



Accommodations Committee
Wednesday, October 1, 2025 - 3:00 pm
Boardroom or Microsoft Teams

Trustees:

Mark Watson (Chair), Bill Chopp, Carol Luciani, Dan Dignard, Dennis Blake

Senior Administration:

Mike McDonald (Director of Education & Secretary), Rajini Nelson (Superintendent of Business & Treasurer)
John Della Fortuna, Kevin Greco, Michael Lawlor, Phil Wilson (Superintendents of Education),

Staff and Other Resources:

Lou Citino (Manager of Facility Services), Jack Ammendolia (Watson & Associates)
Katherine Reddicliffe (Recording Secretary)

1. Opening Business

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| 1.1 | Land Acknowledgement | Kevin Greco |
| 1.2 | Opening Prayer | Rajini Nelson |
| 1.3 | Attendance | |
| 1.4 | Approval of the Agenda | |
| 1.5 | Declaration of Interest | |
| 1.6 | Approval of the Minutes of April 29, 2025 | Pages 2-5 |
| 1.7 | Business Arising from the Minutes | |

2. Staff Reports & Information Items

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| 2.1 | Accommodation Planning Update | Pages 6-29 |
| | Presenters: Michael McDonald, Director of Education & Secretary and
Jack Ammendolia, Managing Partner, Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. | |

3. Move to In-Camera Session – N/A

4. Report on In-Camera Session – N/A

5. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Monday, December 8, 2025 at 3:00 pm



**Accommodations Committee
Tuesday, April 29, 2025 – 3:00 p.m.
Microsoft Teams Meeting**

Trustees: Carol Luciani (Chair), Bill Chopp, Dan Dignard, Dennis Blake, Mark Watson

Senior Administration:

John Della Fortuna (Superintendent of Education)
Kevin Greco (Superintendent of Education)
Michael Lawlor (Superintendent of Education)
Mike McDonald (Director of Education & Secretary)
Phil Wilson (Superintendent of Education)
Rajini Nelson (Superintendent of Business & Treasurer)

Staff and Other Resources:

Lou Citino (Manager of Facility Services)
Jack Ammendolia (Watson & Associates Economists Ltd.)
Katherine Reddicliffe (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: Bill Chopp (Trustee)
Rajini Nelson (Superintendent of Business & Treasurer)

The role of chair was deferred to Carol Luciani.

1. Opening Business

1.1 Opening Prayer

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Chair Carol Luciani.

1.2 Attendance

Attendance was noted as above.

1.3 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Dan Dignard
Seconded by: Dennis Blake
THAT the Accommodations Committee approves the Agenda of April 29, 2025.
Carried

1.4 Declaration of Interest: Nil.

1.5 Approval of the Minutes:

Moved by: Dennis Blake
Seconded by: Mark Watson
THAT the Accommodations Committee approves the Minutes of October 7, 2024.
Carried

1.6 Business Arising from the Minutes: Nil.



2. Staff Reports & Information Items:

2.1 Accommodations Planning Update

Mike McDonald, Director of Education & Secretary introduced Jack Ammendolia, Managing Partner, Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. who provided a recap and information on the enrolment projections, awarded capital builds, residential developments, economic conditions, and the progression of the school attendance boundary reviews for the Committee.

Highlights from Mr. Ammendolia's presentation include:

- Completed Attendance Boundary Reviews
- New School Funding
- Enrolment Projections
- Residential Development in our City and County's
- Population Trends and Planning for Changing Conditions
- Norfolk Attendance Boundary Review
- Upcoming Attendance Boundary Review Start Up's

A recap of the residential development and the different ways that areas produce student's ratios, specifically focusing on the provincial perspectives and government initiatives. The relationship between Watson's and our municipalities is strengthening and assist with accommodation planning. Initiatives are in place to continue to strengthen these relationships.

The focal point in the presentation is the Norfolk County Attendance Boundary Review Committee and the Preliminary Idea for Consideration which will be brought forward to the Board of Trustees in the upcoming Board meetings.

Highlights of discussion items include:

- Legacy provisions for potential current grade 5 & 6 students
- Targeted implementation date
- Capital build initiatives
- Agenda circulation timeframes

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Accommodations Committee recommends that the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the Accommodation Planning Update for information.

Carried

3. Business of the In-Camera Session: N/A

4. Report on the In-Camera Session: N/A

5. Future Meetings

Chair Luciani noted that the next Accommodations Committee Meeting will be scheduled for the autumn of 2025.



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Minutes

Catholic Education Centre
322 Fairview Drive
Brantford, ON N3T 5M8

6. Adjournment

Moved by: Mark Watson

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Accommodations Committee adjourns the meeting of April 29, 2025.

Carried

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 – 3:00 p.m.



