



**City of Brantford (Elementary) Attendance Boundary Review
Tuesday, February 10, 2026 - 5:30 pm
Microsoft Teams Meeting**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Christ the King School: | Kelly Lane |
| Holy Cross School: | Ashley Martins |
| Madonna Della Libera CES: | Allison Johnson |
| Notre Dame School: | Christine Storoschuk, Nicole Callander |
| Our Lady of Providence CES: | Ann Marie Lewis |
| Resurrection School: | Laura Dickson |
| St. Basil CES: | Keila White, Sara Jocelyn |
| St. Gabriel CES: | Hilary Miles |
| St. Leo School: | Jennifer Brickman |
| St. Patrick School: | Tara Mansfield |
| St. Peter School: | Kristine Allan, Shannon Celi |
| St. Pius X CES: | Holly Colaiacova, Karen Moos |

RESOURCE PERSONNEL PRESENT:

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| Administration: | Rajini Nelson, John Della Fortuna, Phil Wilson, Jack Ammendolia |
| Principals / Vice-Principals: | Chris Assettino, Danielle Becks, Giovanna Oviedo, Heidi Pasztor, Jennifer Davidson, Kerri Chartrand, Lucas Boluk, Marcia DeDominicis, Miriam Petrella, Peter Marchand, Shannon Mason, Shelley Callender, Tanya Spraggon |
| Recording Secretary: | Katherine Reddicliffe |

- 1. Land Acknowledgement**
Principal Assettino gave thanks and acknowledged the land that we are gathered on today.
- 2. Opening Prayer**
Katherine Reddicliffe opened the meeting with prayer.
- 3. Committee Members**
Superintendent Nelson completed a roll call of the committee members present.
- 4. Presentation / Discussion**
 - 4.1 Refresher**
Mr. Jack Ammendolia provided a brief refresher, noting that several months have passed since the committee's last meeting. He reviewed current efforts to address existing accommodation needs while also considering projected future growth.

The "Current Situation" tables were recapped, with red indicating areas of overutilization in schools. As the new school comes into play, these utilization levels are expected to change. These conditions were key factors in the Board's approval of proceeding with the capital project for the new school.



The review focuses on two primary areas:

- Traditional boundary adjustments; and
- Opportunities related to program offerings.

Community contributions were also summarized, reflecting feedback received through public consultations, emails, and the community survey.

Through the survey feedback received there was a preference for SW Brantford – Option 1. Major priority was to keep the students at local schools and avoiding travel past the existing facilities and creating minimal disruption for the students. There was a strong support for maintaining two French Immersion locations. A preference was that the boundary changes apply only to new students, with the existing students having legacy provisions. Additionally, concerns in shifting enrolment pressures in the future with these boundary changes taking effect at Notre Dame and Our Lady of Providence.

Feedback from the Consultant's point of view was fairly in line with the community preferences.

All information was based on the Community Preferences.

As survey data from the public reflected the preference of SW Brantford – Option 1, Mr. Ammendolia explained that it better balances school utilization. Option 2 would result in the new SW Brantford School opening at/or nearly capacity.

The additional items would include boundary cleanups/adjustments, monitor projected growth at Our Lady of Providence before implementing any student reassignments. Furthermore, French Immersion to remain status quo. Lastly, recommendation for legacy arrangements to be discussed.

4.2 **Consultant Recommended Options for Consideration**

Option 1 for Consideration

A comparative table was presented outlining the impacts of the proposed changes relative to the existing student plots.

Option 2 for Idea for Consideration

A comparative table outlining the impacts of the proposed changes compared to existing student plots was presented.

4.3 **Committee Considerations**

Mr. Ammendolia presented a series of questions to the Committee to confirm their understanding and to gather direction on next steps.

The Committee was asked whether they agreed with the public feedback and the consultants' recommendation to maintain the French Immersion program status quo. The Committee unanimously agreed that the French Immersion program should remain unchanged and not be altered as part of this boundary review.

The Committee was then asked to consider Option 1 and Option 2, including whether there were any objections to either option and whether any elements should be added or removed. Committee members expressed no strong preference between the two options. Following a vote,



Option 1 was favoured. It was also noted that a member wished to see Notre Dame remain status quo. Additionally, another member wished to see OLAP remain status quo.

The Committee was asked whether Our Lady of Providence should remain status quo. Opinions were evenly split, with some members in favour and others expressing no preference.

Finally, the Committee discussed legacy provisions. It was noted that it is not possible to grant legacy status to all students, as the new school must open with enrolment numbers that meet Ministry requirements. In previous boundary reviews, legacy provisions have been granted to students in Grades 7 and 8, and consideration has also been given to siblings of those students.

Committee Agreeance

The Committee was asked for its recommendation and expressed support for bringing forward a legacy provision for students in Grades 7 and 8.

With respect to boundary clean-up, it was noted that any additional legacy provisions would be considered pending the consultants' findings.

As part of the recommendation, the Committee agreed that the French Immersion program will remain status quo.

The Committee identified either Option 1 or Option 2 as a viable recommendation. The recommendation includes that, depending on individual situations, a few students might stay at their current school. These cases can be addressed through the Implementation Committee. In general, several Committee members indicated that they did not have a strong preference between Option 1 and Option 2.

4.4 **Next Steps**

Mr. Ammendolia noted that since there are a few reviews occurring simultaneously, there may be some cross over in the reviews. After tonight, things are not final. We will look at the recommendations in the Brant County ABR which will shed a better light on any impacts in this review.

There is a potential to have a City of Brantford ABR and Brant County ABR joint committee meeting to review the boundary changes and impacts on the areas. These include specifically:

- St. Gabriel and St. Theresa
- St. Basil and Blessed Sacrament

If anyone has questions regarding the Brantford ABR, they can continue to email brantfordreview@bhncdbs.ca If there are strong feelings – please submit questions/concerns. We need the details to make a good consideration.

Preparations and presentation of the final options for approval by the Trustees is still on the radar to take place in the Spring 2026

Future transition/implementation/communication will occur after the Trustees final approval.



4.5 **Questions**

Capital Build Question

A committee member inquired whether a new elementary school is planned for the area, noting that the area is currently designated as southwest for elementary education. It was explained that, through the municipal block planning process, future school sites may be identified if the block plan develops. While the timing of such development is uncertain, it was acknowledged that future growth in the area could result in additional schools being constructed.

4.6 **Appendix**

Community contribution data was presented for transparency.

4. **Future Meetings**

- T.B.D.

5. **Adjournment**

- The Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm
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