



BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK Catholic District School Board

Agenda

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

Board Meeting Tuesday, May 26, 2026 ♦ 6:30 p.m. Boardroom

Trustees:

Carol Luciani (Chair), Bill Chopp (Vice-Chair), Dennis Blake, Dan Dignard, Toni Poirier, Rick Petrella (on leave), Mulan How (Student Trustee) Riley O'Brien (Student Trustee)

Senior Administration:

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

1. Opening Business

1.1 Opening Prayer

Almighty God, bless us as we gather today for this meeting. Guide our minds and hearts so that we will work for the good of our community and be a help to all people. Teach us to be generous in our outlook, courageous in the face of difficulty, and wise in our decisions. We give you praise and glory, Lord our God, forever and ever. Amen

1.2 Attendance

1.3 Approval of the Agenda

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1.4 Declaration of Interest

1.5 Approval of Board Meeting Minutes – April 28, 2026.

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1.6 Business Arising from the Minutes

2. Presentations

2.1 Liya Edwards, National Award Recipient at Theatrical Arts Education Association's STAR Fest

2.2 Madison Davey, Loran Scholarship Recipient

3. Delegations

4. Consent Agenda

4.1 Unapproved Minutes from the Committee of the Whole Meeting – April 28, 2026

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5. Committee and Staff Reports

5.1 Unapproved Recommendations of the Committee of the Whole Meeting - May 26, 2026

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Presenter: Bill Chopp, Vice-Chair of the Board

- Brantford Secondary School Attendance Boundary Review (pages 12-23)

5.2 Student Trustee Update

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Presenter: Mulan How, Riley O'Brien, Student Trustees



6. Information and Correspondence

7. Notices of Motion

8. Notices of Motion Being Considered for Adoption

8.1 Chair Luciani put forward the following notice of motion,

THAT In order to facilitate the new structure for the BHNCD SB to recognize staff with 25 years of service, the June 2026 Committee of the Whole starting time will change from 4:30pm to 5:30pm and the Board meeting time will change from 6:30pm to 7:30pm.

9. Business In-Camera

207 (2) Closing of certain committee meetings. A meeting of a committee of a board, including a committee of the whole board, may be closed to the public when the subject-matter under consideration involves:

- a. The security of the property of the board;
- b. The disclosure of intimate, personal or financial information in respect of a member of the board or committee, an employee or prospective employee of the board or a pupil or her or her parent or guardian;
- c. The acquisition or disposal of a school site;
- d. Decisions in respect of negotiations with employees of the board; or
- e. Litigation affecting the board.

10. Report on the In-Camera Session

11. Future Meetings and Events

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12. Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your gifts to us: for making us, for saving us in Christ, for calling us to be your people. As we come to the end of this meeting, we give you thanks for all the good things you have done in us. We thank you for all who have shared in the work of this Board and ask you to bless us all in your love. We offer this prayer, Father, through Christ our Lord. Amen

13. Adjournment

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 23, 2026, 6:30 p.m. – Boardroom



**BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK
Catholic District School Board**

Minutes

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**Board Meeting
April 28, 2026 ♦ 6:30 p.m.
Boardroom**

Trustees:

Carol Luciani (Chair), Bill Chopp (Vice-Chair), Dennis Blake, Dan Dignard, Toni Poirier
Mulan How (Student Trustee), Riley O'Brien (Student Trustee)

Regrets: Rick Petrella (Trustee)

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)

1. Opening Business

1.1 Opening Prayer

The meeting was opened with prayer by Chair Luciani.

1.2 Attendance

Attendance was as noted above.

1.3 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Toni Poirier

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the agenda of the April 28, 2026, Board meeting.

Carried

1.4 Declaration of Interest

1.5 Approval of Board Meeting Minutes – March 24, 2026

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Bill Chopp

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the minutes of the March 24, 2026, Meeting of the Board.

Carried

1.6 Business Arising from the Minutes - Nil

2. Presentations

3. Delegations -Nil

4. Consent Agenda

4.1 Unapproved Minutes from the Committee of the Whole Meeting – March 24, 2026

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Bill Chopp

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of March 24, 2026.

Carried



5. Committee and Staff Reports

5.1 Unapproved Minutes and Recommendations from the Committee of the Whole Meeting - April 28, 2026

Vice-Chair of the Board, Trustee Chopp presented a summary of April 28, 2026, Committee of the Whole meeting along with the recommendations which include:

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the Information and Communications Technology Use Policy #600.02

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the Electronic Monitoring Policy #400.18.

Moved by: Bill Chopp

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of April 28, 2026.

Carried

5.2 Student Trustee Report

Student Trustees Mulan How and Riley O'Brien and Ryan Toft presented the student trustee report for the month of April. Highlights from the BHNCD SB secondary schools were noted.

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Toni Poirier

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the Student Trustee Report.

Carried

5.3 Issuance of Tender #T-2026

Superintendent Nelson presented the Issuance of Tender Report for tender #T-2126. The Board requires the construction of new sewers and road improvements on Powerline Road from Old Farm Road to Park Road North to support the ongoing construction of St. Padre Pio Catholic Secondary School, located in the north end of Brantford, Ontario. The tender invites prequalified general contractors to bid for the supply of all labour, tools, materials, and equipment necessary for upgrades at the site noted above. The proposed updated schedule for the projects was noted. Discussion regarding the scope of the work was had.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Toni Poirier

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approve the issuance of Tender #T-2026.

