



REPORT TO:	Planning and Priorities Advisory Committee
	Public or In-Camera (for Board Meetings only): Public
TITLE OF REPORT:	Final Attendance Area Review Report Oxford South Elementary Panel Attendance Area Review
PRESENTERS: <i>(list ONLY those attending the meeting)</i>	Geoff Vogt, Superintendent of Facility Services and Capital Planning Ben Puzanov, Manager of Planning Christopher Harris, Planner
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PRESENTED FOR:	Approval
Recommendations: <i>(only required when presented for approval)</i>	<p>THAT the attendance areas for South Ridge PS, Westfield PS, and Annandale PS as shown in Appendix A to the March 18, 2025 report titled “Oxford South Elementary Attendance Area Review – Final Attendance Area Review Report” be approved and that this takes effect for September 2026; and</p> <p>THAT students who will be in Grade 8 in the year of implementation of the attendance area change, and their siblings at Westfield PS and Southridge PS, be provided with the “legacy agreement option” to remain at their current school, with transportation (if eligible), for the duration of the school year of implementation.</p>
Purpose: <i>(include context)</i>	<p>The purpose of this report is to provide the final recommendations for the Oxford South Elementary Attendance Area Review.</p> <p>The final attendance area review report is included in Appendix B.</p>
Content:	<p>Background</p> <p>Enrolment at South Ridge PS and Westfield PS is currently above capacity and forecasted to continue to increase due to ongoing residential development within their attendance areas. The boundary changes outlined in this attendance area review report would balance enrollment across the three elementary schools in Tillsonburg.</p> <p>The goals of this review are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Manage current and projected enrolment to reduce reliance on portables and continue offering students exceptional learning environments;

- Reduce reliance on school bus transportation by designating students to their most proximal school;
- Reduce overall empty pupil places; and
- Better position TVDSB to pursue Capital Priorities Program funding from the Ministry of Education for an addition or new school in Tillsonburg.

This attendance area review is critical to continuing to provide students with the best learning environments for them to thrive, ensuring that TVDSB can seek future funding for permanent accommodations for students, and providing enrolment pressure relief to Westfield PS and South Ridge PS. The current Provincial capital funding model requires that existing space at schools be used efficiently before funding is made available for new schools and additions to existing schools.

Community Feedback

An Attendance Area Review Committee meeting for this review was held on October 28, 2024. The Attendance Area Review Committee is comprised of parent and caregiver volunteers from the three school communities involved in this review. After the meeting, the subcommittees held meetings to gather feedback from their school communities, which was then used to prepare school-level reports to inform the final recommendations for this review.

Listed below are the key themes from the school community reports, which are included in Appendix C.

- The South Ridge PS Subcommittee is concerned that despite boundary changes the school will still require several portables.
- The South Ridge PS Subcommittee recommends the establishment of a holding zone as an alternative option.
- The Westfield PS and Annandale PS Subcommittees are concerned that Option 2, would overcrowd the school, and may require building modifications to Annandale PS.
- The South Ridge PS and Westfield PS Subcommittees request legacy agreement options to be offered to all students and their siblings, with transportation.
- The South Ridge PS and Westfield PS Subcommittees are concerned about student well-being and recommend orientation events and transition opportunities for those relocating to Annandale PS.
- Subcommittees raised concerns that students may have to go through the attendance area review process again if a new school is approved.

Given the ongoing and planned development in Tillsonburg, portables will continue to be required until additional capital in the form of a building addition or a new school is approved by the Ministry of Education. Holding zones are intended to be temporary accommodation measures until a permanent solution is available. In this instance, an attendance area review is appropriate as there is space available at Annandale PS. As per TVDSB's practice, legacy agreement options are recommended to be offered to grade 8 students and their siblings, with transportation (if eligible), for the year of implementation only. Should the recommended changes be approved, school transition and orientation committees will be established in the year prior to implementation in order to welcome students to their new schools.

Recommended Boundary Changes

In response to the feedback received from school communities, changes to the initial options, which are included in Appendix B, are recommended. Area A1, to be designated from South Ridge PS to Annandale PS, would only include students residing south of North Street East. Area A3, to be relocated to Annandale PS, would end on the north side of Potters Road and students residing to the north would remain at South Ridge PS.

In summary, the following areas (as shown in Figure 5 of Appendix B) are recommended to be assigned to Annandale PS:

- A1 – South of North Street - Livingstone Drive Area (62 students)
- A2 – North of North Street - Beckett Boulevard Area (17 students)
- A3 – Between Potters Road and Mall Road (22 students).
- B1 – South of Concession Street West (88 students)

As a result of the recommended changes, the following outcomes are expected:

South Ridge PS

Utilization is projected to decrease from 137% to 111% in 2026 and from 185% to 158% in 2031. This would reduce projected portable needs from approximately fifteen to ten. An addition will be needed to provide permanent accommodations for students.

Westfield PS

Utilization is projected to decrease from 113% to 99% in 2026 and from 120% to 103% in 2031.

Annandale PS

Utilization is projected to increase from 76% to 108% in 2026 and from 84% to 118% in 2031.

Financial Implications:	The recommended boundary change is expected to result in a net reduction of one bus.
Timeline:	<p>The Final Attendance Area Review Report will be presented to the Planning and Priorities Advisory Committee meeting on March 18, 2025. Public delegations are scheduled to be received at the April 8, 2025, Planning and Priorities Advisory Committee meeting.</p> <p>The Board of Trustees is scheduled to deliberate and make a decision regarding the Final Attendance Area Review Report on April 22, 2025.</p>
Communications:	The Final Attendance Area Review Report as well as the process for requesting public delegation status to address the Board of Trustees regarding the recommendations will be circulated to the attendance area review committee as well as all the school communities involved in the review.
Appendices:	<p><u>Appendix A:</u> Recommended Attendance Areas</p> <p><u>Appendix B:</u> Oxford South Elementary Attendance Area Review – Final Attendance Area Review Report</p> <p><u>Appendix C:</u> School Subcommittee Reports</p>

Connection to Strategic Directions:

We value students' individual educational paths and provide the tools and resources necessary for student achievement including students with special education needs: No

To support student achievement, our schools and workplaces must be safe spaces for all: Yes

Our goal is to become Ontario's leader in education by fostering a culture of innovation and excellence: No

To inform our decision-making, we will build positive, trusting relationships across our district by increasing community engagement that is accessible, accountable, and transparent: Yes
