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⌚ Oakville NE #1 HS Boundary Review - BRC #1 (virtual)

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Introduction

- The Boundary Review Committee (BRC) are welcomed to the initial boundary review meeting.
- Superintendent Tara Connor honours the land and territory.
- The members of both the Boundary Review Steering Committee (BRSC) and the Boundary Review Committee (BRC) are introduced.

Agenda

- Objective and Introduction
- Oakville NE #1 Boundary Review Resolution
- Communication Plan
- “How to Read” Overview
- Review of the Study Area and Growth Areas
- Assumptions
- Options
- Next Steps

Oakville NE #1 Boundary Review Resolution

- The Board of Trustees approved the motion to initiate the review at the November 4, 2025 Board Meeting.
- ***BE IT RESOLVED THAT, That the Board of Trustees direct staff to initiate and complete a boundary review for SRA 201 South of Dundas Oakville (formerly SRA 102 and 103) and SRA 202 North of Dundas Oakville (Formerly SRA 108) to establish a new secondary school boundary for the new Oakville NE #1 Secondary School and to review the distribution of the French Immersion Programs.***

Milestones

- Both pathways for the boundary reviews and reviews, the outline of how both pathways 1 and 2 are happening in parallel are gone over.
- The committee is currency at the initial BRC meeting stage.

Communication Plan

- A boundary review [webpage](#) is created.
- There is a dedicated email for the review (OakvilleNE1HS@hdsb.ca).
- Communications (notices) are sent from the HDSB to families.

“How to Read” Option

- 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.
- The bar graphs (how the school capacity per option will be shown) are introduced and explained.
 - English = Green
 - French Immersion = Blue
 - Special Education = Orange

Review of the Study Area and Growth Areas

- Schools involved in the Eng study area:
 - Dr. David R. Williams PS
 - Harvest Oak PS
 - Oodenawi PS
 - Falgarwood PS
 - Forest Trail PS
 - Munn's PS
 - Palermo PS
 - River Oaks PS
 - Sunningdale PS
 - White Oaks SS
 - Garth Webb SS
 - Iroquois Ridge HS
- Schools involved in the FI study area:
 - Dr. David R. Williams PS (GR 8-9)
 - Harvest Oak PS (GR 8-9)
 - Oodenawi PS (GR 8-9)
 - Falgarwood PS (GR 8-9)
 - Forest Trail PS (GR 8-9)
 - Heritage Glen PS (GR 8-9)
 - Munn's PS (GR 8-9)
 - Palermo PS (GR 8-9)
 - Pilgrim Wood (GR 8-9)
 - Pinegrove PS (GR 8-9)
 - River Oaks PS (GR 8-9)
 - Sunningdale PS (GR 8-9)

- White Oaks SS
- Garth Webb SS
- Iroquois Ridge HS

Assumptions

- The assumptions when reviewing/creating the options presented are:
 - New boundaries are effective Sept 2027 at the earliest, any final option may include multi-year phasing.
 - Oakville NE #1 HS will contain an English program and Community Pathways Program (CPP); a French Immersion program will not be considered for this review (may be considered at a future date).
 - Special Education Services will define the CPP boundary for Oakville NE #1 HS.
 - English and French Immersion secondary students south of Dundas St are not impacted.
 - Elementary schools - It is not the intention of this review to change the boundaries or programs of the participating elementary schools but to change the ultimate secondary home school.
 - After review by Board staff, it is determined that the FI program at T.A. Blakelock HS is not a viable program. The following has been determined:
 - Since 2020, the program has declined from 196 students to 61 students.
 - Some FI elementary feeder schools are sending zero (0) students to T.A. Blakelock HS Gr 9 FI.
 - Assuming current progression rules for Gr 8 FI to Gr 9 FI, the FI program at T.A. Blakelock HS is projected to remain around 60 students.
 - Proposed boundary change is to phase out the FI program at T.A. Blakelock HS, starting with Gr 9 in Sept 2026 and directed to Garth Webb SS. Current FI students at T.A. Blakelock HS can remain at T.A. Blakelock HS until graduation.

Options

- Status Quo
 - Currently the whole of the North of Dundas for English and French are going to White Oaks SS.
- Option 1
 - Goal for this option was to eliminate split cohorts in FI schools
 - 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).
 - Current White Oaks SS FI students in these Zones remain at White Oaks SS until graduation.
- Option 2
 - 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 2 to 7 FI remain at White Oaks SS).
 - Split cohorts removed - Palermo PS ENG all directed to Garth Webb SS, Munn's PS all directed to Iroquois Ridge HS.
 - Split cohort remains - Palermo PS (Zone 2 FI) Forest Trail PS (Zones 6, 7 FI) continue to be directed to White Oaks SS.
 - Garth Webb SS boundary change implemented Sept 2026 (Zone 1 ENG and 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).
 - Current White Oaks SS FI students in these Zones remain at White Oaks SS until graduation.
- Option 3
 - 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 2 to 6 FI remain at White Oaks SS).
 - 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.
 - Garth Webb SS boundary change implemented Sept 2026 (Zone 1 ENG, Zones 1, 2, 7 FI).

- Current White Oaks SS ENG and FI students in these Zones remain at White Oaks SS until graduation.
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 - Current White Oaks SS FI students in these Zones remain at White Oaks SS until graduation.
- Question or comments on the options
 - Praise from the committee for splitting the north oakville secondary catchment between schools.
 - Options 3, keeping cohorts together is one of the top priorities for parents
 - Keeping zone 6 within the WOSS boundary makes sense.
 - Is the number of students leaving FI into grade 9 taken into account?
 - Yes, average retention for FI is tracked per school.
 - Is loser enrolment at White Oaks an acceptable outcome?
 - Yes, there are 2 campuses.
 - There are other board operations that could use a campus.
 - Abbey Park HS is not part of the discussion, why?
 - We are not looking to make any changes to the English track boundary.
 - Will there be special programs offered at the new school?
 - We are not at that stage yet.
 - We are investigating a high end athlete program.
 - We are looking to provide as many programs as possible so that students are able to choose their path.
 - In 2032 the projections get into the orange zone, are the numbers assuming the second high school opens?
 - We are not assuming the second new HS opens in the projections.

Next Steps

- The next meeting is scheduled for February 11th in-person at Harvest Oak PS.