Carried



5.4 Issuance of Tender #T-2126

Superintendent Nelson presented the Issuance of Tender Report for tender #T-2126. The Tender invites Bidders to provide contractor services for the supply of all labour, tools, materials, and equipment necessary for pavement reconstruction at St. Patrick School, Brantford, Ontario. The proposed schedule for the projects was noted. The scope of the work being completed was discussed.

Moved by: Bill Chopp

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approve the issuance of Tender #T-2126.

Carried

6. Information and Correspondence- Nil

7. Notices of Motion - Nil

8. Notices of Motion being Considered for Adoption

Trustee Blake submitted the following Notice of Motion:

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board hereby rescinds all previous motions regarding boundary review changes for Norfolk County Catholic elementary schools that were scheduled to take effect in the 2026–27 school year.

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Bill Chopp

The motion was on the floor for debate.

The Trustees did not have any comments, further discussion, or initial debate regarding the Notice of Motion. Director McDonald was looked upon for further comment. He noted that the senior team and staff followed the administrative procedure for the Norfolk County Attendance Boundary Review which was a very democratic process beginning in October 2024. Committee meetings were held as well as a public consultation meeting where all members of the impacted school communities were invited to attend followed by the final committee recommendation to the Board. It was noted that at this point in time, schools are staffed, transportation has been set and communication has been sent out by the transition committee to all parents regarding these changes for September and this will be a complicated process to undo.

Chair Luciani called the question and noted that she would be voting.

All Trustees voted in favour.

Carried.

10. Business In-Camera

Moved by: Toni Poirier

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board moves to an In-Camera session.

Carried

11. Report on the In-Camera Session

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the business of the In-Camera session.



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Carried

12. Future Meetings and Events

Chair Luciani drew attention to the upcoming meetings and events.

13. Closing Prayer

The closing prayer was led by Chair Luciani.

14. Adjournment

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Toni Poirier.

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourns April 28, 2026, Board meeting.

Carried

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 26, 2026, 6:30 p.m. – Boardroom



**Committee of the Whole
Tuesday, April 28, 2026 ♦ 4:30 pm
Boardroom**

Trustees:

Carol Luciani (Chair), Bill Chopp (Vice Chair), Dennis Blake, Dan Dignard, Toni Poirier
Rick Petrella (on-leave) Mulan How (Student Trustee), Riley O'Brien (Student Trustee)

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)

1. Opening Business

1.1 Land Acknowledgement

The meeting was opened with a land acknowledgement by Superintendent Greco.

1.2 Opening Prayer

The meeting was opened with prayer led by Chair Luciani.

1.3 Attendance

Attendance was as noted above.

1.4 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the agenda of the April 28, 2026, meeting.

Carried

1.5 Declaration of Interest – Nil

1.6 Approval of Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes – March 24, 2026

Moved by: Bill Chopp

Seconded by: Toni Poirier

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the minutes of the March 24, 2026, meeting.

Carried

1.7 Business from the Minutes - Nil

2. Presentations – Nil

3. Delegations- Nil

4. Consent Agenda

4.1 Unapproved Minutes from the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting – February 26, 2026

Moved by: Toni Poirier

Seconded by: Dan Dignard



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THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the unapproved minutes of the Accessibility Committee Meeting of February 26, 2026.

Carried

4.2 Unapproved Minutes from the Special Education Advisory Committee – March 24, 2026

Moved by: Toni Poirier

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the unapproved minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting of March 24, 2026.

Carried

4.3 Unapproved Minutes from the Accommodations Advisory Committee – April 1, 2026

Moved by: Toni Poirier

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the unapproved minutes of the Accommodations Committee Meeting of April 1, 2026.

Carried

5. Committee and Staff Reports

5.1 Unapproved Minutes and Recommendations from the Policy Committee Meeting – March 10, 2026

Trustee Dignard presented the unapproved minutes and recommendations from the Policy Committee meeting.

- THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the Information and Communications Technology Use Policy #600.02 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.
- THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the Electronic Security Policy #400.18 to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Toni Poirier

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the recommendations of the Policy Committee Meeting of April 21, 2026, to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for approval

Carried

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Toni Poirier

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the unapproved minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of April 21, 2026, to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Carried

5.2 Health and Safety Update

Superintendent Greco presented the Health and Safety Report. The Board works closely with the Joint Health and Safety Committee (JHSC) fostering employee health and safety in the workplace through cooperation and joint efforts in the design and implementation of educational programs for employees; investigation and resolution of safety problems; training and support of committee members; and development and promotion of enhanced awareness of occupational



health and safety matters. Semi-annual reports are presented to the Board providing a summary of the types of employee accidents and/or incidents for the preceding six months. The total number of days lost was discussed and it was noted that overall total days lost are down across the board.

Moved by: Bill Chopp

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the Health and Safety Report to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Carried

5.3 Community Use of Schools Rates and Fees

Superintendent Nelson presented the Community Use of Schools Rates and Fees report. In accordance with Policy OPS #400.05, the Community Use of Schools Rates and Fees have been updated. All rates and fees were reviewed, with revisions made to the custodial rate to reflect recent salary increases and related retroactive salary adjustments. There are no changes to permit classifications, user groups, or discount structures. The updated rates will become effective September 1, 2026.

Moved by: Bill Chopp

Seconded by: Toni Poirier

THAT the Committee of the Whole refers the updated Community Use of Schools Rates and Fees (Appendix A) to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Carried

5.4 Q2 Trustee and Senior Administration Expenses

Superintendent Nelson presented the Q2 Trustee and Senior Administration Expenses report. To ensure openness and accountability, trustee expenses are summarized and shared on the Board's website every quarter, with a full annual report at the end of the fiscal year. To meet transparency and governance requirements, quarterly summaries and an annual report of aggregate Senior Leadership Team expenses are posted on the Board's website.