BHNCDSB Accommodation Planning

Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board

Accommodations Committee

October 1, 2025

Previously Completed

A Look Across BHNCD SB

Previously Completed



Attendance Boundary Reviews

- Southwest Brantford Attendance Boundary Review (Spring 2023)
- Brant County Attendance Boundary Review (Fall 2023)
- Haldimand County Attendance Boundary Review (Winter-Spring 2024)
- Norfolk County Attendance Boundary Review (Winter-Spring 2025)

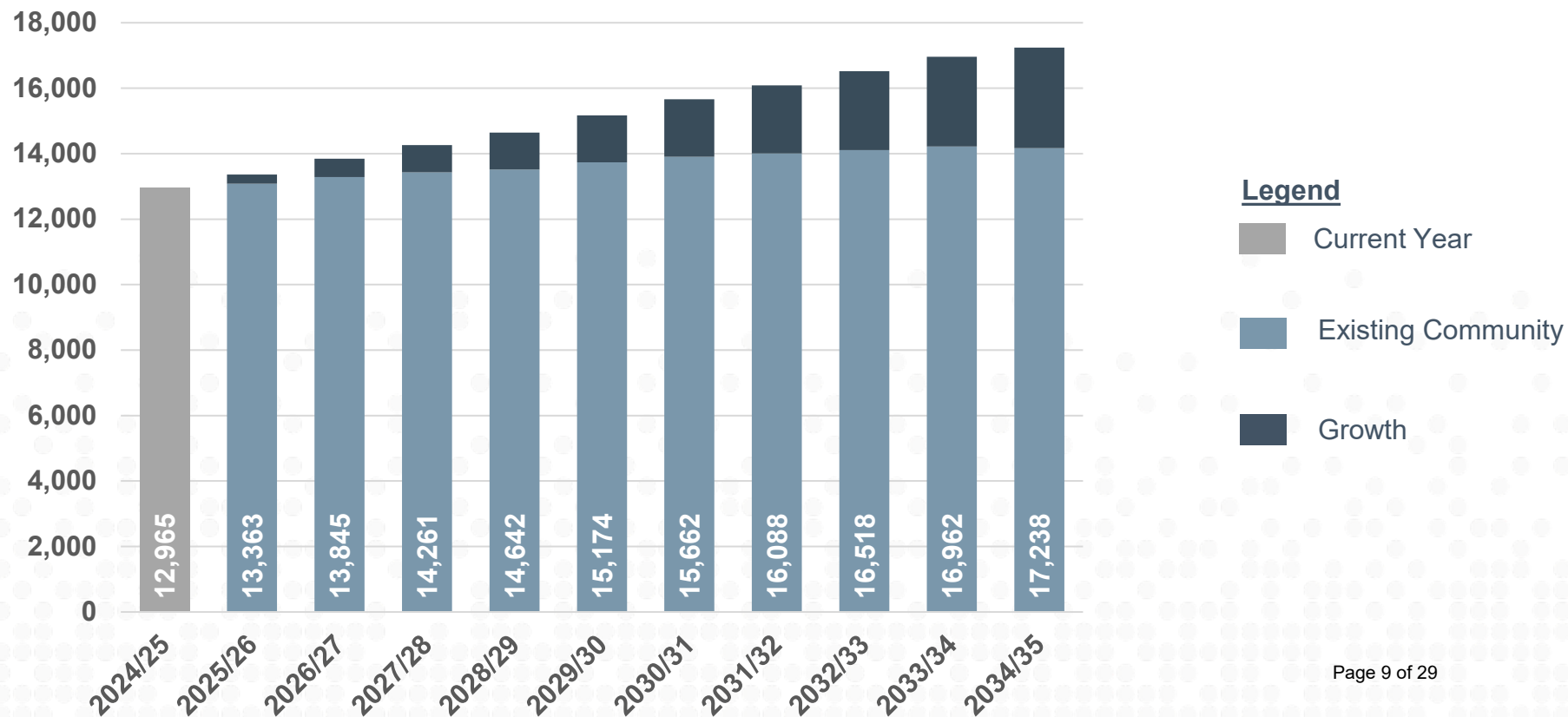
New School Funding

- New Pope Francis Catholic Elementary School in Caledonia (opening 2025)
- New Padre Pio Catholic Secondary School in Brantford (opening 2027/28)
- New Paris Elementary School (2024/25 Capital Priorities Submission)
- New Southwest Brantford Elementary School (2024/25 Capital Priorities Submission)

