

Notes

BRC Meeting #1

January 28, 2026

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- General Manager Frederick Thibeault welcomes everyone to the first BRC meeting.
- Superintendent Eleanor McIntosh honours the land and territory.
- The agenda for this meeting is presented.
- **Introductions**
 - The BRC members from each of the schools are introduced.
 - It is noted that we are still seeking representation from one of the schools. (Pineland PS)
 - The Boundary Review Steering Committee is introduced.
 - Trustees, Superintendents and HDSB Staff.
- **Board Report Resolution:**
 - ***“BE IT RESOLVED THAT, That the Board of Trustees direct staff to initiate and complete a boundary review for ERA 101 Aldershot, Parkway Belt, & Downtown Burlington (formerly ERA 100 and 101), ERA102: South QEW Between Guelph & Burloak (formerly ERA 101 and 102), ERA 103 Northwest Burlington to balance enrolments at affected schools within existing and future communities for both the English and French Immersion program.”***
- **Administrative Procedure Review**
 - The mandate of the Boundary Review will be to:
 - Address the over-utilization at Tom Thomson PS for better site utilization
 - To simplify Grade 6 to 7 and Grade 8 to 9 pathways, and reduce split cohorts.

- Ensure long-term balanced enrolments that minimize the need for temporary accommodations such as portables.
 - Make better use of the underutilized schools.
 - Explore alternative uses for surplus space in elementary schools, in coordination with Facility Services and Planning strategies.
- Details of Pathway #1 process was reviewed. and noted that we are currently at the Introduction and Initial Options stage.
- **Communication Plan**
 - A dedicated boundary review study page was created.
 - A dedicated email was created (SWB_Review@hdsb.ca).
 - Sending a number of communications that the process is underway.
- **“How to Read” Option Maps**
 - The maps are broken into Senior and Junior elementary boundaries.
 - Areas are also broken into “Zones”
 - The role of the zones is to make it easier to convey changes or movement between options.
 - The option sheets and their indicators are explained.
 - Green, below 100% school capacity.
 - Yellow, above 100% school capacity but below the max site capacity of the site.
 - Red, above max site capacity.
 - Definitions of the terms are also given.
- **Study Area**
 - Schools directly impacted by the review:
 - Burlington Central (7 & 8)
 - Central PS
 - Lakeshore PS
 - Tecumseh PS
 - Tom Thomson PS
 - King’s Road PS*
 - Maplehurst PS* (FI)
 - Schools indirectly impacted by the review:
 - Aldershot (7 & 8)
 - Clarksdale PS
 - Rolling Meadows PS
 - Makewendam PS
 - Pineland PS
 - Maplehurst PS (ENG)
- **Assumptions going into the review**
 - New boundaries could be effective as early as Sept 2026, but will more than likely be pushed to 2027. The final option may include multi-year phasing.
 - Students west of the QEW are not expected to be redirected.

- Students north of the QEW are not expected to be redirected.
- No school will be converted from a K-6 to a K-8 school unless there are sufficient facilities available on site to accommodate senior grades. This school will have a high retention rate of Grade 7s.
- A maximum of two schools south and east of the QEW will offer FI. This number can be reduced.
- Students at dual-track schools opt for French Immersion at higher rates than those at feeder schools.
- Development applications are tied to the English catchment but impact FI.
 - 15% of new students will elect the FI program. (reflected in projections)
 - Potential development is included in the projections for areas with space to develop based on the secondary plan units.
- Boundary reviews do not determine which schools will host Special Education programs.
- For schools that are K-6, students entering grade 6 will be given legacy exemption and will remain at their current school. Phasing may be explored.
- Students entering Grades 7 & 8 will be legacy exempt and remain at their current Grade 7 & 8 school.
- There will be a small boundary adjustment to the existing study area between Central PS and Tecumseh PS to follow the CN Track (red dashed). Note: No elementary students reside in this area.
- Secondary school will be adjusted to align with final English and French Immersion boundaries as part of a future process.

● Options

- Status Quo
 - Nothing changes going forward.
- Option 1
 - English Boundary Changes:
 - Tom Thomson PS English
 - Areas 1 (King's Road), 3 (Central), 4 (Central) to Lakeshore PS
 - Area 2 (King's Road) to Central PS
 - Area 9 (Tecumseh) 7s & 8s to Burlington Central
 - Area 10 (Tom Thomson/Burlington Central) to Clarksdale PS / Rolling Meadows PS
 - Area 11 (Tecumseh) Rolling Meadows PS
 - French Immersion Boundary Changes:
 - Central PS dual track school (2-6)
 - Burlington Central dual track school (7 & 8)
 - Areas 1 (Maplehurst), 2 (Maplehurst) to Central PS
 - Areas 10 (Tom Thomson/Burlington Central), 11 (Tom Thomson/Burlington Central) to Clarksdale PS / Meadows PS
- Option 2
 - English Boundary Changes:

- Tom Thomson PS English,
 - Areas 1 (King's Road), 2 (King's Road) to Central PS
 - Area 4 (Central) to Lakeshore PS
 - Area 9, 7s & 8s to Burlington Central
 - Area 10 (Tom Thomson/Burlington Central) to Clarksdale / Rolling Meadows PS
 - Areas 11 (Tecumseh) to Rolling Meadows PS
 - Area 12 (Tecumseh) to Lakeshore PS / Burlington Central
- French Immersion Boundary Changes:
 - Tecumseh PS dual track school (grades 2-6 FI) (grades K- 8 ENG)
 - Burlington Central 7 & 8. (ENG, FI)
 - Areas 1 (Maplehurst), 2 (Maplehurst) to Tecumseh PS
 - Areas 10 (Tom Thomson/Burlington Central), 11 (Tom Thomson/Burlington Central) to Clarksdale PS / Meadows PS
- Option 3
 - English Boundary Changes:
 - Tom Thomson PS English
 - Burlington Central Elem English
 - Areas 1 (King's Road), 2 (King's Road) to Central PS
 - Areas 4 (Central) & 12 (Tecumseh) to Lakeshore PS
 - Area 9, 7s & 8s (Tecumseh) to Burlington Central
 - Area 10 (Tom Thomson/Burlington Central) to Clarksdale / Rolling Meadows PS
 - Area 11 (Tecumseh) to Rolling Meadows PS
 - Area 12 (Tecumseh) to Lakeshore PS
 - French Immersion Boundary Changes:
 - Tecumseh PS dual track school (FI grades 2-8), (ENG K-8)
 - Maplehurst (FI 2-8), (ENG K-6)
 - Areas 1 (Maplehurst), 2 (Maplehurst) to Tecumseh PS
 - Areas 10 (Tom Thomson/Burlington Central), 11 (Tom Thomson/Burlington Central) to Clarksdale PS / Meadows PS