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Toni Poirier

THAT the Committee of the Whole Committee of the Whole refers the Trustee expense and Senior team expense Report to the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board for receipt.

Carried

6. Information and Correspondence

6.1 New School Build Updates

Superintendent Nelson provided an update on the new school builds. Construction is progressing as scheduled at the Catholic Secondary School in Brantford. External site work tenders will be issued and will hopefully begin in June.

6.2 Attendance Boundary Review Updates

Director McDonald provided an update regarding the three ongoing attendance boundary reviews. The board wide Secondary school attendance boundary review committee recommendation will come to the Board for approval in May.



6.3 Catholic Education Week Update

Superintendent Lawlor provided an update regarding the activities happening during Catholic Education Week, which is held during the week of May 3-8, 2026, and the theme is Pilgrims of Hope on the Path to Holiness. Some of the events being held include the Catholic Student Leadership Symposium and awards ceremony on Monday May 4, 2026. A provincial wide mass will be held virtually on Wednesday May 6, 2026, and Bishop Dabrowski from the Diocese of Hamilton will be visiting Our Lady of Providence Catholic Elementary School on Thursday May 7, 2026.

7. Business In-Camera

Moved by: Dennis Blake

Seconded by: Dan Dignard

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board moves to an In-Camera session.

Carried

8. Report on the In-Camera Session

Moved by: Dan Dignard

Seconded by: Toni Poirier

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the business of the In-Camera session.

Carried

9. Future Meetings and Events

Chair Luciani drew attention to the upcoming meetings and events.

10. Closing Prayer

The closing prayer was led by Chair Luciani.

11. Adjournment

Moved by: Bill Chopp

Seconded by: Dennis Blake

THAT the Committee of the Whole of the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board adjourns the April 28, 2026, meeting.

Carried

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 26, 2026, 4:30 p.m. – Boardroom

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE BOARD FROM THE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**
May 26, 2026

AGENDA ITEM	MOTION
5.1	<p>THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approve the amended Board-Wide Secondary school attendance boundaries, as outlined in Figure 2 and Figure 3, effective September 2027.</p> <p>THAT legacy provisions be implemented to permit currently enrolled Grade 9 and 10 students (2025–26 school year) at affected schools to remain at their existing school through to Grade 12, including those that reside within the identified areas subject to transportation eligibility changes.</p>

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approves the recommendations of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 26, 2026.

REPORT TO THE BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Prepared by: Rajini Nelson, Superintendent of Business & Treasurer
Presented to: Committee of the Whole
Submitted on: May 26, 2026
Submitted by: Mike McDonald, Director of Education & Secretary

SECONDARY BOARD-WIDE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE BOUNDARY REVIEW

Public Session

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Over the past decade, the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board (BHNCDSB) has experienced significant population growth across both elementary and secondary panels, particularly within and surrounding the City of Brantford. As a result, secondary schools within the Board are experiencing increasing enrolment pressures and imbalances.

To address these accommodation challenges, the Ministry of Education approved funding for the construction of the new St. Padre Pio Catholic Secondary School located in northern Brantford on Powerline Road. The primary purpose of the Secondary Board-Wide Attendance Boundary Review was to establish attendance boundaries for the new secondary school and rebalance enrolment across the Board's secondary system to:

- enhance the efficient use of existing facilities;
- reduce reliance on portable classrooms; and
- support long-term sustainability across the Board.

As of October 31, 2025, Assumption College and St. John's College are operating above capacity, relying on 21 portables at Assumption College, and 9 portables at St. John's College for a combined total of 30 portable classrooms.

Board projections indicate these pressures are expected to intensify over the next few years. In contrast, Holy Trinity Catholic High School in Simcoe is currently operating below capacity approximately at 85%, although enrolment is projected to steadily increase over time and is expected to reach full utilization in a few years.

Current and projected enrolment pressures are outlined in the following 2 tables. On the ground capacity in Table 1 only includes the brick-and-mortar spaces without portables and the enrolment data is as of October 31st, 2025. Table 2 reflects the projected enrolment for the 2027-28 school year with a projected number of portables needs without the implementation and opening of the new secondary school.

Figure 1 shows the existing secondary school attendance boundaries. Collectively, these tables and figures highlight the need for the boundary review adjustments to better balance the enrolment across the board.

Table 1: 2025-26 Status Quo Enrolment/Utilization

2025-26 Status Quo Enrolment / Utilization				
Total	OTG (loaded at 23)	Enrolment (Oct 2025)	Utilization %	# of Portables (2025)
Assumption College	1,130	1,942	172%	21
St. John's College	1,403	1,544	110%	9
Holy Trinity CHS	1,193	1,016	85%	0
Total	3,726	4,502	121%	30

Note: Enrolment based on October 31, 2025, enrolment data. Number of portables as of September 2025.

Table 1 shows the current utilization of portables. If the number of portables was properly calculated based on the number of pupils over capacity divided by the loading capacity of 23, Assumption College would require 35 portables. Capacity concerns at Assumption College have instead been managed with a lower number of portables and a maximization of in-building traditional and non-traditional classroom spaces. This strategy is not sustainable as Assumption College continues to grow.

