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Norfolk County Attendance Boundary Review: Committee Meeting #1

Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board
November 5th, 2024



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 Process



3 - 4 Month Long Process

Framework
<i>Accommodation plan or similar document outlining the need for an Attendance Boundary Review (Initial Board Report to Trustees)</i>
<i>Develop Attendance Boundary Review Committee (conduit for information between the Board and School Communities)</i>
Attendance Boundary Review Committee Meetings + Trustee Vetting
<u>School-Level Meetings (Public Consultation)</u>
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



Why Do School Boards Do 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

Why A Norfolk County Attendance Boundary Review?

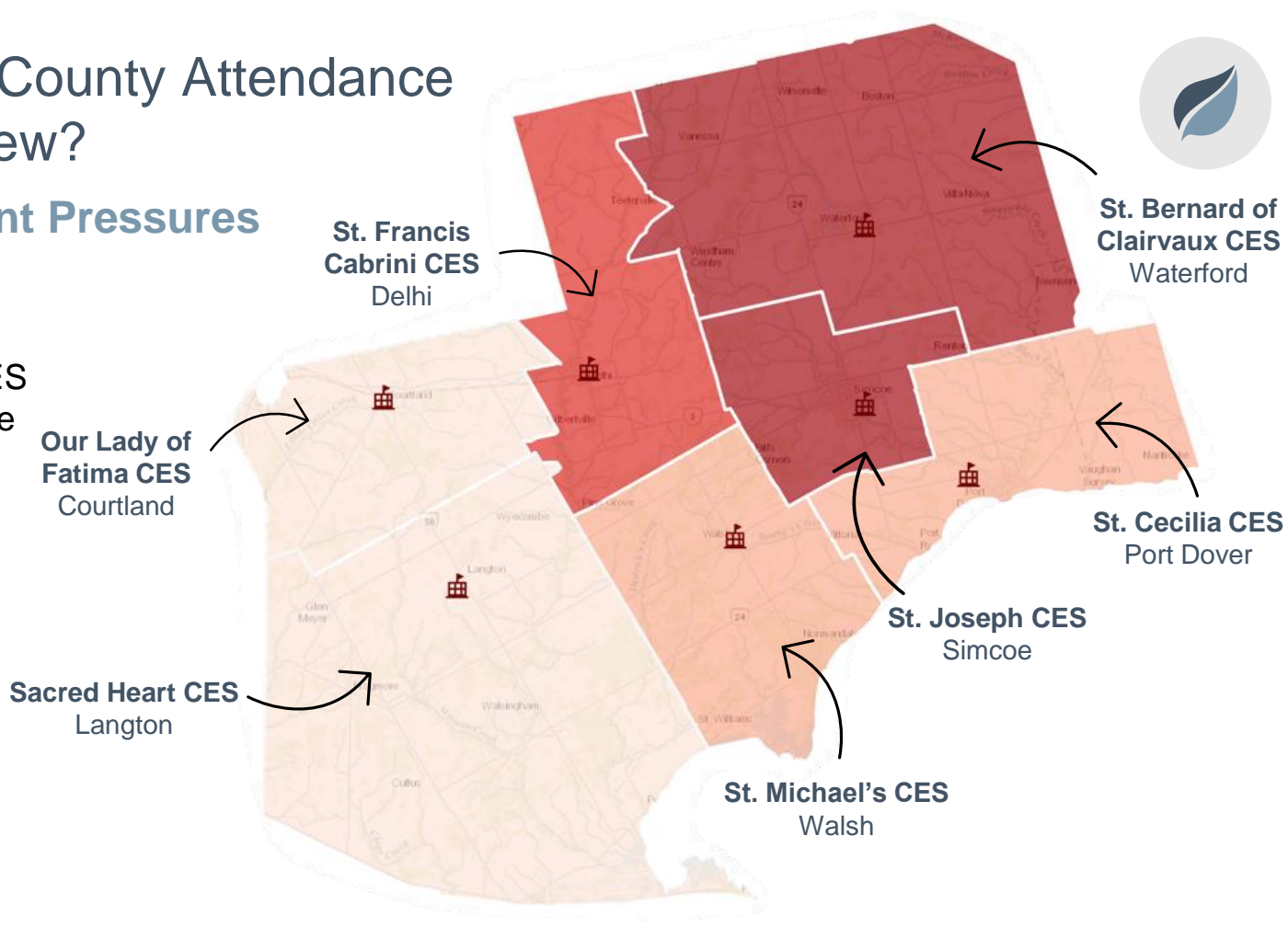
FOCUS: Enrolment Pressures & Imbalances

St. Joseph's CES & St. Bernard of Clairvaux CES are both operating above 125%.

Meanwhile, Our Lady of Fatima CES & Sacred Heart CES are both operating at ~50%.

