



# **Accommodation Strategy for Secondary French Immersion in Newmarket and East Gwillimbury**

February 2024

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# Secondary French Immersion

- Currently at Newmarket HS since 2007
  - Only location serving Newmarket, East Gwillimbury and Georgina
  - October 31, 2023 French Immersion Enrolment:

Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	Total
188	164	179	166	697

- An additional French Immersion secondary program is required due to:
  - Residential development
  - Growing enrolment from the elementary panel
- Newmarket HS
  - Current utilization is 126% including 8 portables on site (or 147% excluding portables)
  - No additional portables may be added to the site

## Newmarket HS, Town of Newmarket (French Immersion)



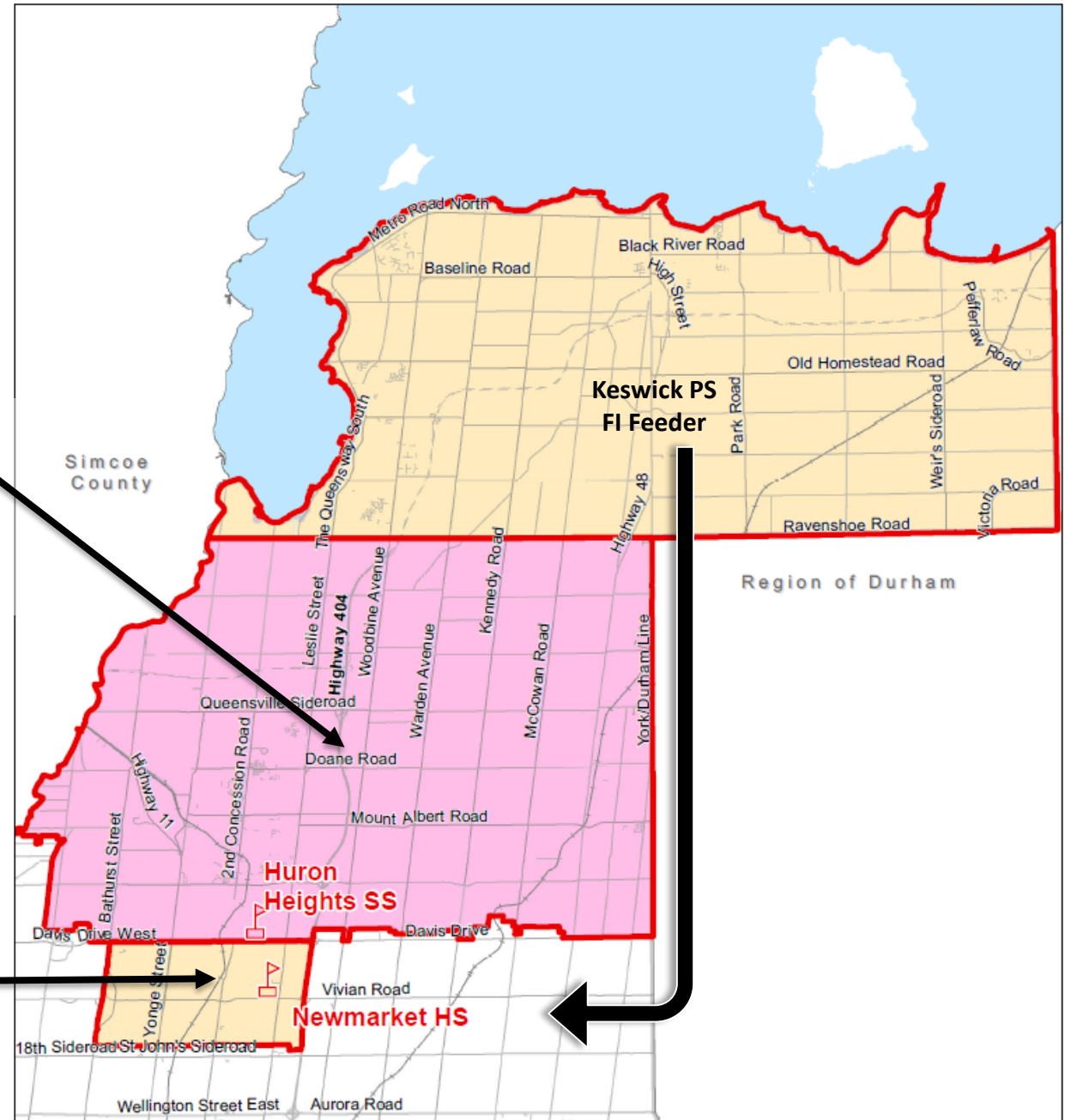
# Proposed Secondary School French Immersion Boundaries