Table 2: 2027-2028 Year of Implementation Status Quo Enrolment/Utilization

2027-28 Status Quo Projected Enrolment / Utilization				
Total	OTG (loaded at 23)	Enrolment (2027)	Utilization %	# of Portables Needed (2027)
Assumption College	1,130	2,090	185%	42
St. John's College	1,403	1,613	115%	9
Holy Trinity CHS	1,193	1,100	92%	0
Total	3,726	4,803	129%	51

Note: The number of portables needed is calculated based on the number of pupils over capacity divided by the loading capacity of 23.

Table 2 shows the projected needs of portables in a perfect scenario if the new school was not in place.

DEVELOPMENTS:

School Attendance Boundary Review Process

In accordance with OPS 400.24. AP – Attendance Boundary Reviews, an Attendance Boundary Review Committee (ABRC) was established. The committee included administrative and parent representatives from affected schools.

The Committee mandate included:

- reviewing enrolment data and projections;
- evaluating boundary options;
- requesting modifications and additional options;
- determining preferred options for public consultation; and
- providing recommendations to Senior Administration and the Board.

The ABRC met on:

- June 16, 2025
- October 1, 2025
- November 3, 2025
- February 23, 2026

A public open-house consultation was also held on January 12, 2026, providing community members with the opportunity to review the information presented and share their input. A comprehensive record of the review process including meeting dates, agendas, presentations, and minutes is available on the [Boundary Review website](#).

Public Engagement Feedback

Public consultation feedback reflected strong support for:

- minimizing travel distances;
- maintaining local connections (keeping students in their local community);
- preserving established student pathways (avoiding students crossing a school closer and attending one that is farther away);
- keeping Paris students attending St. John's College; and
- implementing legacy provisions to support current students and families.

Concerns were raised regarding:

- reassignment of Caledonia students (all options would change existing school assignments and preference for Caledonia students to continue attending Assumption College School);
- sibling separation due to boundary changes;
- transportation eligibility impacts; and
- pathways for Six Nations of the Grand River and Mississauga's of the Credit First Nation students.

The recommendation:

- feasibility of continuing to accommodate students from Caledonia at Assumption College not to be carried forward due to ongoing enrolment pressures at this school;
- Paris schools remain within the St John's College attendance area;
- preserving existing elementary study areas;
- maintaining open-boundary status for Six Nations and Mississauga's students;
- student pathways for the Six Nations of the Grand River and the Mississauga's of the Credit First Nation remain unchanged;
- implementing legacy provisions for current Grade 9 and 10 students (will be in Grade 11 and 12 at the time implementation).

Attendance Boundary Review Committee Recommendation

At its February 23, 2026, meeting, the ABRC reached consensus recommending Option B on the following boundary adjustment for secondary feeder school alignment.

Below chart represents the Option B originally presented as Idea for Consideration 2:

School/Area	Recommended Boundary Adjustment (Feeder Schools)
Assumption College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blessed Sacrament CES (Area 1) • St. Basil CES (Area 26) • St. Gabriel CES (Area 15) • New SW Brantford CES
St. John’s College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christ the King CES (Area 2) • Holy Cross CES (Area 3) • Holy Family CES (Area 4) • Sacred Heart CES (Paris) (Area 13) • St. Pius CES (Area 23) • St. Theresa CES (Area 25) • New Paris CES
Holy Trinity (Status Quo – existing feeder schools remain unchanged)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Lady of Fatima CES (Area 8) • Sacred Heart CES (Langton) (Area 12) • St. Bernard of Clairvaux CES (Area 14) • St. Cecilia’s CES (Area 27) • St. Frances Cabrini CES (Area 15) • St. Joseph CES (Area 17) • St. Mary CES (Area 18) • St. Michael’s (Dunnville) CES (Area 19) • St. Michael’s (Walsh) CES (Area 29) • St. Stephen’s CES (Area 24)
St. Padre Pio CSS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notre Dame (Brantford) CES (Area 6) • Notre Dame (Caledonia) CES (Area 7) • Our Lady of Providence CES (Area 9) • Pope Francis CES (Area 10) • St. Leo CES (Area 28) • St. Patrick CES (Brantford) (Area 21) • St. Patrick CES (Caledonia) (Area 20) • St. Peter CES (Area 22)
Six Nations of the Grand River and the Mississauga’s of the Credit First Nation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There would be no change under any of the options considered. These communities would continue to have open-boundary status, with students retaining the ability to attend the secondary school of their choice.

IMPACT OF RECOMMENDED OPTION

Utilizing student data from the 2025/26 academic year, the creation of the new boundary will result in the following adjustments as outlined in the tables and figures on the following pages. As noted below, the students currently attending out of boundary schools who are redirected to their designated home school as part of this analysis.

As shown in Table 4, if all students living within the proposed boundary changes move to the new attendance areas, and if current Grade 11 and 12 students remain at their existing secondary schools under the legacy provision, the new school St Padre Pio CSS is projected to open with approximately 663 students, representing 48% utilization of the facility. Based on projected data, it is anticipated that this will allow flexibility to accommodate enrolment growth associated with the Powerline Block Plans, as well as potential increases in student enrolment after the first year and overtime.