Legend

- 50%
- 51% - 75%
- 76% - 100%
- 101% - 125%
- Greater than 125%



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. 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 BHNCD SB policies and procedures.
- Site and area-specific staffing requirements and space needs, parking requirements, etc.
- Transitional provisions and legacy agreements, and associated impacts.

Norfolk County Demographic Trends



Population Data	2001 Census	2006 Census	2011 Census	2016 Census	2021 Census
Total Population	61,468	63,110	63,671	64,856	68,224
Pre-School Population (0-3)	2,452	2,401	2,328	2,524	2,438
Elementary School Population (4-13)	8,280	7,436	6,536	6,658	7,196
Secondary School Population (14-18)	4,701	4,637	4,208	3,572	3,492
Population Over 18 Years of Age	46,034	48,637	50,599	52,101	55,098
<i>Females Aged 25-44</i>	7,887	7,008	6,380	6,497	6,591

2001-2006		2006-2011		2011-2016		2016-2021	
Absolute Change	% Change	Absolute Change	% Change	Absolute Change	% Change	Absolute Change	% Change
1,642	2.7%	561	0.9%	1,185	1.9%	3,368	5.2%
-51	-2.1%	-73	-3.0%	196	8.4%	-86	-3.4%
-844	-10.2%	-900	-12.1%	123	1.9%	537	8.1%
-65	-1.4%	-429	-9.2%	-636	-15.1%	-80	-2.3%
2,602	5.7%	1,962	4.0%	1,502	3.0%	2,997	5.8%
-878	-11.1%	-629	-9.0%	117	1.8%	94	1.4%

	2001	2006	2011	2016	2021	Diff. 01-06	Diff. 06-11	Diff. 11-16	Diff. 16-21
Total Elementary Enrolment	1,956	1,859	1,623	1,454	1,573	- 97	- 236	- 169	119
Total Elementary Aged Population	8,280	7,436	6,536	6,658	7,196	- 844	- 900	123	537
Elementary Participation Rates	23.6%	25.0%	24.8%	21.8%	21.9%	1.4%	-0.2%	-3.0%	0.0%

Current Situation

Historical and Projected Enrolments and Facility Utilization



School	On-the-Ground Capacity	Historical			Current	Projected		
		2011/ 2012	2016/ 2017	2021/ 2022	2024 / 2025	2025 / 2026	2028 / 2029	2033 / 2034
Our Lady of Fatima (Courtland)	141	113	102	79	70	71	62	52
Sacred Heart (Langton)	294	250	202	160	148	157	139	135
St. Bernard of Clairvaux	210	200	161	263	326	312	329	343
St Cecilia's	190	184	137	129	140	165	201	239
St Frances Cabrini	268	232	249	315	317	321	330	354
St. Joseph	446	425	451	551	609	616	629	686
St Michael's (Walsh)	164	111	100	95	93	91	86	77
Total	1,713	1,515	1,402	1,592	1,703	1,733	1,776	1,887

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		2011/ 2012	2016/ 2017	2021/ 2022	2024 / 2025	2025 / 2026	2028 / 2029	2033 / 2034
Our Lady of Fatima (Courtland)	141	80%	72%	56%	50%	50%	44%	37%
Sacred Heart (Langton)	294	85%	69%	54%	50%	53%	47%	46%
St. Bernard of Clairvaux	210	95%	77%	125%	155%	149%	157%	164%
St Cecilia's	190	97%	72%	68%	74%	87%	106%	126%
St Frances Cabrini	268	87%	93%	118%	118%	120%	123%	132%
St. Joseph	446	95%	101%	124%	137%	138%	141%	154%
St Michael's (Walsh)	164	68%	61%	58%	57%	55%	52%	47%
Total	1,713	88%	82%	93%	99%	101%	104%	110%

Source: Current enrolment derived from September 2024 preliminary enrolment.

Current Situation

2024/2025 Snapshot: Enrolment and Facility Utilization by Program



School	On-the-Ground Capacity	Regular Track	French Immersion	Total Enrolment	Utilization including FI	Utilization excluding FI
Our Lady of Fatima (Courtland)	141	70	-	70	50%	50%
Sacred Heart (Langton)	294	148	-	148	50%	50%
St. Bernard of Clairvaux	210	327	-	327	156%	156%
St Cecilia's	190	142	-	142	75%	75%
St Frances Cabrini	268	317	-	317	118%	118%
St. Joseph	446	430	183	613	137%	96%
St Michael's (Walsh)	164	93	-	93	57%	57%
Total	1,713	1,527	183	1,710	100%	89%

Source: Derived from October 2024 student plots.

