Unnamed Oshawa Whitelaw PS Boundary Review Consultation

October 20, 2026, to January 08, 2027

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Land Acknowledgement

The Durham District School Board acknowledges that many Indigenous Nations have longstanding relationships, both historic and modern, with the territories upon which our school board and schools are located. Today, this area is home to many Indigenous peoples from across Turtle Island. We acknowledge that the Durham Region forms a part of the traditional and treaty territory of the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, the Mississauga Peoples and the treaty territory of the Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation. It is on these ancestral and treaty lands that we teach, live and learn.

This statement was co-created in partnership with the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation and the Chippewas of Georgina Island.

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Indigenous Rights and Human Rights

The Durham District School Board recognizes Indigenous rights are distinct. In the exercise of those rights, Indigenous staff and students shall not be subjected to actions with the aim or effect of depriving these distinct rights.

The Durham District School Board is committed to providing learning and working environments that center human rights and equity and are safe, welcoming, respectful, equitable, accessible, inclusive and free from all forms of discrimination, oppression, harassment and harm.

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Overview

- An information report on the review of the proposed permanent boundary for Unnamed Oshawa Whitelaw PS was presented to Trustees at the October 19, 2026, Board Meeting.

- The purpose of the report was to initiate this consultation process to gather community input on the proposed permanent boundary for Unnamed Oshawa Whitelaw PS, located at Whitelaw Avenue and Glenbourne Drive. The school is scheduled to open for the 2027-2028 school year.

- An In-person Open House will be held to seek community input on October 29, 2026, at Gordon B. Attersley PS, at 7pm. Notices of this open house will be provided on Engage OWPS Boundary Review and impacted schools' websites.

- A Virtual Public Meeting will be held to provide information to the community on November 24, 2026, at 7pm. Notices of this meeting will be provided on Engage OWPS Boundary Review and impacted schools' websites.

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Overview, Continued

- The Board Report, PowerPoint presentation, and a survey link are posted to the Engage OWPS Boundary Review and are accessible through the partner schools' websites (Gordon B. Attersley PS, Harmony Heights PS, Norman G. Powers PS) and impacted schools' websites (Pierre Elliott Trudeau PS, and Vincent Massey PS).

- Staff will collect feedback through email at OWPSBoundaryReview@ddsb.ca, phone 905-666-6970, survey and "ask a question" at: Engage OWPS Boundary Review until January 08, 2027.

- All input will be summarized in the Recommendation Report to Trustees to be considered at the February 2027, Board Meeting where a final decision on the permanent boundary will be made.

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Boundary Review

- Unnamed Oshawa Whitelaw Public School (UOWPS) received Ministry of Education Capital Priorities funding in 2025. The school is currently under construction and scheduled to open for the 2027-2028 school year.

- Unnamed UOWPS has a Ministry Rated Capacity (MRC) of 634 pupil places, will accommodate students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8.

- The new school will accommodate students residing in the east Oshawa neighbourhoods, west of Townline Road North.

- In accordance with the School Boundaries Policy and the associated School Boundaries Procedure, two scenarios for public consultation have been developed.

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Schools Involved in the Boundary Review

- Gordon B. Attersley PS and Harmony Heights PS are partner schools temporarily accommodating growth from the area until UOWPS opens in 2027-2028.

- New residential development north of Conlin Road and east of Harmony Road has resulted in enrolment growth. Students from the identified Growth Boundaries are currently attending Norman G. Powers PS which has been identified as a partner school. Enrolment is continuing to increase so the UOWPS will be a partner school for this area as of July 2027. New students, residing in this growth boundary, who do not have siblings at Norman G. Powers PS, will attend UOWPS as of September 2027.

- Pierre Elliot Trudeau PS and Vincent Massey PS continue to experience increasing enrolments. Both Scenario 1 and Scenario 2 provide proposed options for consultation to reduce the enrolment pressures by redirecting portions of the two schools' existing attendance boundaries to UOWPS.

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Growth Boundaries and Partner Schools

- Growth Boundaries: Geographic areas of new residential development temporarily assigned to an existing school until a new school within the community is funded, constructed and opened.