Enrolment Projections

Enrolment Snapshot – BHNCD SB

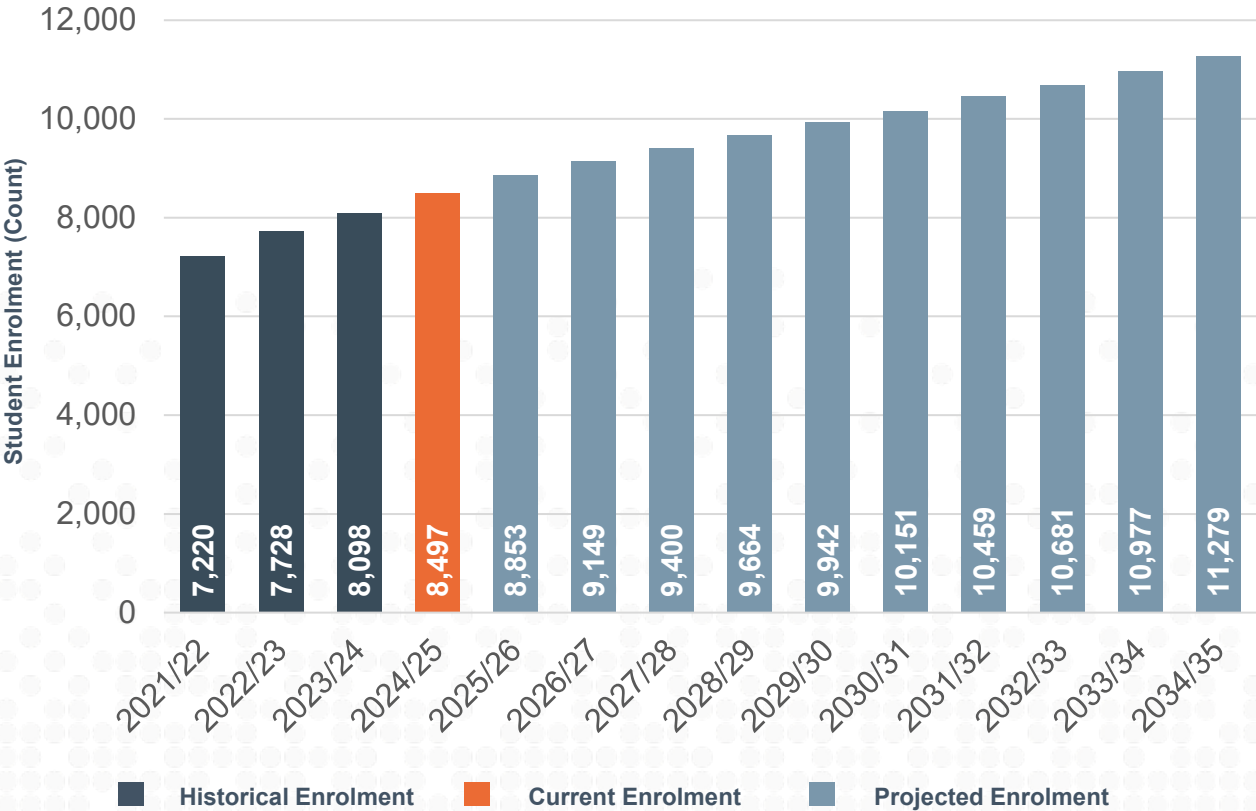
Updated 10-Year Enrolment Projection by Component



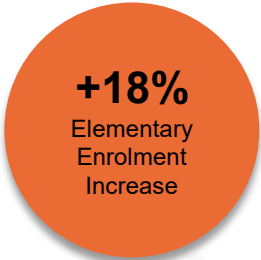
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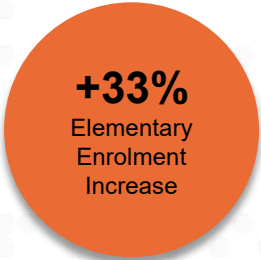
Total Elementary Student Enrolment – Historical and Updated Projected