Table 3: 2025-26 Projected Enrolment / Utilization if the New Secondary School Existed Today including Grade 11&12 Legacy as the recommendation

2025-26 Enrolment / Utilization				
Total	OTG (loaded at 23)	Estimated Enrolment	Utilization %	# of Portables Needed
Assumption College	1,130	1,510	134%	17
St. John's College	1,403	1,199	85%	0
Holy Trinity CHS	1,193	962	81%	0
St. Padre Pio CSS	1,377	608	44%	0
Total	5,103	4,279	84%	17

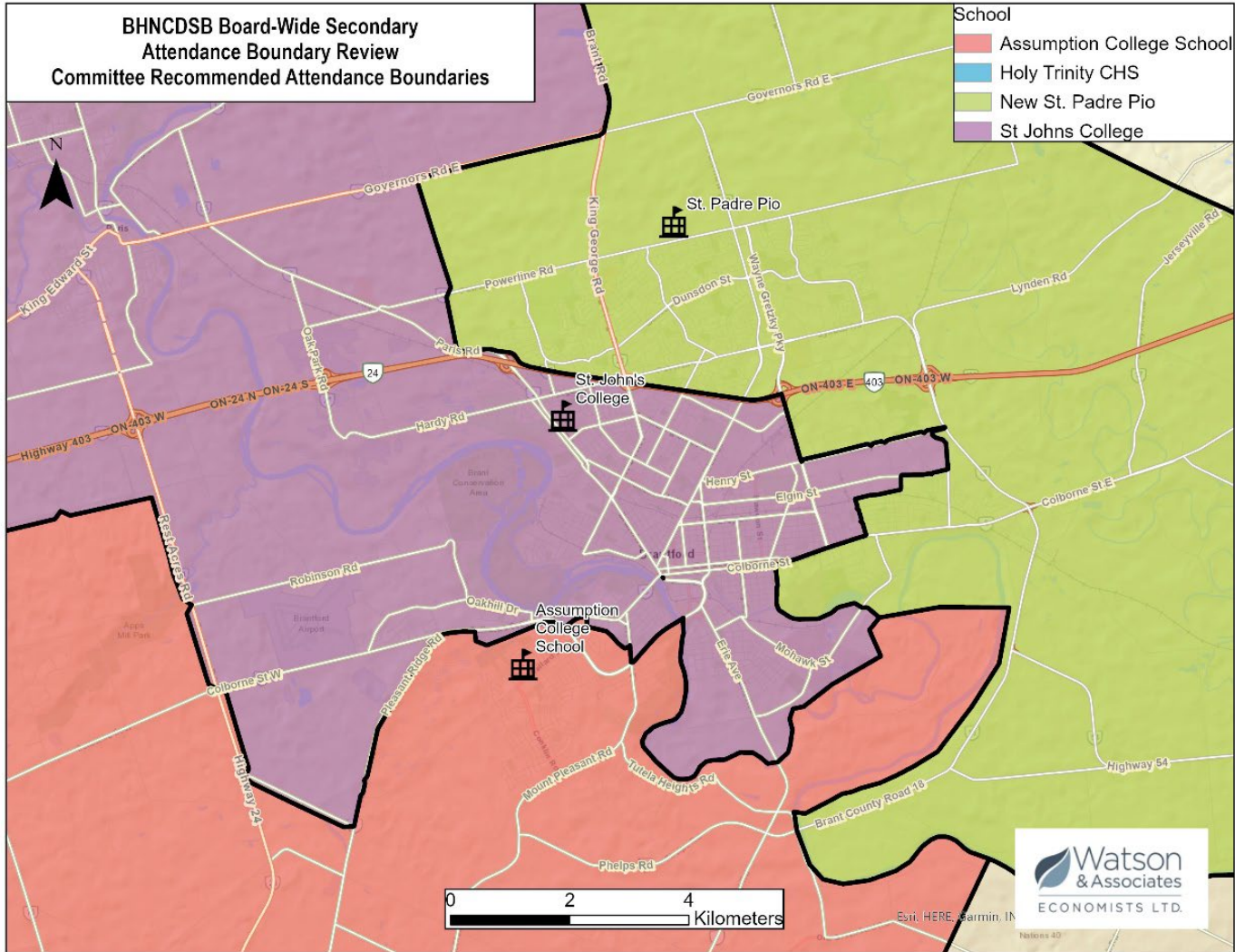
Source: Committee recommendation is derived using April 2026 student plots and will differ due to timing of headcounts.
Note: Includes students currently attending out-of-boundary schools who were redirected to their designated home schools as part of the Consultant's analysis. In this scenario, St. Padre Pio CSS is operating in its first year as a secondary school for Grade 9 and 10 students only.

Table 4: 2027-28 Projected Enrolment / Utilization including Grade 11&12 Legacy Provisions (Year of Implementation)

2027-28 Enrolment / Utilization				
Total	OTG (loaded at 23)	Projected Enrolment	Utilization %	# of Portables Needed
Assumption College	1,130	1,523	135%	17
St. John's College	1,403	1,518	108%	5
Holy Trinity CHS	1,193	1,100	92%	0
St. Padre Pio CSS	1,377	663	48%	0
Total	5,103	4,803	94%	22

Note: Analysis is based on April 2026 student plots. The number of portables is estimated based on the number of pupils over capacity divided by the loading capacity of 23. In this scenario, St. Padre Pio CSS is operating in its first year as a secondary school for Grade 9 and 10 students only.

Figure 3: Final Recommended Option Secondary Board-Wide Attendance Boundaries (City of Brantford)



LEGACY PROVISIONS

Senior Administration recommends the following legacy provisions:

- Current Grade 9 and 10 students (2025–26 school year) attending Assumption College School and St. John's College may remain at their current school through graduation.
- Transportation will continue to be provided for eligible legacy students.
- Legacy provisions will extend to siblings.
- Legacy provisions are intended to support stability and continuity for students and families during implementation without disruption.

