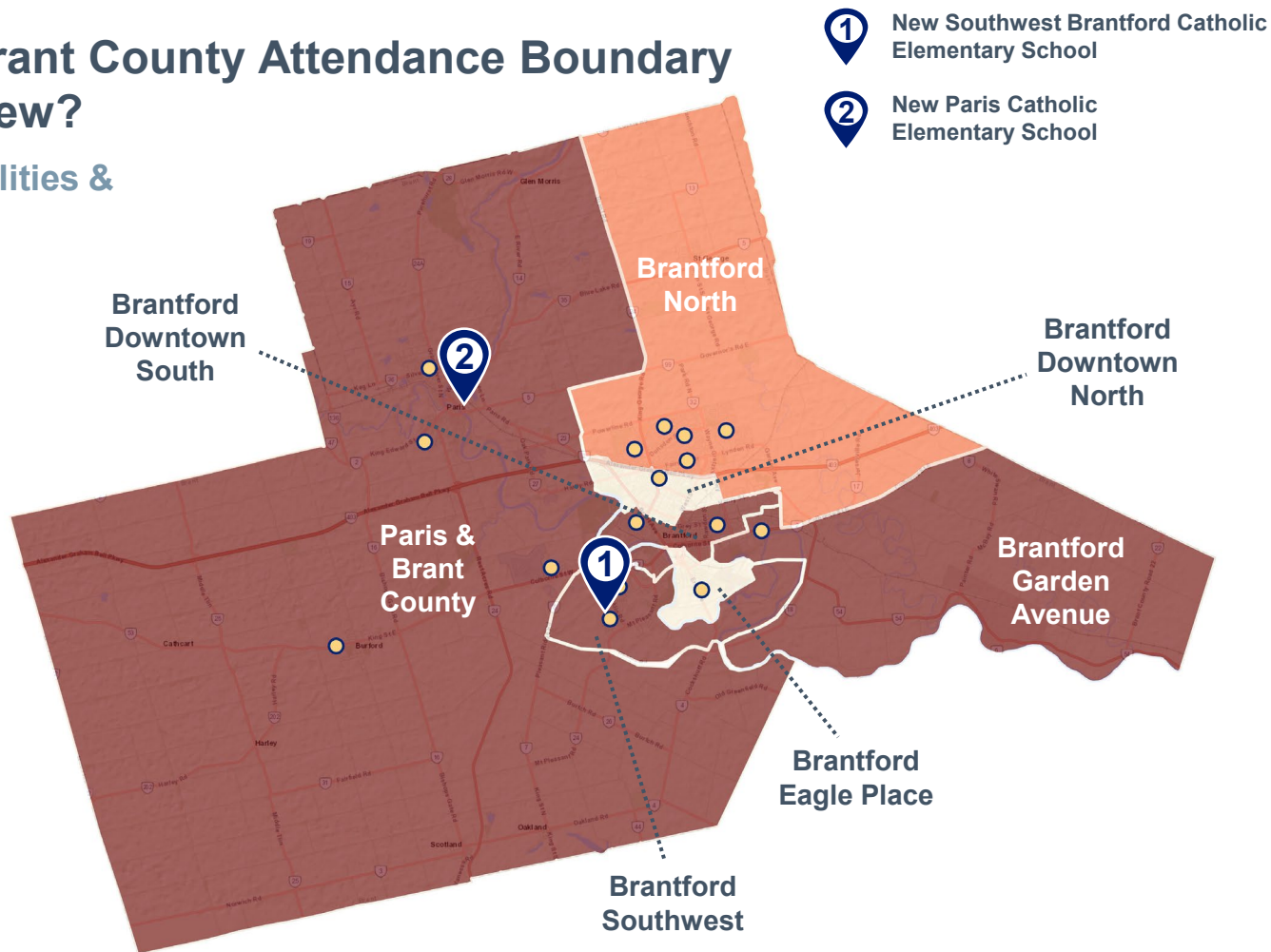
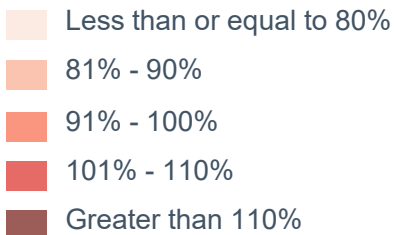
Brantford & Paris/Brant County Attendance Boundary Review: Why a Review?