2021/22 - 2024/25

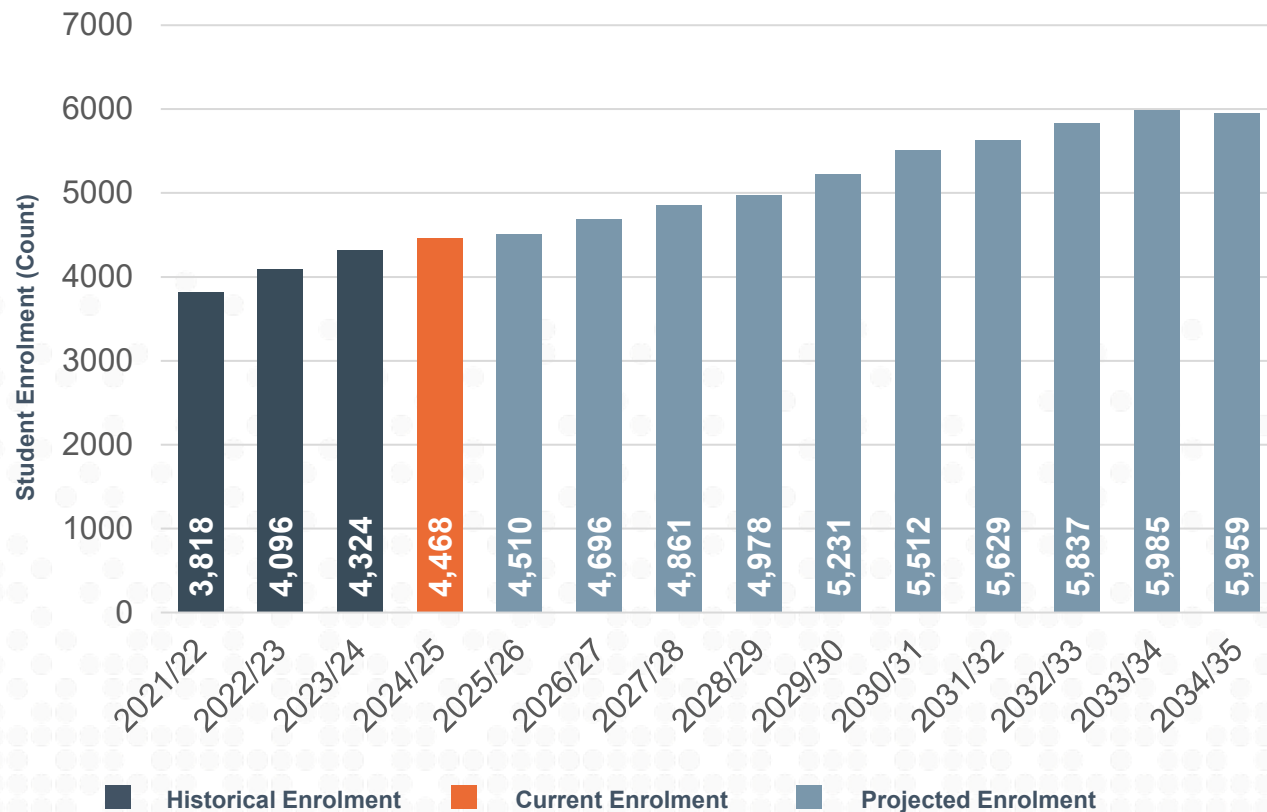


2024/25 - 2034/35



Enrolment Snapshot – BHNCD SB

Total Secondary Student Enrolment – Historical and Updated Projected



2021/22 - 2024/25

+17%

Secondary
Enrolment
Increase

2024/25 - 2034/35

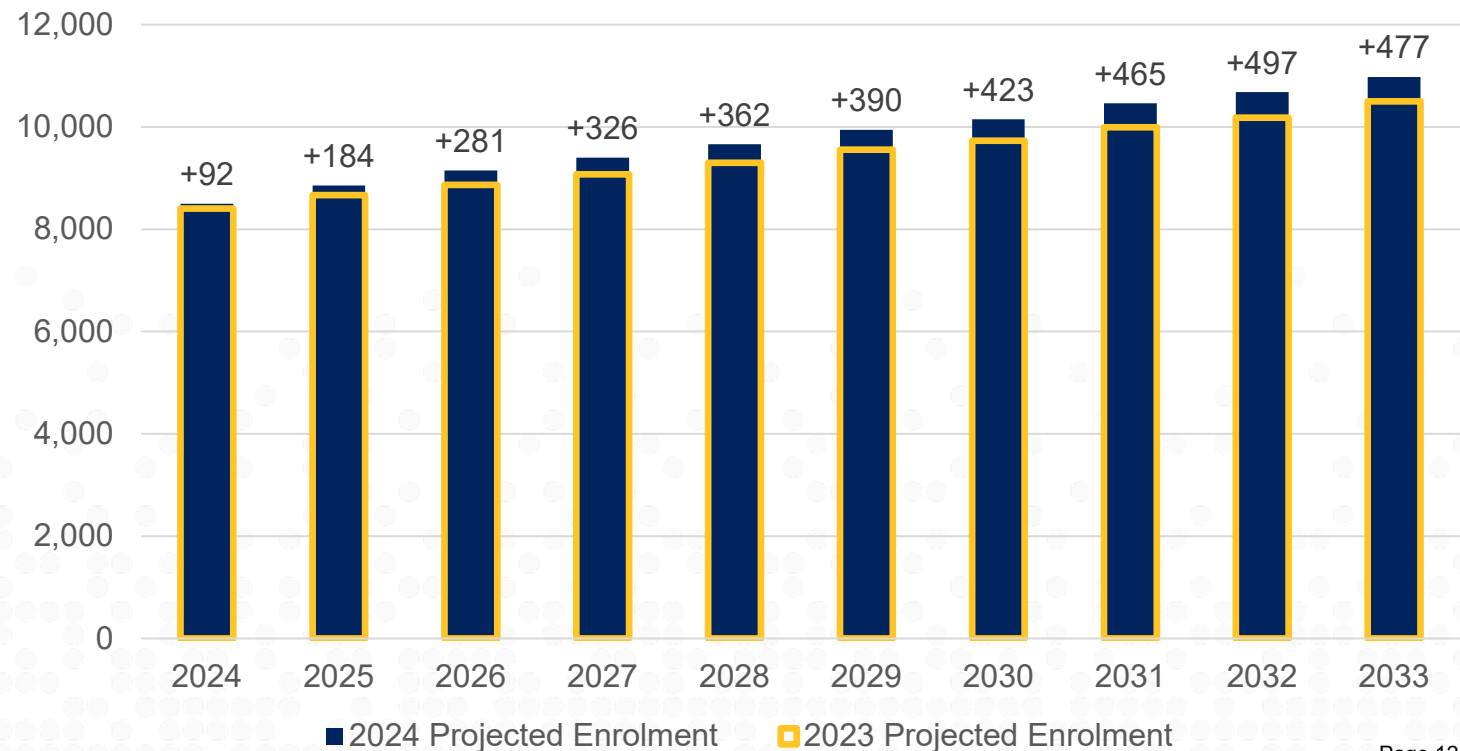
+33%

Secondary
Enrolment
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Enrolment Snapshot – BHNCDSB



