

Visioning for the New Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School

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Overview

- Welcome and Introductions
- Purpose why you were invited today
- Outcomes what you will leave with today
- Background Information how we got here and how we will move forward

Overview

 Visual presentation of one of our newest high schools - Bill Hogarth SS

• An opportunity to provide input

Inclusion- Meet your Visionary Neighbour

 Think of your best learning moment...It may have been at school or in an alternative environment (like learning to drive).

• What made it so memorable?

Purpose

 To seek input from the community that would help inform the design of the new high school in Aurora

What You Will Leave With Today

- A clear awareness and understanding of how we got here and how we will be moving forward
- A visual awareness of what a new high school might look like
- The opportunity to provide input to the design of the new school

Groups Providing Input

 Teaching, administrative and support staff from Dr. G.W. Williams SS

 Current and former Dr. G.W. Williams secondary students

 Families from the Dr. G.W. Williams community

How We Got Here

October 2007 – Two Board motions

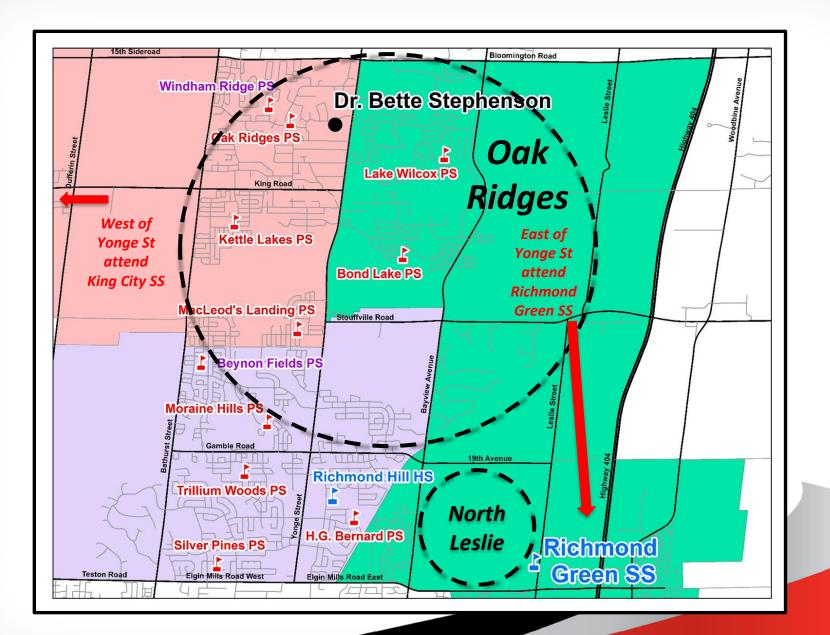
- Purchase the Bayview Northeast Secondary School site
- Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School remain in operation in its present location pending further clarification regarding the timing of phasing of new residential development and Ministry funding

May 2017 – Secondary School Strategy introduced

 Re-balance and right size enrolment at secondary schools in Aurora/Oak Ridges/north Richmond Hill through a combination of program/boundary changes and new /replacement pupil places

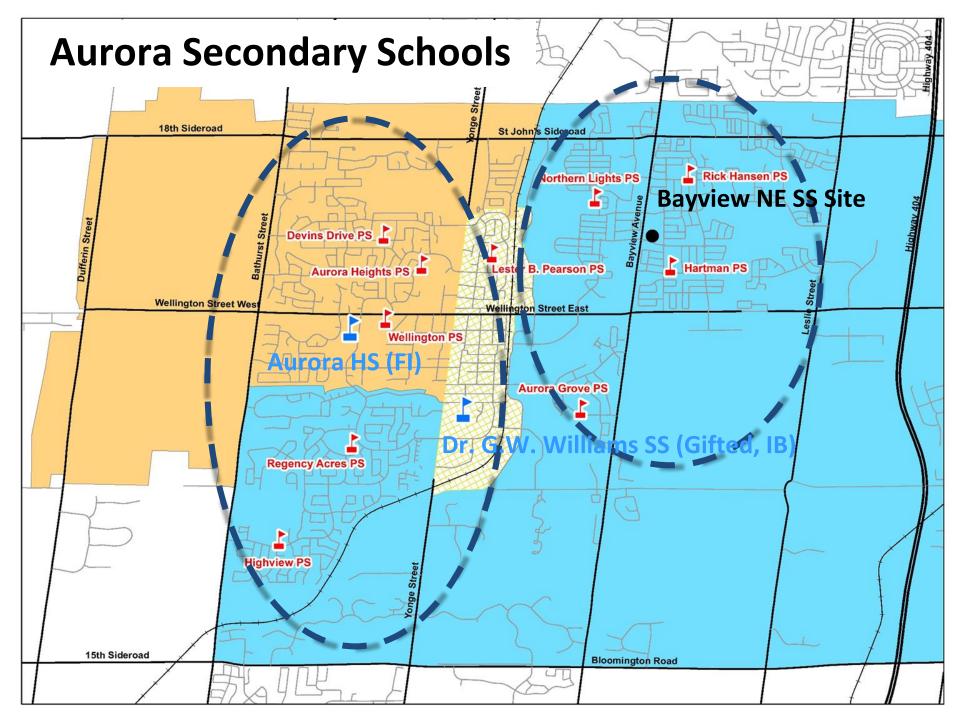
Richmond Hill / Oak Ridges

- North Leslie Secondary Plan
- Need to create space in Richmond Green SS
- Convert Dr. Bette Stephenson Centre for Learning into a secondary school (requires addition)



Aurora

- Relocate Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School to the Bayview Northeast site
- Retain existing Dr. G.W. Williams SS facility
- Divide French Immersion Program at Aurora HS
 - New FI program at King City SS
 - Opens Sept 2019
 - Commences only with incoming Grade 9 FI students
 - FI feeders: Beynon Fields PS and Windham Ridge PS



Moving forward

Ministry provided overarching support of Secondary School strategy

Dr. Bette Stephenson Building:

 Continue to submit business cases until funding is approved

Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School:

- Board is working toward a 2023 opening
 - Next Steps: Gather input from staff, students and community of Dr. G.W. Williams SS for vision of replacement/relocation school

Visual Presentation of a New High School

Visual tour of Bill Hogarth SS

Your Input

- When thinking of the vision for the new Dr. G.W. Williams S.S. and creating the ideal learning environment for our future students, what might be the features/facilities that need to be incorporated into the design of the new school/classrooms? What might the new school/classrooms look like/sound like/feel like?
- When considering student well-being, what might be the features/facilities that need to be included in the design of the new school/classrooms?

Next Steps

- Staff, student, community input collated
- Design process overview



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