## Huron Heights SS FI Program

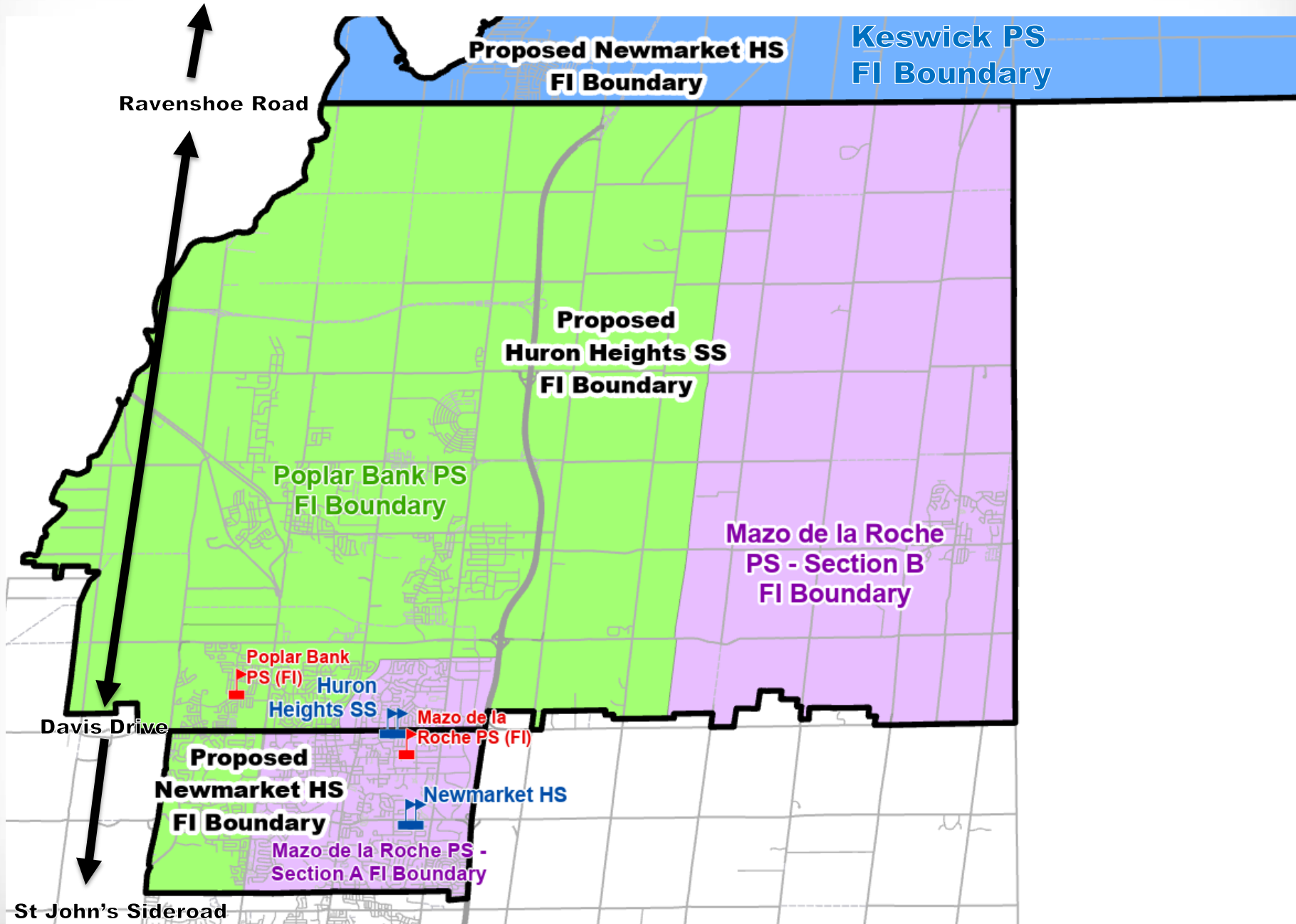
- Davis Drive to Ravenshoe Road
  - Mazo de la Roche PS
  - Poplar Bank PS