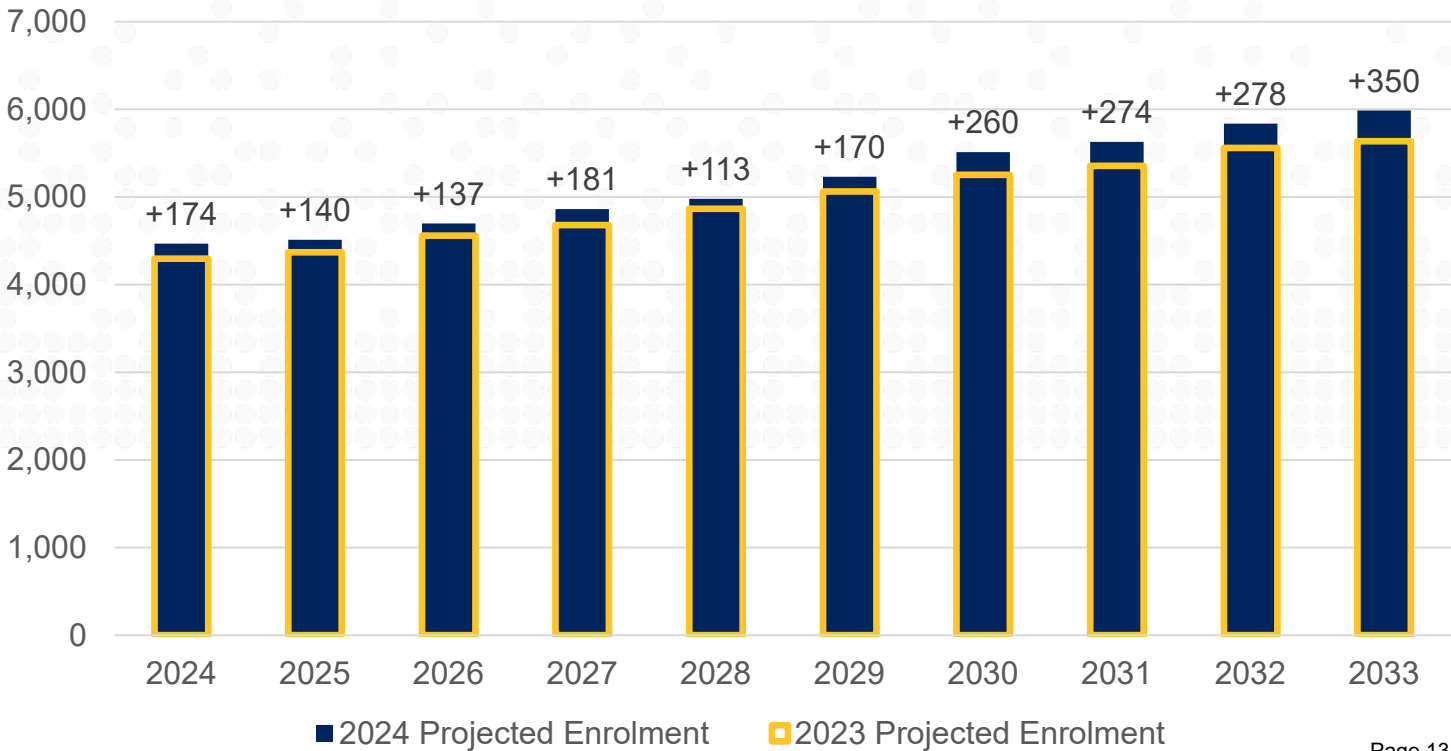
Enrolment Projection Comparison, 2023 and 2024 (Elementary Panel)



Enrolment Snapshot – BHNCDSB



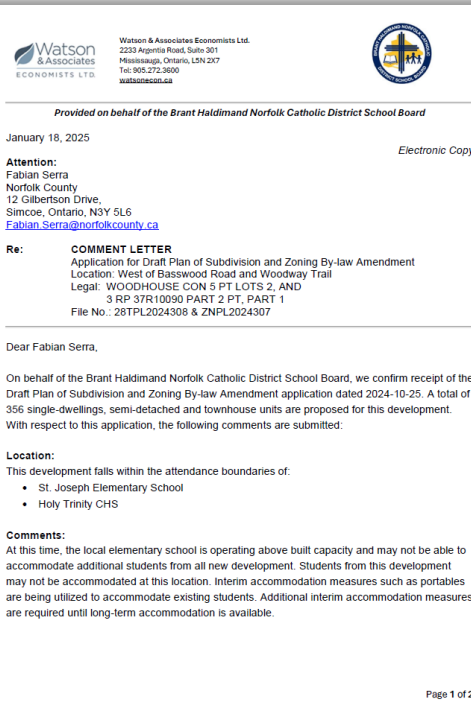
Enrolment Projection Comparison, 2023 and 2024 (Secondary Panel)



Development Tracking and Municipal Partners

Development Tracking

Circulation and Commenting Procedures



Circulation Inbox (planning@bhncdsb.ca): Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. manages this inbox as the primary point of contact for all municipal circulations on behalf of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board (BHNCDSB). **This inbox is actively monitored and used to issue formal correspondence on the Board's behalf.** This includes responding to planning applications, commenting on development proposals and community plans, and issuing clearance letters.