TRANSPORTATION ELIGIBILITY CONSIDERATIONS

The team recommends maintaining established study areas to preserve clear elementary-to-secondary progression pathways.

Under the recommendation:

- some students may transition from walker eligibility to bussing eligibility;
- existing Grade 9 and 10 students are protected under legacy provisions;
- elementary feeder integrity would remain intact.

The proposed changes may impact transportation eligibility for 2 areas as shown in Figure 4 and Figure 5.

Per the committee recommendation and Option B, the students currently attending St John's College and have transportation eligibility as walkers for the following areas are being directed to the new Brantford secondary school (St Padre Pio).

- Area 9 (Our Lady of Providence)
- Area 21 (St. Patrick – Brantford)
- Area 28 (St. Leo)

Due to proximity the majority of students in these areas will still retain walking eligibility to the new school, although some fall outside the 3.2km walking web and become eligible for bussing.

Figure 4: Area 9 (Our Lady of Providence), Area 21 (St. Patrick – Brantford), and Area 28 (St. Leo) and Secondary Walking Webs

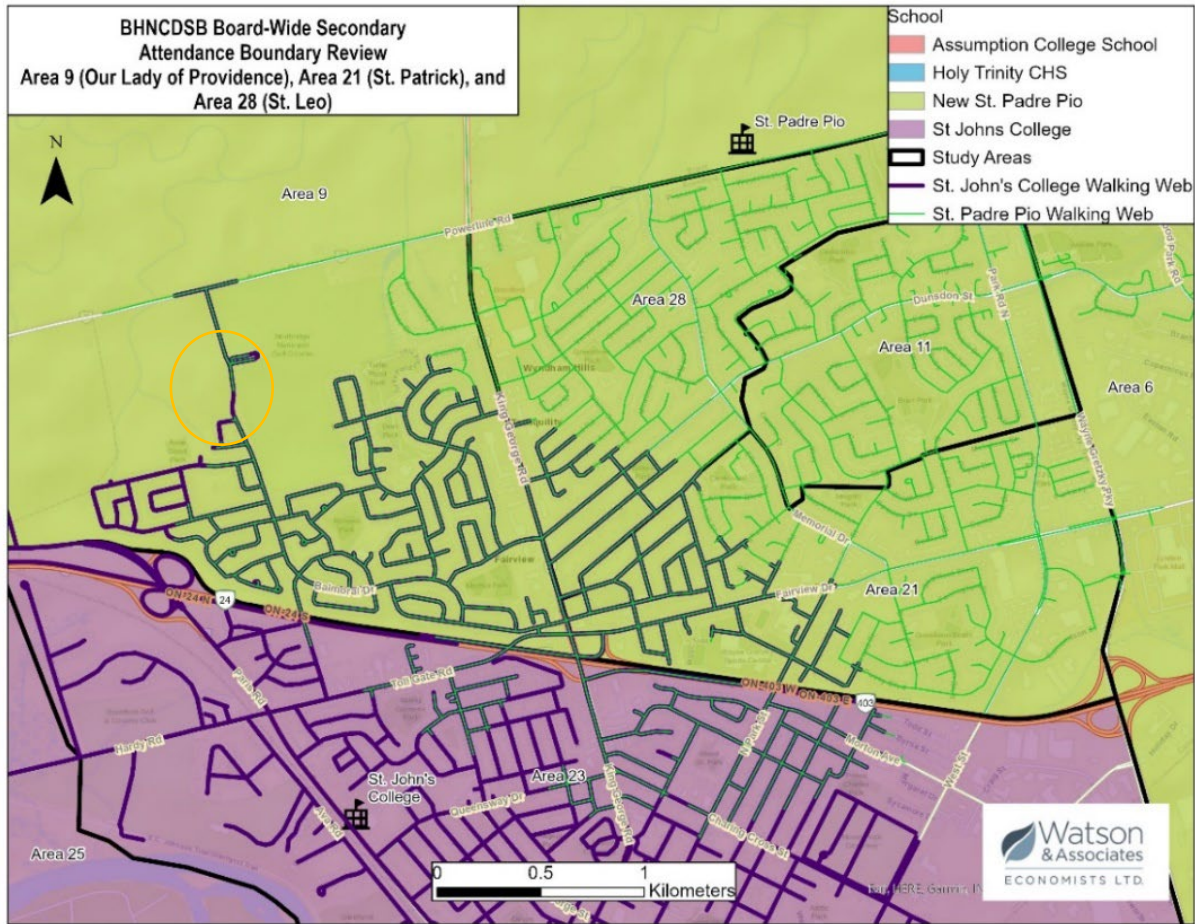
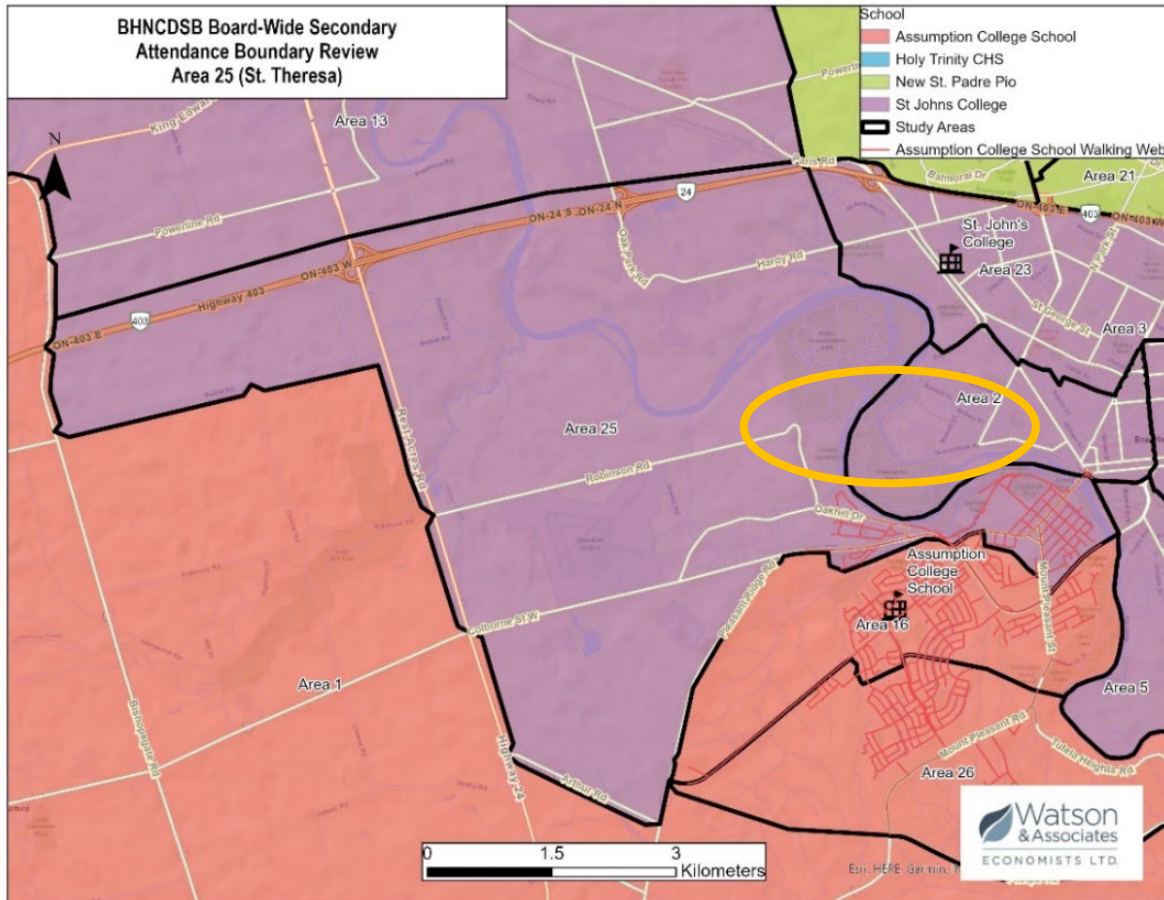