## Newmarket HS FI Program

- South of Davis Drive
  - Mazo de la Roche PS
  - Poplar Bank PS
- Keswick PS




# Proposed Secondary Boundaries and FI Feeders



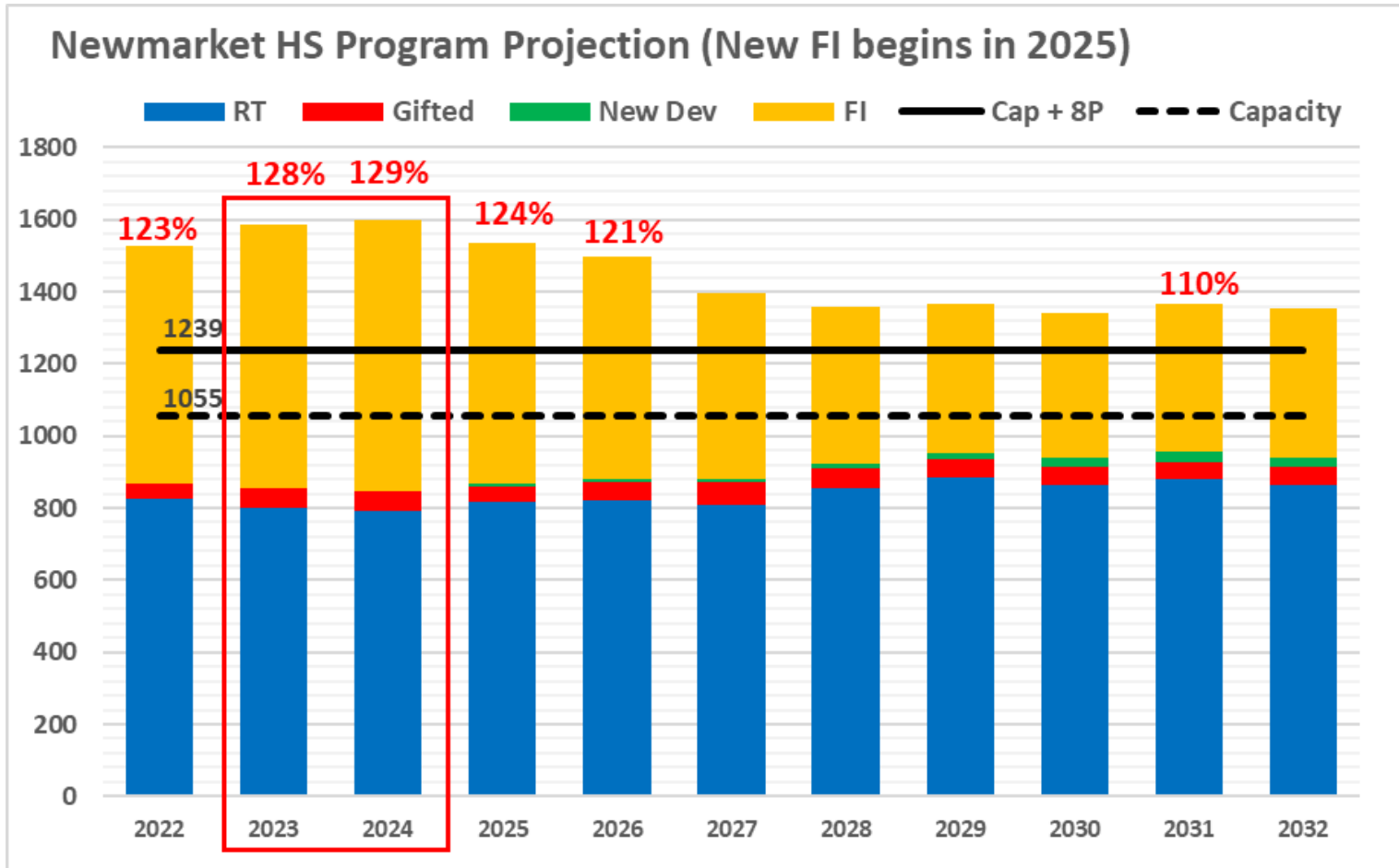
# **Benefits of Additional French Immersion Program**