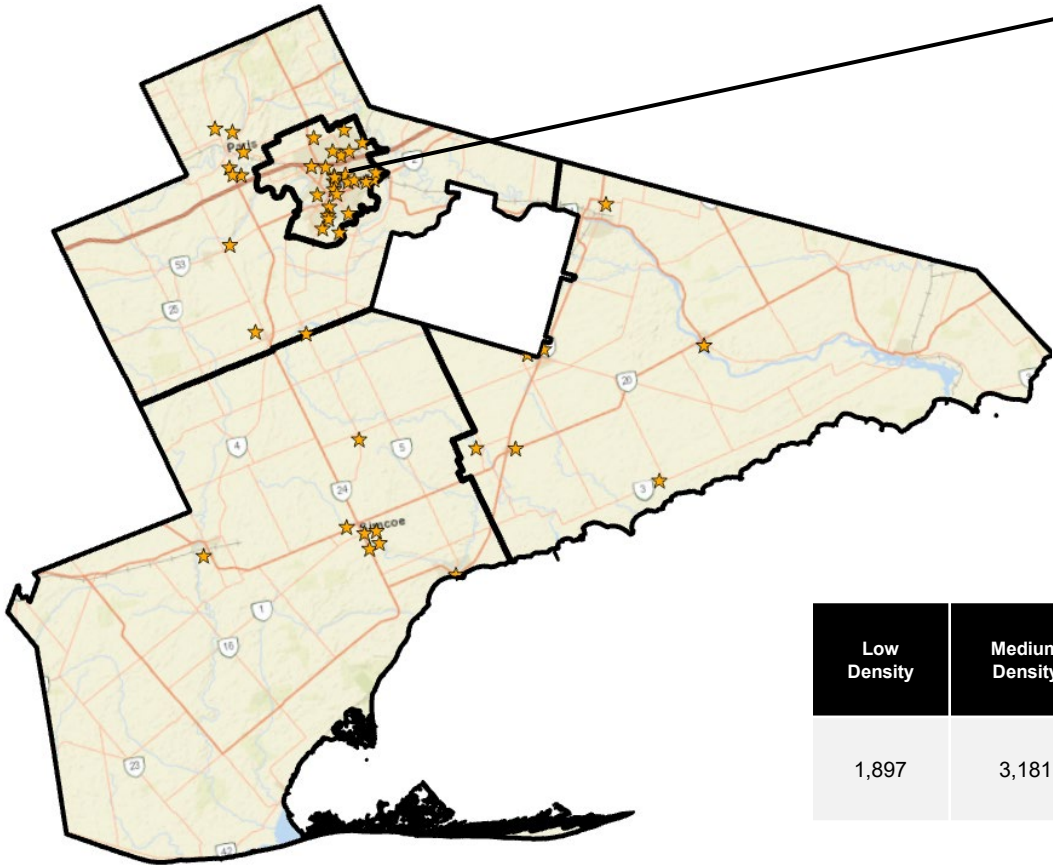
Watson maintains a **comprehensive database** of municipal circulations, community plans and development proposals, which serves as a reference during accommodation planning exercises to support informed decision-making.

Circulations are **triaged based on comment response deadlines**, with Watson preparing **comments to submit on behalf of the board for proposals that may impact local BHNCDSB schools**. These impacts could be physical, due to the proximity of nearby construction, or related to accommodation needs in areas where the board has identified future school site requirements to support population growth from residential development.

Comments typically include an **analysis from an accommodation perspective** and may outline **approval conditions** along with **requests for meetings** to address specific school accommodation needs at the project level.

Development Tracking

Development Tracked (November 2024 to Present)



Low Density	Medium Density	High Density	Total Units	Elementary Pupil Yield	Secondary Pupil Yield
1,897	3,181	2,452	7,530	718	198

Municipal Partner Meeting

Topics of Discussion



- Student Accommodation Planning
- Enrolment Projections
- Dynamic Legislation and Conditions
- Official/Secondary Plans
- Agency Comments
- Partnership Opportunities