Figure 5 illustrates Area 25 (St. Theresa), the second area where the transportation eligibility will change redirecting from Assumption College to St. John’s College. Students in this area who reside within the City of Brantford are currently considered eligible walkers to Assumption College, but upon implementation may be eligible for bussing to St. John’s College.

Figure 5: Area 25 (St. Theresa) and Secondary Walking Webs



Additional information:

- For both areas, any existing Grade 9 and 10 students in the 2025-2026 school year are already considered part of legacy agreements outlined above.
- Any existing Grade 9 and 10 students who reside in these areas will not have their transportation eligibility changed.
- The study areas applied in this analysis align with existing elementary catchment boundaries. Any division of these study areas would therefore result in elementary schools feeding into multiple secondary schools.
- Maintaining the integrity of the established study areas to ensure that elementary schools and their surrounding communities continue to have clearly defined and consistent pathways to secondary education

NEXT STEPS

Pursuant to the steps outlined in OPS 400.24.AP - Attendance Boundary Review based on committee consultation, Senior Administration recommends establishing the amended school boundaries, as outlined in Figure 2 and Figure 3, as well as the recommended legacy provisions, effective September 2027.

Subject to Board approval:

- final attendance boundaries will be confirmed;
- Attendance Review Implementation Committee will be established, focussing on effective implementation of the approved school boundary review;
- changes will take effect September 2027.

Please note:

- current elementary attendance boundary reviews in Brantford and Paris/Brant County may result in future adjustments to secondary boundaries.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board approve the amended Board-Wide Secondary school attendance boundaries, as outlined in Figure 2 and Figure 3, **effective September 2027**.

THAT legacy provisions be implemented to permit currently enrolled Grade 9 and 10 students (2025–26 school year) at affected schools to remain at their existing school through to Grade 12, including those that reside within the identified areas subject to transportation eligibility changes.

REPORT TO THE BRANT HALDIMAND NORFOLK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Prepared by: Riley O'Brien, Mulan How, Student Trustees
Presented to: Board of Trustees
Submitted on: May 26, 2026
Submitted by: Mike McDonald, Director of Education & Secretary

STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT

Public Session

DEVELOPMENTS:

The Student Senate met on Tuesday, May 12, 2026 to share information about their school events and discuss the upcoming Student Council Retreat.

SCHOOL NEWS:

Assumption College School's (ACS) Student Council has used the month of May to promote school spirit as the year comes to a close. The Spring Dance, a 1990's/2000's theme, ran successfully after a three-year hiatus. Spring Spirit Week and Pep Rally also aims to energize school spirit. As well, Red Shirt Day, to commemorate missing and murdered Indigenous women, was held on May 5 and Faith Night was held on May 7. The Spring Concert was held on May 13 and the Charity Volleyball match was held one day later. Assumption's grade retreat was held on May 19 and the Prom was held on May 23 with "A Night in Hollywood" theme. ACS's Prefect Program will be commissioning its new recruits on June 8. The Vocal Ensemble and Band will be going to Canada's Wonderland on May 20 to compete in the Festival of Music. The newly established Politics Club is now hosted every Wednesday as an avenue for members to explore the pressing issues of the world. Furthermore, the Grade 12 Drama class is performing an adaptation of "Dead Poet's Society". ACS's 2026-27 Co-Prime Minsters will be Helena Santii and Jax Reid, as elected by their peers.