FOCUS: New School Facilities & Enrolment Imbalances

The Paris & Brant County, Brantford Southwest, Brantford Downtown South and Brantford Garden Avenue review areas are currently operating above 110% utilization.

In addition, 2 new elementary schools have been granted funding.

Legend



Intended Outcomes and Key Considerations



Intended Outcomes of the Attendance Boundary Review

The intended outcome of the review is to explore options and adjustments to existing attendance boundaries to better balance enrolment within this area of the Board and create a boundary for the new Elementary Schools. Changes to attendance boundaries are intended to improve school utilization rates, optimize the use of school board resources (spaces), consider transportation impacts and improve overall student outcomes.

Key Considerations

- School size, school location relative to existing and future students, travel time, walking distances, transportation, property size, Ministry of Education benchmarks and policies, and BHNCDSD policies and procedures.
- Site and area-specific staffing requirements and space needs, parking requirements, etc.
- Transitional provisions and legacy agreements, and associated impacts.

Current Situation

Historical and Projected Enrolments and Facility Utilization (Elementary)



Review Area	On-the-Ground Capacity	Historical			Current	Projected		
		2011/ 2012	2016/ 2017	2021/ 2022	2024 / 2025	2025 / 2026	2029 / 2030	2034 / 2035
Brantford North	1,408	1,232	1,228	1,211	1,313	1,317	1,415	1,594
Brantford Garden Avenue	167	182	170	173	187	190	200	217
Brantford Downtown North	337	258	275	278	296	305	316	321
Brantford Downtown South	423	403	387	434	559	583	606	631
Brantford Eagle Place	466	346	350	345	354	379	457	577
Brantford Southwest*	1,386	693	859	954	1,207	1,254	1,514	1,991
Southwest Paris and Brant County *	1,543	734	770	1,085	1,433	1,528	1,788	2,013
Total	5,730	3,848	4,039	4,480	5,349	5,555	6,297	7,344

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		2011/ 2012	2016/ 2017	2021/ 2022	2024 / 2025	2025 / 2026	2029 / 2030	2034 / 2035
Brantford North	1,408	88%	87%	86%	93%	94%	100%	113%
Brantford Garden Avenue	167	109%	102%	104%	112%	114%	120%	130%
Brantford Downtown North	337	77%	82%	82%	88%	90%	94%	95%
Brantford Downtown South	423	95%	91%	103%	132%	138%	143%	149%
Brantford Eagle Place	466	74%	75%	74%	76%	81%	98%	124%
Brantford Southwest*	1,386	79%	98%	109%	138%	144%	109%	144%
Southwest Paris and Brant County *	1,543	71%	75%	105%	139%	148%	116%	130%
Total	5,730	82%	86%	95%	114%	118%	110%	128%