Information Sharing



Development Tracking



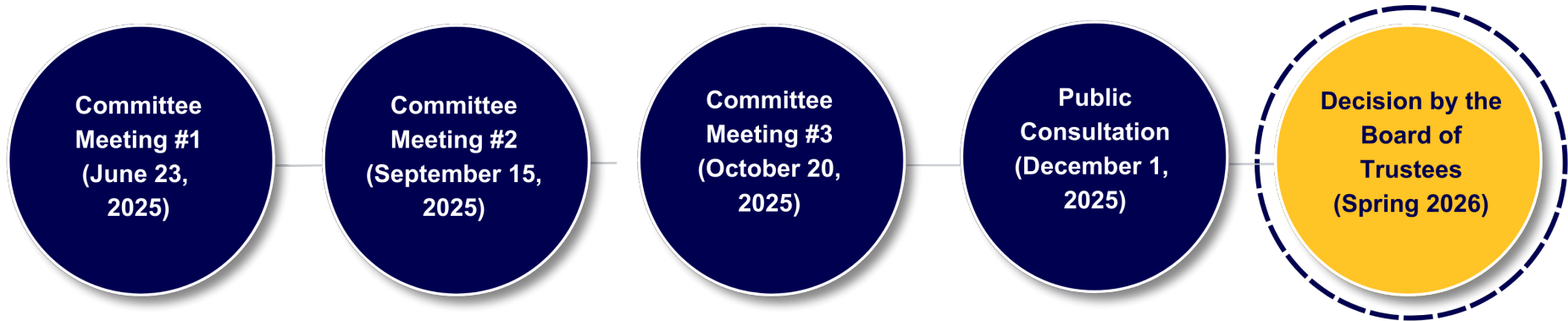
Improved Communication



Attendance Boundary Reviews

City of Brantford Elementary Attendance Boundary Review

Status Update



City of Brantford Elementary Attendance Boundary Review

Ideas Presented

1. Boundary Adjustment

- ***Consultant believes there is potential to adjust the following areas (please refer to PDF of study areas by school attendance boundary):***

Focus Schools	Identified Challenge	Relief School(s)	Study Area(s) to Move
St. Leo	Overcapacity without use of 6 portables on site	Our Lady of Providence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area 7 • Area 8
		St. Patrick	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area 9 • Area 10
		Resurrection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area 11 • Area 13
St. Peter	Overcapacity without use of 2 portables on site	Notre Dame	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area 35
		Madonna Della Libera	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area 38
Christ the King	Overcapacity without use of 3 portables on site	St. Pius	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area 47 • Area 48 • Area 49
Holy Cross	Overcapacity without use of 3 portables on site	Madonna Della Libera	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area 46
		St. Pius	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area 41 • Area 42 • Area 43 • Area 44
St. Basil	Overcapacity with use of 8 portables on site	New SW Brantford School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area 54 • Area 55 • Area 56 • Area 59
		Madonna Della Libera	
St. Gabriel	Overcapacity without use of 6 portables on site	New SW Brantford School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area 60 • Area 61 • Area 62 • Area 64 • Area 65
		Madonna Della Libera	

City of Brantford Elementary Attendance Boundary Review

Ideas For Consideration



2. Program Relocation

- ***Consider relocating the French Immersion program entirely to one school and establishing a single-track French Immersion school.***

Board-Wide Secondary Attendance Boundary Review

Status Update



Board-Wide Secondary Attendance Boundary Review



Ideas to be Presented

1. Boundary Adjustment

- ***Consultant believes there is potential to adjust the following areas (please refer to PDF of study areas by school attendance boundary):***

Focus Schools	Identified Challenge	Relief School(s)	Study Area(s) to Move
Assumption College School	Overcapacity with use of 21 portables on site	New St. Padre Pio CSS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area 3 • Area 5 • Area 7 • Area 10 • Area 20 • Area 22
		St. John's CS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area 3 • Area 5 • Area 7 • Area 10 • Area 20 • Area 22
		Holy Trinity CHS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area 7 • Area 10 • Area 20
St. John's College School	At capacity without use of 9 portables on site	New St. Padre Pio CSS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area 4 • Area 6 • Area 11 • Area 13 • Area 21 • Area 28
		Assumption CS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area 2 • Area 4 • Area 13

