

No.	What is your question?	RESPONSE	Topic
1	Will the school offer AP Prep and AP for the major subjects?	The HDSB is committed to offering a range of courses and programs for the new Oakville secondary school. When the principal has been selected for the new schools (Spring 2026), the conversation on what programs will be delivered can begin and shared with the community.	AP Program
2	Is there a plan to ensure that parents more widely know what is happening with the FI boundary reviews? It has been hidden within the title of this "Oakville NE #1 HS Boundary Review" and I think a more detailed questionnaire regarding FI sent to these parents would be beneficial as a majority of parents with kids not in upper grades don't know this is happening.	Your concerns are noted. The review of the FI program at TA Blakelock is one of the objectives that has been part of the this boundary review since its initiation. On Feb 19, 2026 a survey was sent to the FI communities that will be impacted by the proposed option to remove the FI program from TA Blakelock. These include the FI school communities of Forest Trail PS, Heritage Glen PS, Pilgrim Wood PS, Pine Grove PS and TA Blakelock HS which contain over 840 HDSB FI students from Grades 2 to 12. Questions include what the impact of the proposed and alternative options will have on your family and whether or not you support any option. By the deadline date of Feb 27, 2026 to submit feedback, 85 responses were recorded.	Communication
3	I think a helpful question in the survey would have been if the FI program is removed from TAB to Garth Webb would your child register from FI.	Thank you for the suggestion - we have noted this for future reference.	Communication
4	Are educators being consulted in regards to the program delivery success?	HDSB Superintendents of Education and program leaders are constantly monitoring and reviewing program delivery and success.	Communication
5	What is planned capacity and expected enrolment of Oakville NE #1?	The building capacity of the school will be 1331 pupil places with 18 portables (maximum). This will add up to a total capacity of 1745.	Facility
6	What are the desired outcomes of offering secondary French Immersion programs at certain locations within Halton?	The desired outcomes are to offer an optimal program with a breadth of options for students to take, and ensure the proper distribution of resources between FI school to ensure that the level of the program offered is comparable between all locations.	French Immersion
7	Can you explain the rationale for redirecting French immersion elementary students at Pine Grove away from the closest secondary French immersion program, and how this aligns with continuity of learning? How does this change support a cohesive pathway from elementary through secondary school? If you're trying to keep a viable FI program why would you concentrate it at the least central and accessible school?	The proposed option would direct Pine Grove PS to Garth Webb SS for the FI program. The rationale is that the FI program at TAB is currently declining to a level that makes the program no longer optimal where the breadth of options of courses and distribution of resources is not ideal. Directing Pine Grove students to Garth Webb, while it is recognized it is a further distance, offers students to be part of a robust FI program that offers a greater selection of courses and resources due to the greater number of FI students that is projected to remain stable over the next 10+ years.	French Immersion
8	Given the importance of bilingualism to Canadian identity in a time of heightened tension with the United States, how does this proposal strengthen, rather than weaken access to French language education in a time when preserving our identity is paramount? Has the Board considered regional labour market data demonstrating that increasing demand for bilingual talent in both the public and private sectors? Hindering access to secondary school French immersion programs will only decrease the number of students graduating from secondary school with French as a second language.	The Board's priority remains to provide high quality French education in our schools, and that whatever the outcome, there is a school that will service the need. If we are to provide the highest quality, we also need to ensure we have the resources	French Immersion
9	How many responses do you need to reconsider having French immersion programs at T.A. Blakelock?	There are no policies or guidelines that set the number of responses. The value of feedback is that it provides a window into better understanding the potential impact of an option on individual students and families. In understanding the impact on families, the better the an option can be modified or exceptions can be granted.	French Immersion
10	What data supports the conclusion that this reconfiguration is the optimal solution compared to supporting efforts to enhance French immersion registration and efforts to keep students enrolled and successful in the program?	Combining the TAB FI enrolment with Garth Webb's will increase the number of students of the FI program at one location. The larger the enrolment of a program, the more staff and resources can be allocated for that program and the greater the chances of success for that program.	French Immersion
11	Has research been done on why the declining FI enrollment? If so, can it be shared? What research has been invested in to why FI enrollment has declined. Does it match province averages, is Covid a consideration, are the entry grade changes considered?	There has been no research done by the HDSB on the declining FI enrolment at TA Blakelock. Board staff does track the historical progression of students from Kinderrgarten to Grade 12 which is part of the development of long range projections for schools and programs.	French Immersion
12	If FI is removed from TAB even in future years, you are creating a split cohort out of pine grove students as well as asking many of them to bus further when they could have walked to TAB, why is it better to bus south students north instead of the other way around?	A split cohort has not been created for Pine Grove with the proposed option. All Pine Grove students will continue to go to the same FI secondary school, if they choose to remain in the FI program.	French Immersion