Assumption's Rugby and Soccer teams are performing well this season. The Boys' and Girls' teams had a buy-in on April 29 where students were able to watch the games. The ACS Boys' team was victorious over St. John's College. Track and Field has also competed and several athletes will be participating in CWOSSA.

Holy Trinity's (HT) Student Council recently hosted a Glow Dance at the school and the lead-up to the event included a sunglass decorating station and shaving a teacher's head to promote ticket sales. On April 24, Student Council held the school's first ever chocolate bar bingo. In preparation for the upcoming Prom, the planning committee has been working on the event's details and students and community members were encouraged to donate new and gently used dresses and suits. Coffee House, an event that showcases student talent, is scheduled for May 27.

HT's Drama Club has been meeting regularly and the Knitting Club recently visited the local hospital. The annual Tri High Music Festival was held at St. John's College. Additionally, many classes participated in Drop Everything and Read (D.E.A.R.), a campaign encouraging students to explore the love of reading. The Edge Art Exhibit was held recently and featured the work of several HT students. The HT Spring Concert happened on May 6 and the Spirit of the Titan

Awards recognized students that make the community a better place. Lastly, prospective graduates wrote down their post-secondary pathway to display outside of the Guidance Office.

Holy Trinity's Sr. Boys' Soccer team has gone undefeated to date. The Sr. Girls' Soccer team recently won against Cayuga Secondary and the Jr. Boys' Soccer team played in a tournament. The Rugby teams recently participated in the Centennial Cup. The Jr. Badminton team competed at CWOSSA winning fourth overall in Boys' Singles. Many HT athletes also competed at the Track and Field competition on May 5.

May was a very busy and exciting month at St. Mary Catholic Learning Centre. Students had many opportunities to learn, connect with others, and participate in activities focused on wellness, culture, and community. During Catholic Education and Mental Health Week, students took part in different events each day that promoted healthy lifestyles and positive mental health. Students learned about substance use and mental health supports through an art therapy activity led by community members from SOAR Community Services. St. Mary also welcomed Dallas Squire, from Onkwehonwe Games, and students learned Indigenous teachings connected to wellness and participated in activities such as lacrosse. Another highlight of the week was yoga sessions led by Victoria DeLauw, where students practiced mindfulness, relaxation, and stress relief. Students also participated in a healthy cooking activity with the Grand Erie Public Health Unit and learned how food can affect mental health. The week ended with a pizza party, games day, and a scrapbooking activity that helped students build friendships and school spirit.

The month of May was eventful for St. John's College (SJC) as the Student Council began recruiting new members for next year. The Tropical Spring Dance was cancelled due to low ticket sales, however, the Student Council busied themselves with preparations for the Amazing Race which took place May 13. Teams of two competed in ten different challenges and the first team to finish won tickets to Canada's Wonderland. From May 11-12 the Concert Band competed in a music festival in Niagara and successfully won gold in their music category. Furthermore, St. John's held its annual May Crowning Liturgy on May 14. The Student Council also introduced a new event, Senior Spirit Week, which will happen May 25-29. Each day of the week will be a special event for the graduating seniors to participate in such as Senior Sunset and Prom. Additionally, the theme for the year-end Coffee House on June 3 will be "Alice in Wonderland". The SJC STEM Club invited guest speaker and astrophysicist Dr. Damian Pope to talk about black holes. Lastly, the 100 Person Prayer Challenge is currently at person 95.

Several SJC teams participated in AABHN championship games in May. The Bantam Boys' Rugby team, Jr. Boys' Rugby team, Sr. Boys' Rugby team, and Girls' Varsity Soccer team all captured their respective AABHN championship titles. In addition, the Ultimate Frisbee Team finished off the season placing fifth out of twelve teams at the AABHN tournament. The Boys' Varsity Soccer team concluded the season after competing at AABHN against the Assumption Lions.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Brant Haldimand Norfolk Catholic District School Board receives the Student Trustee Report.

2025-2026
Trustee Meetings and Events

Date	Time	Meeting/Event
May 26, 2026	1:00 pm	Accessibility Steering Committee
May 26, 2026	4:30 pm	Committee of the Whole
May 26, 2026	6:30 pm	Board Meeting
June 2026		CCSTA AGM
June 9, 2026	1:30 pm	Faith Advisory Committee
June 9, 2026	2:00 pm	Student Transportation Services BHN
June 11, 2026	3:00 pm	Executive Council
June 15, 2026	5:00 pm	Audit Committee
June 16, 2026	1:00 pm	Special Education Advisory Committee
June 16, 2026	3:00 pm	Policy Committee
June 22, 2026	3:00 pm	Budget Committee
June 23, 2026	1:00 pm	Accessibility Steering Committee
June 23, 2026	4:30 pm	Committee of the Whole
June 23, 2026	6:30 pm	Board Meeting
June 25, 2026	4:45 pm	Assumption College Graduation
	6:30 pm	Holy Trinity Graduation
	7:00 pm	St. John's College Graduation

Meetings scheduled at the Call of the Committee Chair: Accommodations Committee, Audit Committee, Budget Committee, Faith Advisory Committee, Policy Committee