- Partner Schools: Existing schools identified by DDSB to temporarily accommodate students residing within growth boundary areas until new community schools become operational. Partner schools are determined based on factors including the following:

    - Space to accommodate students (in school, portables and site size)
    - Transportation (distance to school and space to accommodate buses)
    - Adequate parking and washrooms.

- Students and their siblings attend their designated partner school (if they remain at their current address) until such time as the new school is opened with a permanent boundary in place.

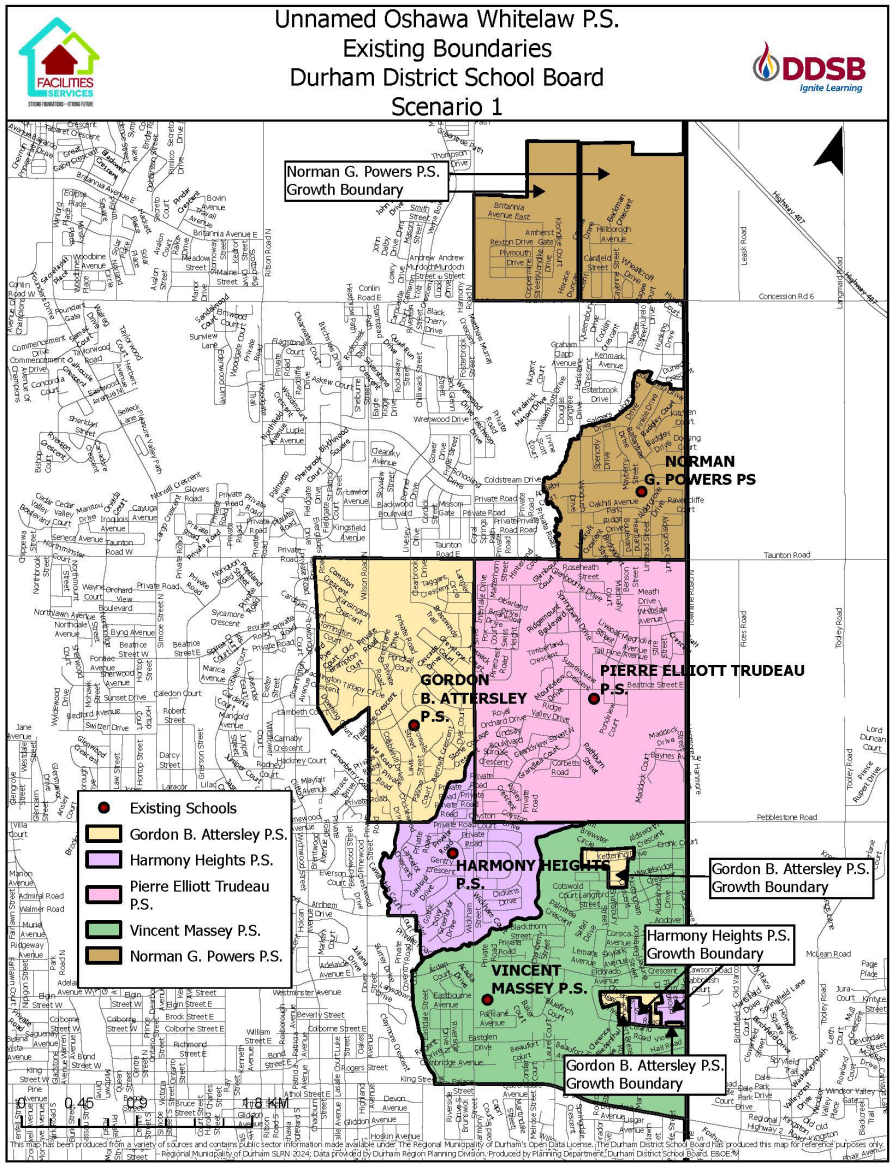
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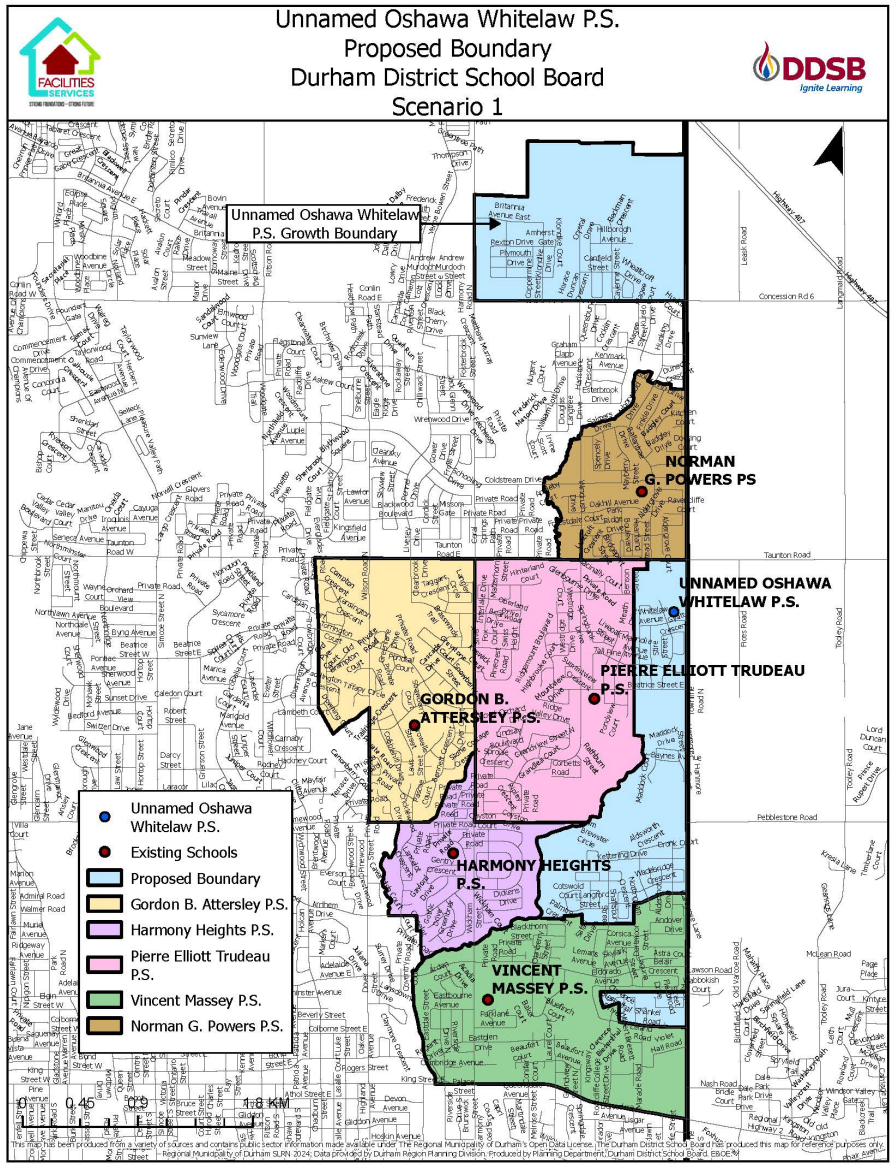
Unnamed Oshawa Whitelaw PS
Proposed Boundary – Scenario 1