- Allows for French Immersion growth at both locations
  - Balances French Immersion enrolment across multiple secondary schools
  - Supports the business case for a future East Gwillimbury Secondary School by utilizing existing capacity at Huron Heights SS
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# Timing and Students Impacted

- New Program at Huron Heights SS starting September 2025 with incoming Grade 9s that will grow over time to Grade 12
    - In 2028 Grade 9 to Grade 12 French Immersion programming at Huron Heights SS
  - Current Grade 7 French Immersion students who will be Grade 9 in September 2025
    - Students living between Davis Drive in Newmarket and Ravenshoe Road in East Gwillimbury
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# Newmarket HS Projected Enrolment

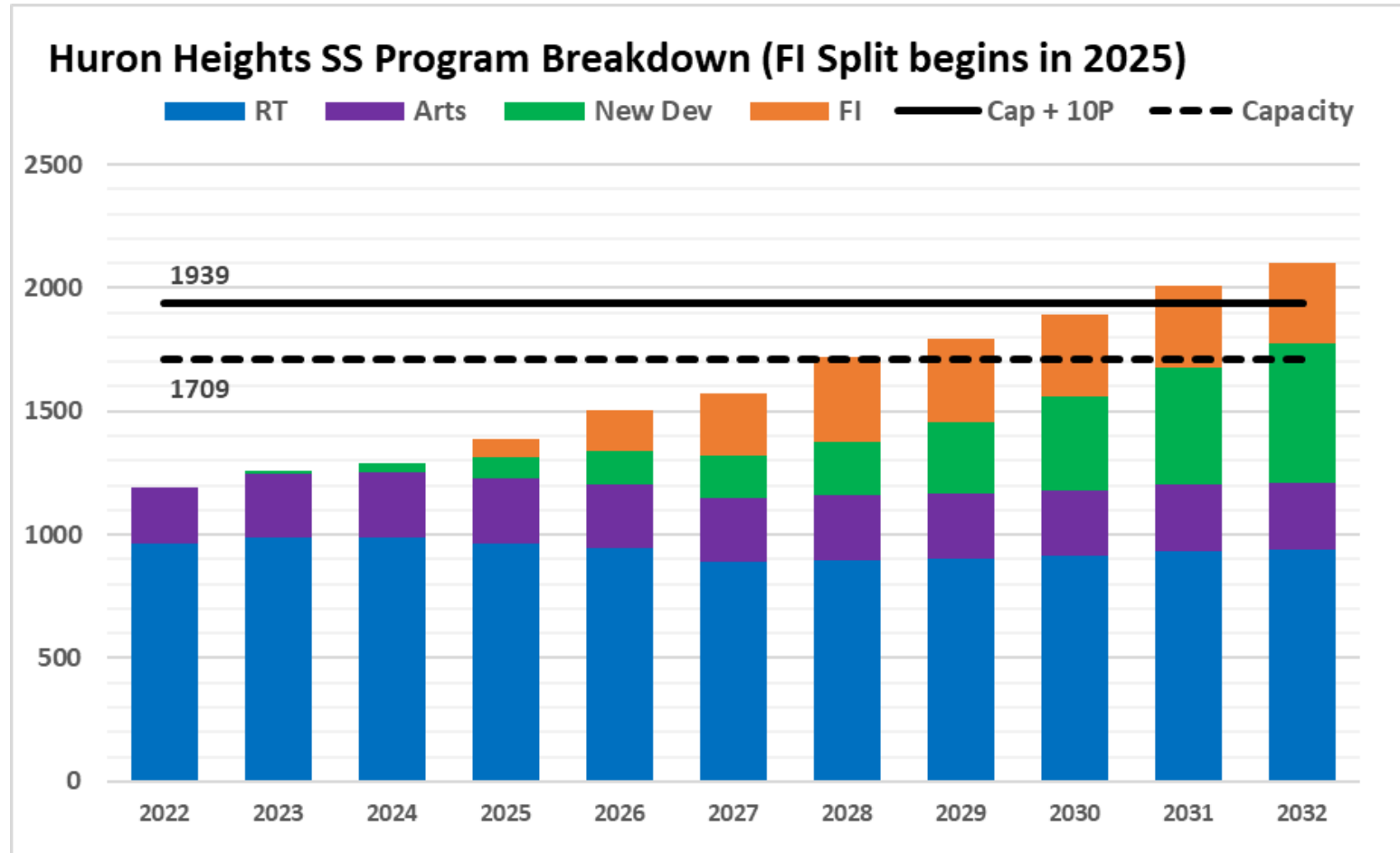


% Utilization with Portables

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# Student Transfers

- Transfers are outlined in [Board Policy 108, Student Accommodations](#).
- Schools open/closed to transfers from students who reside outside the attendance area are reviewed on an annual basis and are listed on the Board's [Secondary Schools Open/Closed to Transfers](#) webpage.

2024-25 School Year | —

**A. The following schools will not be accepting new student transfer requests for the 2024-2025 school year:**

<b>CEC Central</b>	Aurora HS (for French Immersion), Bayview SS, Richmond Green SS, Richmond Hill HS
<b>CEC East</b>	Bill Hogarth SS (for Regular Track), Markville SS, Pierre Elliott Trudeau HS, Unionville HS
<b>CEC North</b>	Newmarket HS
<b>CEC West</b>	Hodan Nalayeh SS (for French Immersion), Stephen Lewis SS, Tommy Douglas SS

# Transportation ([Policy 680](#))

- Grades 9 to 12 – a secondary student living more than 3.2 kilometres from the nearest secondary school in an area not served by public transit is eligible for Board-provided transportation
- Transit Served Student
  - A pupil of the Board who has access to public transit to travel to and/or from school and unless under exceptional circumstances:
    - lives within 1.2 kilometres from a public transit stop as measured by Student Transportation Services;
    - regularly spends 75 minutes or less traveling to or from school; and
    - requires no more than three vehicle transfers traveling to or from school.
- School bus transportation eligibility is reviewed annually as York Region Transit (YRT) adjusts and enhances service
- If eligible for Board-provided transportation, Student Transportation Services routes available August 2025 - [schoolbuscity.com](https://www.schoolbuscity.com) > Find Your Bus Stop

# Proposed Timelines

- School Councils February 2024
- Public Meeting April 2024
- Learning Equity & Well Being Standing Committee (LEWSC) May 14, 2024 **(Delegation Opportunity)**
- Board Meeting June 19, 2024
- Secondary School Course Selection & Staffing Process Oct 2024 to May 2025
- Implementation September 2025

Delegation requests must be submitted by April 25th through the [citizen engagement page](#)

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## School Boundary Information and Presentations

School attendance boundaries are necessary to create school communities that are sized for the capacity of each school facility and to accommodate sustainable student enrolment. York Region schools offer a variety of school programs and school boundaries are selected to accommodate a school's long-term projected enrolment. Portable accommodation is used during a community's peak enrolment period or to accommodate students awaiting new schools or additions.

### 2023 - 2024 School Boundary and Community Presentations

School Community	Presentation Type	Meeting Date(s)	Board Approved
Nellie McClung PS - <a href="#">Presentation (PDF)</a>	Primary Dual Track French Immersion Program	November 2, 2023	n/a
Viola Desmond PS - <a href="#">Presentation (PDF)</a>	Primary Dual Track French Immersion Program	November 2, 2023	n/a

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