Current Situation

Border Crossing



- 15 St. Francis Cabrini & 11 St. Joseph's students reside in St. Michael's (Walsh) boundary
- 14 St. Bernard of Clairvaux students reside in the St. Joseph's boundary
- 8 St. Joseph's students reside in the St. Bernard of Clairvaux boundary

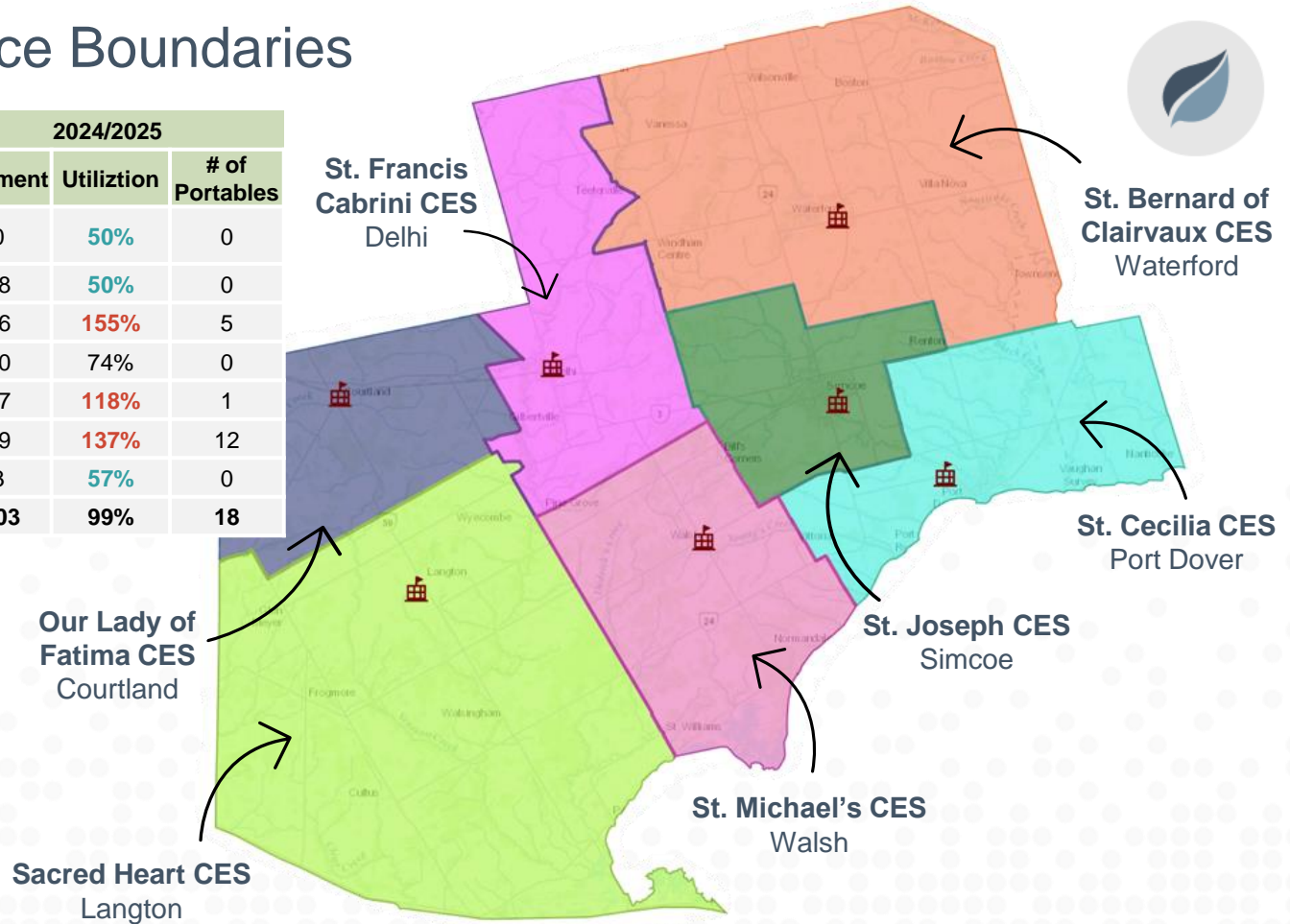
Attending School	Border-Crossing "In" # of students from other school area, attending this school	Border-Crossing "Out" # of students from this school area, attending elsewhere	Border-Crossing "Net"
Our Lady of Fatima (Courtland)	7	9	-2
Sacred Heart (Langton)	12	6	6
St. Bernard of Clairvaux	23	26	-3
St Cecilia's	9	7	2
St Frances Cabrini	29	18	11
St. Joseph	31	26	5
St Michael's (Walsh)	13	34	-21
Total	124	126	-2

Source: Derived from October 2024 student plots.