- Growth Boundaries identified north of Conlin Road East, east of Harmony Road North and west of Townline Road North if this road were to extend further north to Highway 407 and partnered with Norman G. Powers PS. This partner school accommodation may impact new students residing in this area as of July 1, 2027, and new JK students registering for the 2027-2028 school year, who do not currently have an older sibling in the existing partner school.
- The area immediately around UOWPS, which currently attends Pierre Elliott Trudeau PS, includes the area east of Meath Drive to Oshawa Townline Road North, south from Taunton Road to connect to the growth boundary which is currently partnered with Gordon B. Attersley PS;
- The growth boundary currently partnered with Gordon B. Attersley PS, includes the area north of Wadebridge Crescent, west of Autumnwood Trail, and east of Jim Brewster Circle;
- The growth boundary areas currently partnered with both Gordon B. Attersley PS and Harmony Heights PS encompassing the area south of Eldorado Avenue, north of Shankel Road, east of Fleetwood Drive and west of Townline Road North;
- The growth boundary areas currently attending Vincent Massey PS, north of Margate Drive to the greenspace west of Townline Road, as well as Nottingham Crescent on the south side of Margate Drive and, including the neighbourhood west of Fleetwood Drive, including Langford Street and the areas north up to and including Beneford Road.

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Scenario 1 Existing and Proposed Boundaries