13	Has the impact of grade 2 full day entry been examined to see how that is now affecting the enrollment in high school as the current grade 9s are the first year that were impacted by that change, which in the south decreased enrollment at the elementary level.	The Gr2 entry point for FI began in the 2017/18 school year. This translates to the Grade 9 FI class for 2024/25. Future review of the Gr8 FI to Gr9 FI progression after a few more years of history would be of interest to Board staff.	French Immersion

14	Do your projections take into account all the children who will leave the program?	Board staff tracks students from Kindergarten to Grade 12, including students that choose to leave the FI program. At all HDSB FI schools, there are students at each grade that choose to leave the FI program - these historical losses are taken into account and help form of the long range projections of all schools.	French Immersion
15	If there is a drop in FI enrolment have you looked at ways of communicating its benefits better/differently as it may be unclear to parents/students how it can benefit them in the future in their careers? Thanks.	We would say that the most common reason of why families choose FI for their children is that they are aware of the benefits of French language proficiency. The loss of FI studnens from grade to grade to most likely due to other circumstances.	French Immersion
16	Are there targets for enrollment in FI in general? Are their target expenditures per student in general, or for students enrolled in FI specifically?	Typically we would target a population of 46+ per grade, to ensure there are a sufficient number of students to offer sections at a 23:1 loading. With more students, there are more offerering that could be available in French. A school with higher FI populations also benefit from a greater pooling of resources (staff and otherwise), given their size. When a program decreases in size, it becomes more difficult to provide the same offerings.	French Immersion
17	Are there requirements to offer a certain number of programs per capita within a given boundary, or to offer a suite of secondary programs within a certain distance from each residence?	No. French Immersion is after all an optional program that the Board offers. The priority is to ensure the delivery of the program is optimized, and resoureces are used effectively throughout the system, as they are limited. Some areas require greater distances between FI locations to ensure there is a sizeable student population to sustain the program. All areas will however provide an opporunity to attend the program, it just may not be in your immediate community.	French Immersion
18	Please share the cost-benefit analysis engaged in to arrive at the proposed action of phasing out the French Immersion program at T.A. Blakelock, including any measurable indicators for desired outcomes and their respective values for each option considered (phasing out FI at Blakelock and including the former T.A Blakelock catchment in the Garth Webb catchment, including area 14 in the Garth Webb catchment, or making no change).	The cost benefit is based on the delivery of resources. Given the small size of the Grade 9 cohorts in recent years, the sustainability of the program beoomes at risk, if there are not enough students to generate enough sections to genate course offerings to meet the program graduation requirements. In order to best use our resources, we therefore pool resources to ensure that program are efficiantly run.	French Immersion
19	Will the Oakville NE#1 also host a gifted cluster? What other programs will be offered (IB, specialised STEM etc). Has the specific programming been decided?	Once the a school principal is chosen for the new school, there will be more dicussion and ifnformation releaseed on the type of prgrams that will be offered	Programs
20	In an effort of retention, why would we remove FI from the only school that allows students to enroll in both FI & ISTEM or both FI & AP ?	Typically we would target a population of 46+ per grade, to ensure there are a sufficient number of students to offer sections at a 23:1 loading. With more students, there are more offerering that could be available in French. A school with higher FI populations also benefit from a greater pooling of resources (staff and otherwise), given their size. When a program decreases in size, it becomes more difficult to provide the same offerings.	Programs
21	Sorry for this being a very specific question. Our twin boys are in Grade 8 at Oodenawi this year. They are going to WOSS - IB Prep - English for Grade 9. We are in the English catchment for the new high school. Will our boys have to move to the new high school for grade 10? Or is it a choice? Is it a choice if they stay in IB prep? Thanks! New high school looks great! Warren	If you are in Grade 10 IB Prep as of Sept 2027, then they will remain at WOSS if you choose to remain in this program.	Programs
22	Will slides with data be available for TAB to show it's current capacity/attendance as well as future projections similar to the other high schools in the past two presentations? This might help to make a more informed decision on things at TAB.	We can provide TAB long range projection and update on the boundary review webpage.	Materials
23	I may have missed it, but I didn't see the numbers/chart if all the southern elementary schools feed into Garth Webb for FI, according to option 1. It looked like the focus was on northern schools. Will it be over capacity (or close) if all the southern schools feed into that school?	Option 1 and Option 3 as posted on the Boundary Review webpage make the assumption that TAB FI is phased out and add to Garth Webb FI. In Option 1 by 2030, we see that the Garth Webb FI program grows to 219 students with a total enrolment of 1441 students. In Option 3 by 2030, we see that the Garth Webb FI program grows to 189 students with a total enrolment of 1410 students.	School Feeders
24	Where is the boundary for school bus?	Discuss the Eligilibyt factors of 3.2 kilometers - Presentation provided additional information based ont he request. Pending the availability of infrastruture, eligilibility may change over time.	Transportation
25	As most of the areas around sixth line and carding mill trail, and across burnhamthorpe is still under construction (road and sidewalks), what is the plan to ensure the commute to the high school will be safe and walkable for students in surrounding areas? Does the opening of the school align with the roadmap for completion of all the road and residential construction?	Halton Student Transporation Services determines student transportation eligibility.	Transportation