

Mar 9, 2026 | Oakville NE #1 Secondary School Boundary Review

BRC Meeting #3

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Notes

- General Manager Frederick Thibeault welcomes the BRC to the last BRC meeting.
- Superintendent Tara Connor honours the land and territory.
- The current stage in pathway 1 is presented.
 - Currently at the “Review of Feedback/Recommendation” (BRC Meeting #3).
- The agenda for this meeting is presented.
- **Housekeeping**
 - Today's goal is to discuss the public meeting and review feedback as well as identify final options or options to present to the BRSC for recommendation.
 - The google drive has been updated with material.
 - Summary of questions received from the PIM and the HDSB response to them.
 - Redacted emails from the boundary review email.
 - The video of the livestream and presentation slides are available on the website for viewing.
- **Public Meeting and Summary of Feedback**
 - The public meeting was held on March 2, 2026.
 - There were 107 total viewers and 39 concurrent views.
 - The feedback survey was also sent out to the impacted schools and community.
 - We received a total of 45 individual responses.
 - The feedback was open from February 20th to March 5th.
 - There was a high turn out of FI responses as well as responses from Pine Grove PS.
 - Responses ranked “Student Experience” the #1 criteria followed by “Proximity to schools” and “Viability of Programs”.
 - In ranking option 1 and 3, option 3 had an average rank of 3.24/5 and option 1 had 2.91/5.
 - Themes from the written responses were:
 - French Immersion

- Transportation
 - School Distance
 - Program Viability/Quality
 - Portables
 - Programs at the new HS
 - Review process (clarity of maps)
 - Siblings
 - Student experience
- The majority of the responses heard about the review from HDSB website, Community letter, or School council.
- Summary of Feedback received from emails.
 - Common themes found on the feedback received by email are:
 - Proximity to schools
 - Concerns around transparency
 - Running two pathways at the same time.
 - Student experience
 - Cohorts
 - Multiple moves
 - Siblings
 - Pathway 1 recommendation
 - September 2027 implementation
 - Option 3
 - Fix split cohort in elementary.
- FI Feedback (Pathway 2)
 - The FI realignment feedback survey was open from February 19th to 27th.
 - There were 85 individual responses.
 - Majority of the responses (57%) were from Pine Grove PS.
 - 98% of the responses had a student in the FI program.
 - 81% support the alternative option proposed in the survey.
 - Summary of the written feedback received in the survey are as follows:
 - Support or the alternative proposed option.
 - Issue with the 2026 change.
 - School distance.
 - Transportation
 - Cohorts
 - FI programming
 - Distance to program.
 - Future of the program in the schools.
 - Impact on Garth Webb
 - Pathway 2 recommendation
 - Start date Sept 2027 for implementation.
 - The alternative option will be recommended.

● Review of Options 1 and 3

○ Option 1

- The new schools will only start with grade 9 and 10.
- Oakville NE #1 HS opens Sept 2027 as a Grade 9 and Grade 10 ENG school (Zones 2 to 10). Add one grade per year until school becomes a Grade 9 to 12 school (2029/30)
 - Feeder schools - Dr. David R. Williams PS, Harvest Oak PS, Oodenawi PS, Oakville NE #5 PS.
- White Oaks SS boundary and enrolment is impacted due to change in ENG and FI boundaries and change in family of schools (Zones 3, 4, 5 FI remain at White Oaks SS).
 - Split cohorts removed - Forest Trail PS and Palermo PS (ENG and FI) all directed to Garth Webb SS , Munn's PS all directed to Iroquois Ridge HS.
- Garth Webb SS boundary change implemented Sept 2026 (Zone 1 ENG, Zones 1, 2, 6, 7 FI).
 - Current White Oaks SS ENG and FI students in these Zones remain at White Oaks SS until graduation.
- Iroquois Ridge HS boundary change (FI only) implemented Sept 2026 (Zones 8, 9, 10).
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○ Option 3

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 - Split cohorts removed - Palermo PS ENG and FI all directed to Garth Webb SS, Munn's PS all directed to Iroquois Ridge HS.
 - Split cohort remains - Forest Trail PS (Zone 6 FI) continue to be directed to White Oaks SS. Will need to reassess the family of schools for Forest Trails, with the potential to redirect the DDW grade 2 FI students to Sunningdale.
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● Breakout Session/Discussion

- Option 3
 - Favored with the elementary condition and if that does not work option 1 would be backup.
- Legacy exemption
 - For student with siblings at White Oaks SS
 - Make sure the HDSB communicates that when the older sibling graduates the younger no longer receives transportation.
- Life Skills
 - Would they be moved?
 - It is outside the scope of the review, there are no boundaries.
 - The special education teams handle it on a case by case basis.

● Next Steps

- Notification of the recommendations will be sent out to the community as early as the week of March 30, 2026 after the draft report is shared with the Administrative Council.
- The BRSC will write the Board Report with the Director's recommendations and present it to the Board of Trustees.
- April 7, 2026 - report presented to Board for information
 - The BRC will be sent a copy of the report prior to the Board meeting.
- April 21, 2026 - Committee of the Whole (CotW)
- May 5, 2026 - report presented to Board for decision
- There will be opportunities for the community to Delegate the Board at the April 7th and May 5th board meetings and on the April 21th CotW meeting.
- General Manager Frederick Thibeault thanked the BRC for their involvement and time contributed to the review.