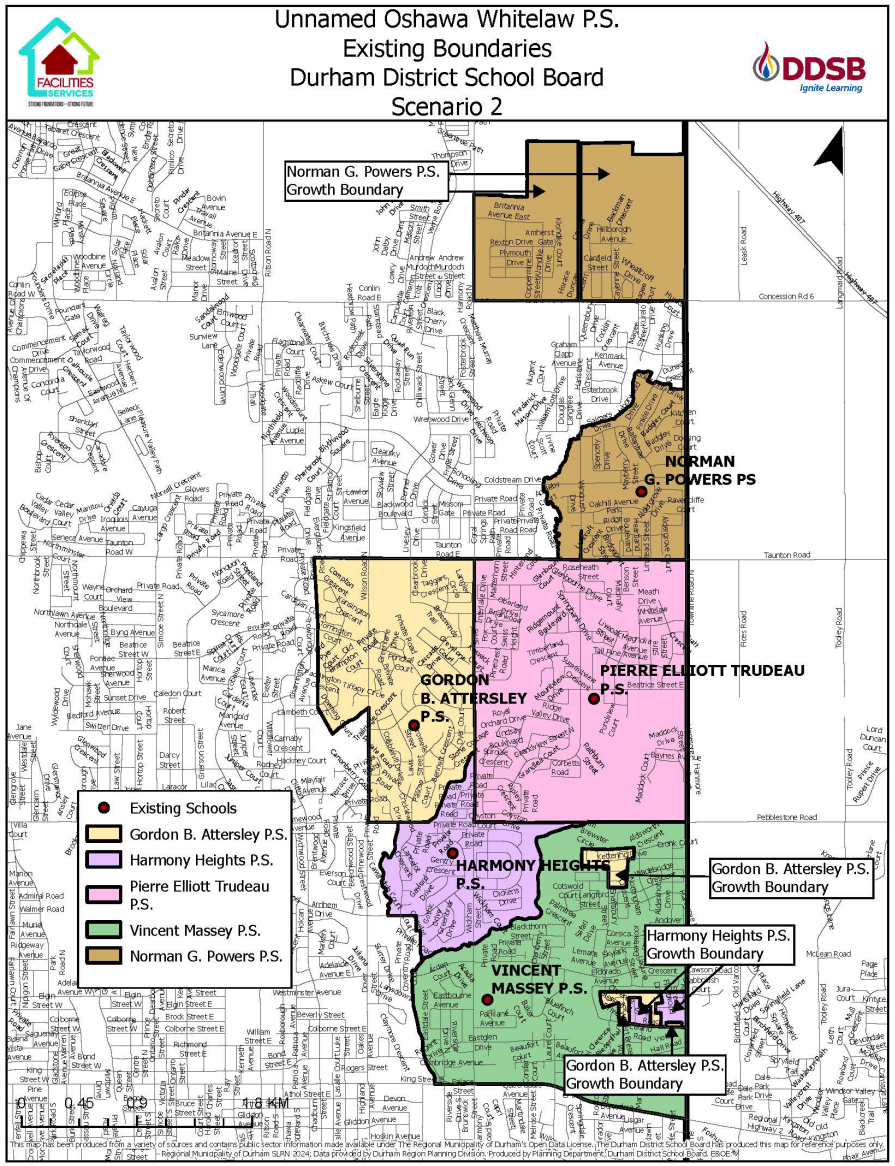


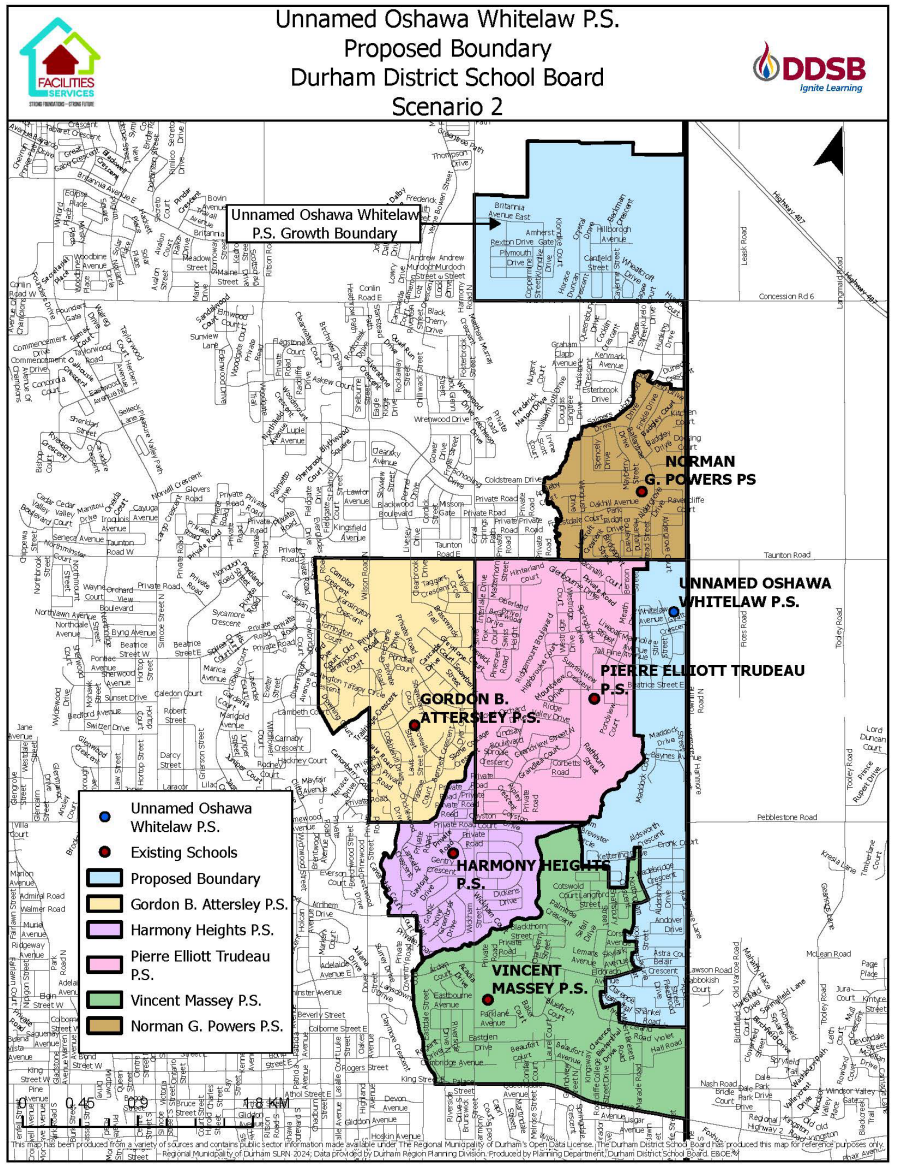
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Proposed Boundary – Scenario 2

- Growth Boundaries identified north of Conlin Road East, east of Harmony Road North and west of Townline Road North if this road were to extend further north to Highway 407 and partnered with Norman G. Powers PS. This partner school accommodation may impact new students residing in this area as of July 1, 2027, and new JK students registering for the 2027-2028 school year, who do not currently have an older sibling in the existing partner school.
- The area immediately around Unnamed Oshawa Whitelaw PS, which currently attends Pierre Elliott Trudeau PS, which includes the area east of Meath Drive to Oshawa Townline Road North, south from Taunton Road to connect to the growth boundary which is currently partnered with Gordon B. Attersley PS;
- Part of Vincent Massey PS' boundary area north of Shankel Road to the woodlot bisected by Pebblestone Road, west of Townline Road North; including the growth boundaries currently partnered with Gordon B. Attersley PS and Harmony Heights PS
    - The growth boundary area currently partnered with Gordon B. Attersley PS, includes the area north of Wadebridge Crescent, west of Autumnwood Trail, and east of Jim Brewster Circle;
    - The growth boundary area currently partnered with both Gordon B. Attersley PS and Harmony Heights PS encompassing the area south of Eldorado Avenue, north of Shankel Road, east of Fleetwood Drive and west of Townline Road North.

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Scenario 2 Existing and Proposed Boundaries





Unnamed Oshawa Whitelaw PS Boundary Proposals For Consultation

- Two boundary scenarios are being presented – both options include the growth boundary north of Conlin Road, east of Harmony Road.

- For the 2027-2028 school year, both scenarios include JK to Grade 7 students residing within the proposed boundaries described in each of the scenarios.