Brant County/Paris Elementary Attendance Boundary Review

Status Update



What is to Come

A Look Across BHNCD SB

What is to Come – Reviews



**Haldimand
EDC Eligibility
Review
2025-2026**

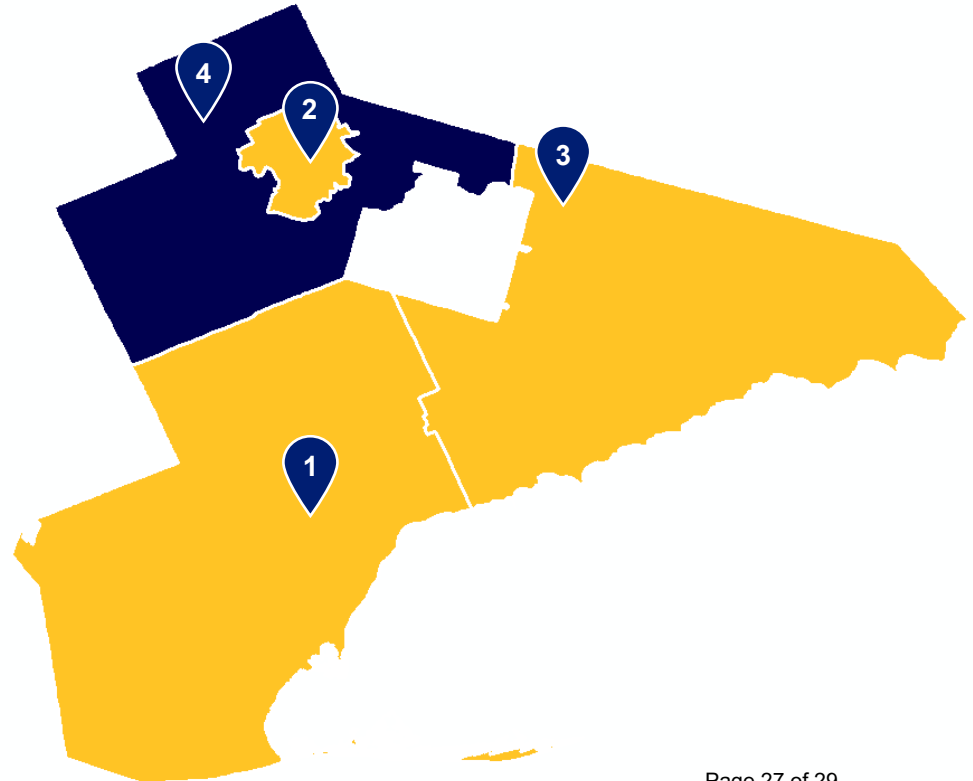
A Look Across BHNCD SB

What is to Come – Potential Future Capital Priority Submissions



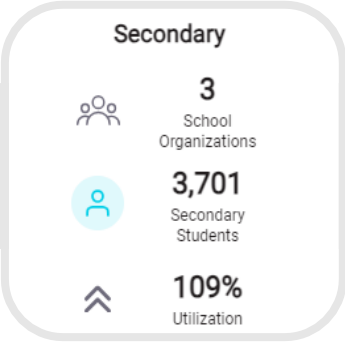
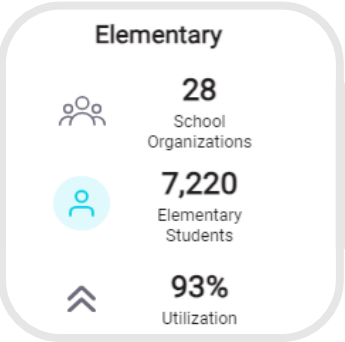
Potential Future Capital Priority Submissions

- 1 Simcoe
- 2 City of Brantford
- 3 Caledonia
- 4 Paris



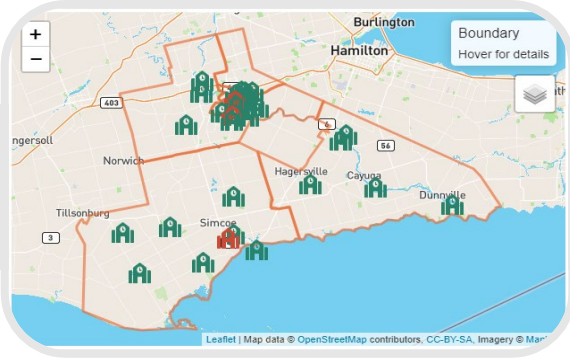
A Look Across BHNCDSD

What is to Come – Data Dashboard

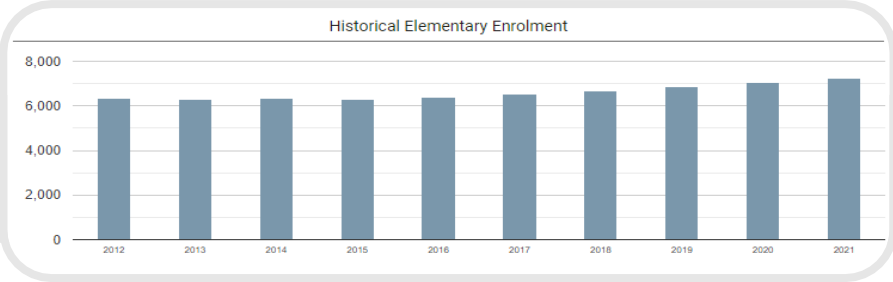
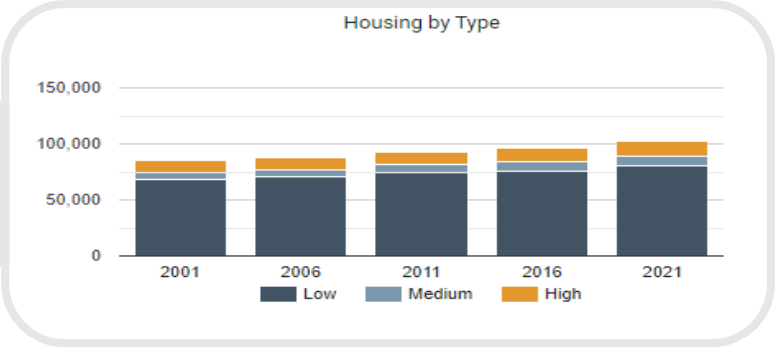


Student and Facility Data

Interactive Map



Demographic Information



Historical and Projected Enrolment



QUESTIONS