Existing Attendance Boundaries

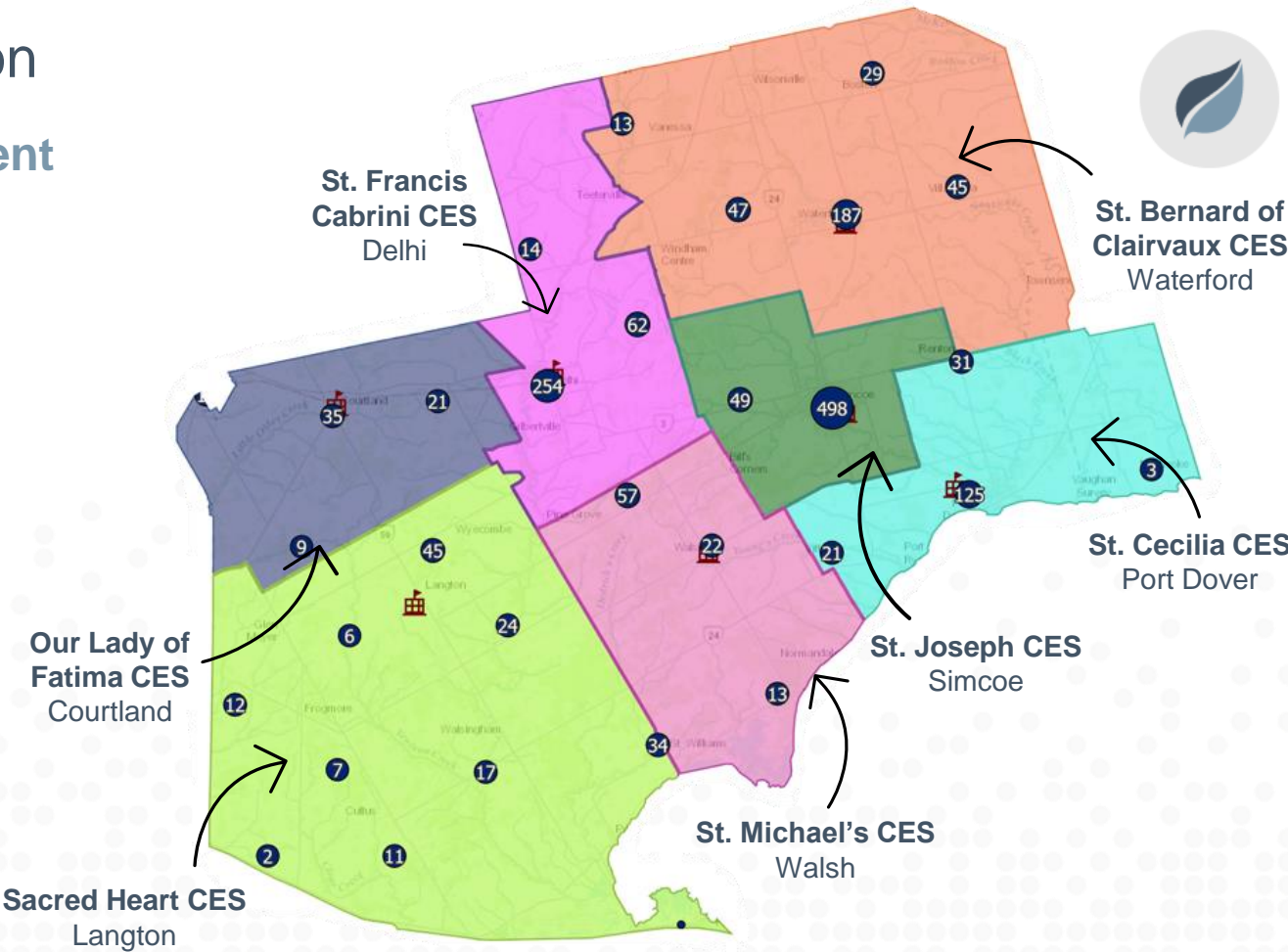


School	On-the-Ground Capacity	2024/2025		
		Enrolment	Utilization	# of Portables
Our Lady of Fatima (Courtland)	141	70	50%	0
Sacred Heart (Langton)	294	148	50%	0
St. Bernard of Clairvaux	210	326	155%	5
St Cecilia's	190	140	74%	0
St Frances Cabrini	268	317	118%	1
St. Joseph	446	609	137%	12
St Michael's (Walsh)	164	93	57%	0
Total	1,713	1,703	99%	18



Student Distribution

October 2024 Student Distribution



Next Steps



- Committee members to complete short survey regarding the first committee meeting and initial perspectives on this review (online)
- Committee members can submit questions or comments to norfolkcounty@bhncdsb.ca
- Develop and present alternative attendance boundary scenarios for discussion at next Committee meeting: November 25th, 2024
- Public meeting: January 20th, 2025
- Prepare and present final options to Trustees for approval in Winter/Spring 2025



QUESTIONS