  - Students in Grade 7 in the 2026-2027 school year would be given the choice to remain at their current school with transportation provided or transition to the Unnamed Oshawa Whitelaw PS for Grade 8 in 2027-2028.

  - Younger siblings would attend the new school when it opens in 2027-2028. If families choose for younger siblings to remain at the current school these students would be considered as out of area and transportation would not be provided. As such, DDSB's *Permission to Enrol Procedure* that describes the out of area process would apply - families would require agreement from the principal and the Superintendent of Education.

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Unnamed Oshawa Whitelaw PS Enrolment Projections

- Based upon previous new DDSB school openings, a new facility attracts students from areas such as other publicly funded schools, private schools and DDSB families within the proposed boundary that decided to remain at their previous home school. UOWPS will continue to attract new students when the school opens.

- With the opening of Unnamed Oshawa Whitelaw PS for the 2027-2028 school year, portables at the schools impacted by this public consultation will be significantly reduced.

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Unnamed Oshawa Whitelaw PS Enrolment Projections Scenario 1

Table 1 – 2027-2028 Projected Enrolment:
Proposed Scenario 1

		Actual	Projected Enrolments				
School	MRC	October 2026	October 2027	October 2028	October 2029	October 2030	October 2031
Unnamed Oshawa PS	634	n/a	605	650	689	720	759
Utilization			*95%*	*103%*	*109%*	*114%*	*120%*
Gordon B. Attersley PS	481	538	459	449	434	420	404
Utilization		*112%*	*95%*	*93%*	*90%*	*87%*	*84%*
Harmony Heights PS	363	428	416	419	418	413	390
Utilization		*118%*	*115%*	*115%*	*115%*	*114%*	*107%*
Norman G. Powers PS	490	698	706	634	575	520	475
Utilization		*142%*	*144%*	*129%*	*117%*	*106%*	*97%*
Pierre Elliott Trudeau PS	495	696	455	446	441	433	415
Utilization		*141%*	*92%*	*90%*	*89%*	*87%*	*84%*
Vincent Massey PS	441	603	461	464	461	455	450
Utilization		*137%*	*105%*	*105%*	*105%*	*103%*	*102%*

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Unnamed Oshawa Whitelaw PS Enrolment Projections Scenario 2

Table 2 – 2027-2028 Projected Enrolment:
Proposed Scenario 2

		Actual	Projected Enrolments				
School	MRC	October 2026	October 2027	October 2028	October 2029	October 2030	October 2031
Unnamed Oshawa PS	634	n/a	604	648	680	714	756
Utilization			*95%*	*102%*	*107%*	*113%*	*119%*
Gordon B. Attersley PS	481	538	459	449	434	420	404
Utilization		*112%*	*95%*	*93%*	*90%*	*87%*	*84%*
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Utilization		*118%*	*115%*	*115%*	*115%*	*114%*	*107%*
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Pierre Elliott Trudeau PS	495	696	455	446	441	433	415
Utilization		*141%*	*92%*	*90%*	*89%*	*87%*	*84%*
Vincent Massey PS	441	603	462	466	469	461	453
Utilization		*137%*	*105%*	*106%*	*106%*	*105%*	*103%*

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Impact on Partner Schools With Unnamed Oshawa Whitelaw PS - Overview

- The opening of Unnamed Oshawa Whitelaw PS for the 2027-2028 school year will result in enrolment relief and the need for minimal portables to the five impacted schools (Gordon B. Attersley PS, Harmony Heights PS, Norman G. Powers PS, Pierre Elliott Trudeau PS, and Vincent Massey PS).
- For the current school year (2026-2027), the five schools collectively have 30 portables on site.
- In **Scenario 1** with the opening of Unnamed Oshawa Whitelaw PS in 2027-2028, there is a potential to redirect 21 portables to address other accommodation pressures and ensure there are fewer students in alternative learning spaces.
- In **Scenario 2** with the opening of Unnamed Oshawa Whitelaw PS in 2027-2028, there is a potential to redirect 20 portables to address other accommodation pressures and ensure there are fewer students in alternative learning spaces.
- The five impacted schools will be provided some relief; however, portables may be required in future years to accommodate the enrolment growth in the area.