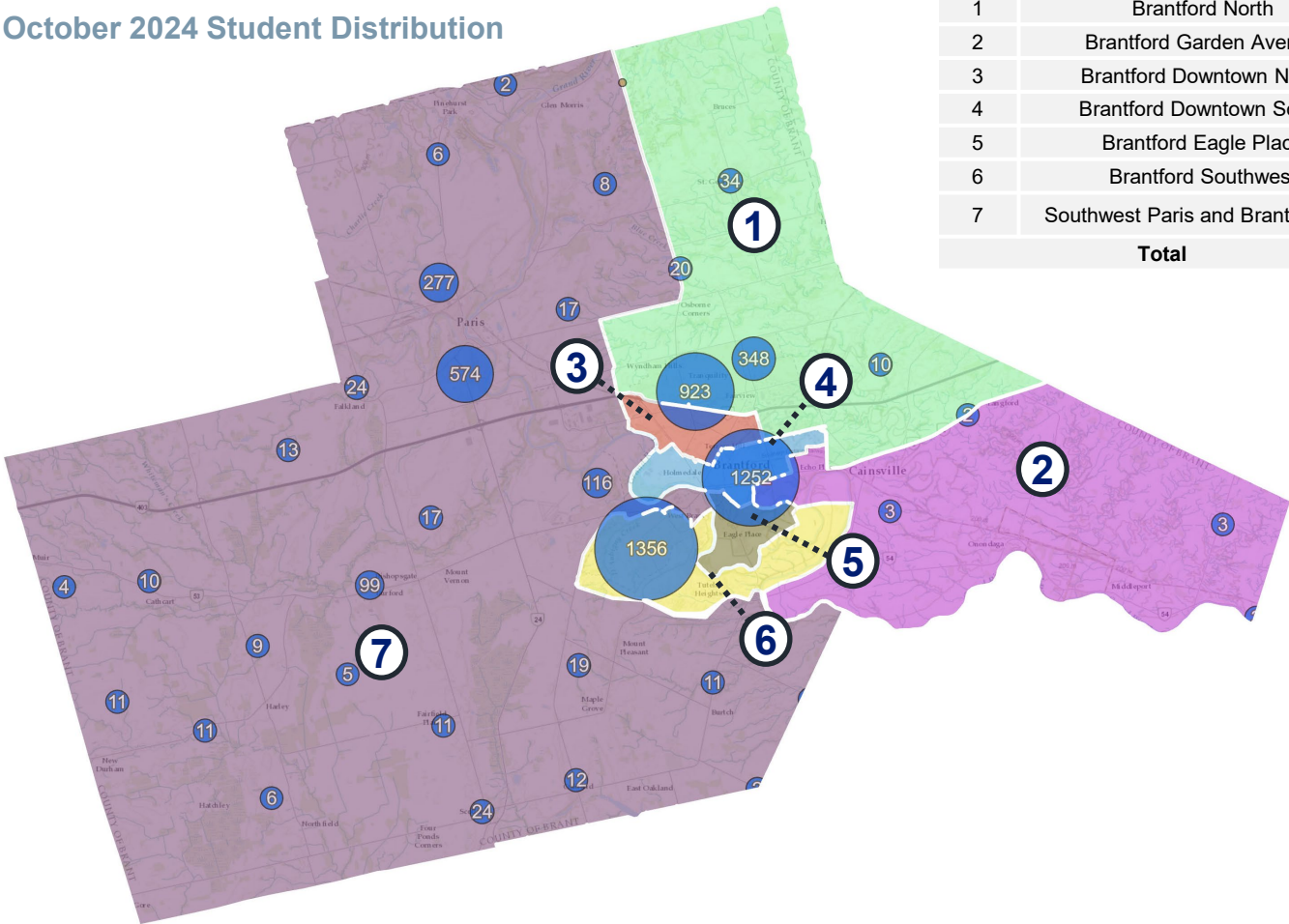
*Includes new school capacity in projection.

Note: Historical and current utilization figures areas do not include new school capacity.

Source: Current enrolment derived from official October 31, 2024 headcounts.

Student Distribution

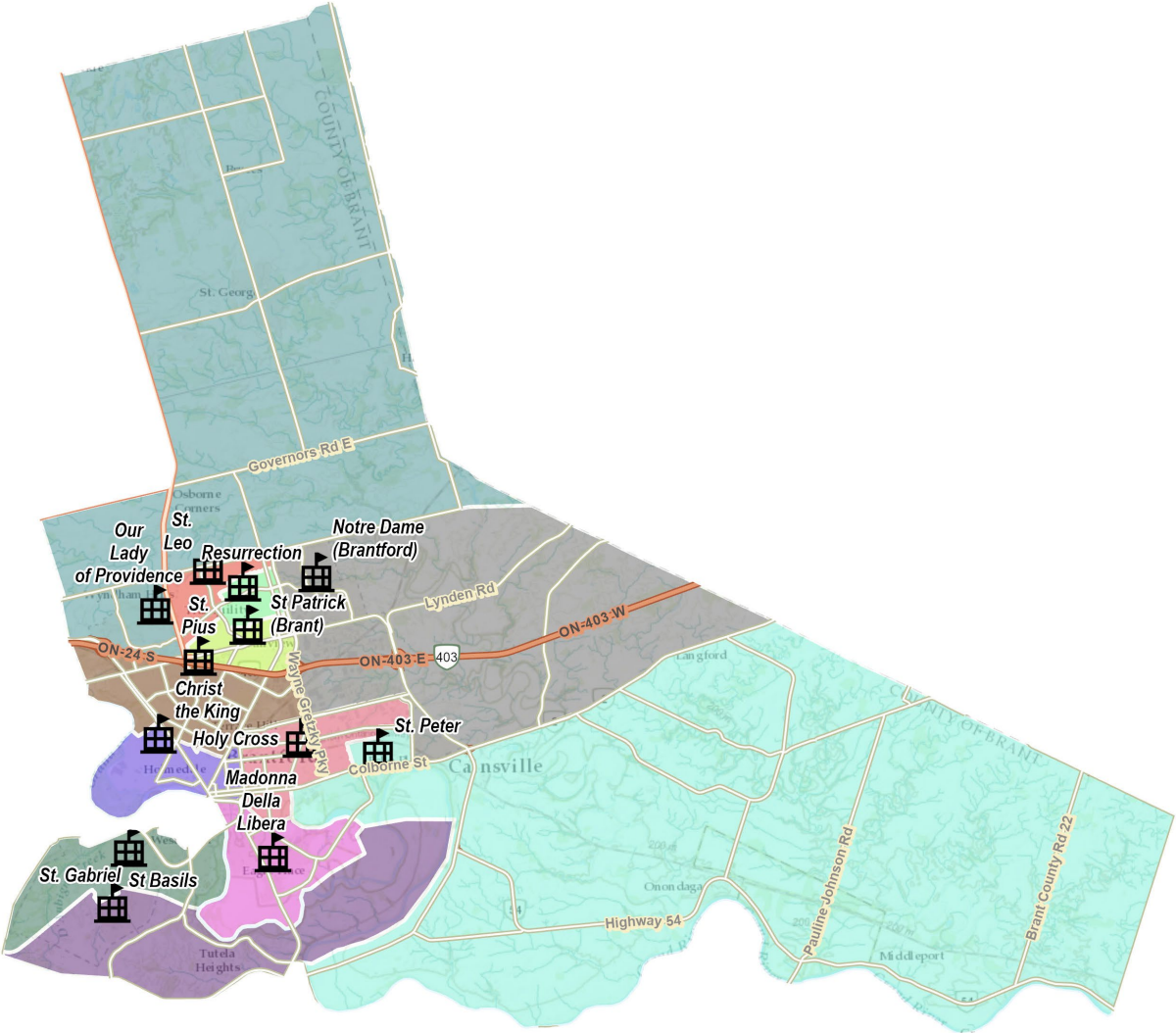
October 2024 Student Distribution



RA #	Review Area Name	On-the-Ground Capacity	2024/2025		
			Enrolment	Utilization	# of Portables
1	Brantford North	1,408	1,309	93%	8
2	Brantford Garden Avenue	167	185	111%	2
3	Brantford Downtown North	337	297	88%	0
4	Brantford Downtown South	423	553	131%	6
5	Brantford Eagle Place	466	352	76%	0
6	Brantford Southwest	873	1,182	135%	14
7	Southwest Paris and Brant County	1,030	1,407	137%	17
Total		5,730	5,285	112%	47

Attendance Boundaries

City of Brantford



Next Steps



Develop and present alternative attendance boundary scenarios for discussion at Committee Meeting #2
Fall 2025

Public Meeting
Fall/Winter 2025

Prepare and present final options to Trustees for approval
Spring 2026



QUESTIONS