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Considerations

- DDSB recognizes that good mental health is an important foundation for achievement and well-being.
- Schools are an ideal place for mental health promotion and the early identification of mental health concerns through school-based prevention and intervention services. Schools provide students with the knowledge and skills to be aware of, care for, and advocate for their own mental health and well-being.
- Changes because of the proposed boundary shifts will be a transition for students and families. With this on mind, the mental health and well-being of students and their caregivers who may be affected by these changes are among the district's leading considerations.
- DDSB will be intentional in the transition supports for all students impacted by the change. Relationship building and facilitating a sense of school community, connectedness and belonging across all learning spaces will be key commitments throughout this process.

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Considerations - 2

- Durham Student Transportation Services (DSTS) identify safe walking routes for all schools. This is known as the Non-transported Zone.
- Under the DSTS Transportation Policy, students residing more than 1.6 km from their designated school of attendance would be eligible for school bus transportation.
- Should the Board of Trustees approve this proposed new Boundary in February 2027 for implementation in September 2027:
  - DSTS will identify bus routes;
  - There will be sufficient time for decisions to be made regarding the impact of staffing for Unnamed Oshawa Whitelaw PS and the five impacted schools.

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Considerations - 3

The DDSB is in the process of determining the level of need for before- and after-school programming at the Unnamed Oshawa Whitelaw PS opening for the 2027/2028 school year.

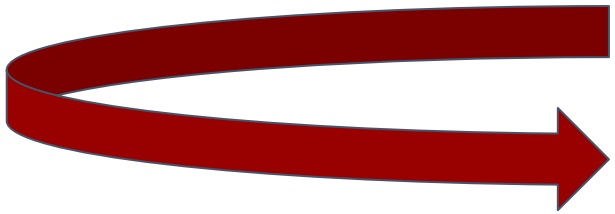
Families interested in before- and/or after-school programming (e.g., Licensed Child Care, After-School Recreation Programs) are encouraged to complete the **DDSB Before-or-After School Programs: Needs-Assessment Survey.**

Considerations – 3 cont'd

Important: This is **not a waitlist** or registration form for before- or after-school care.

This survey is intended for families who are interested in before- or after-school care at a DDSB school.

Scan here to complete the survey!



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Considerations – 3 cont'd

Things to know before completing the survey:

- **No guaranteed spot:** Filling out this survey does not put your child on a waitlist or guarantee enrollment in a before- or after-school program at your school.

- **Cost and funding:** New programs may not qualify for government funding such as the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) to help reduce program fees. If government funding is not available, daily fees will be higher.

- **Fee Subsidy:** Access to fee subsidy through the Region of Durham will not be available if CWELCC funding is not available/approved for a child care program.

- **Next steps:** If enough families are interested, and if a program is deemed viable, the DDSB will provide additional details.

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Kindergarten Registration

- Kindergarten Registration for the 2027/2028 school year will open on **Tuesday, January 5, 2027**.
- To register for Kindergarten, your child must:
  - Be 4 years old by December 31 in the current year (Junior Kindergarten)
  - Be 5 years old by December 31 in the current year (Senior Kindergarten)
- Families are encouraged to submit their registration early. Benefits for early registration include:
  - Earlier access to information and resources
  - Connection to the school community (i.e., invitations to school events)
  - Opportunities to meet with school teams (i.e., kindergarten educators)

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Visit our Kindergarten webpage for additional information and resources!

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Communication Plan

- The Final Recommendation Report will include all community input and will be considered by the Board of Trustees in February 2027. At this meeting, the Trustees will establish the permanent boundary for the school.
- Community Consultation from October 20, 2026, to January 08, 2027.
- Input to be received and shared through various avenues:
  - SCC Executive Meetings – TBD
  - In-person Open House at Gordon B. Attersley PS, 1110 Attersley Drive, Oshawa – October 29, 2026
  - Virtual Public Meeting - November 24, 2026
  - Email, Voicemail, Survey, and “Ask a Question” through Engage OWPS Boundary Review

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Communication Plan 2

- The following are available at Engage OWPS Boundary Review
  - Information Report to the Board of Trustees dated October 19, 2026
  - PowerPoint Presentation summarizing the Information Report
  - Newsletter (also available on the five impacted schools' websites)
  - An In-Person Open House will be held on October 29, 2026, at 7:00 pm at Gordon B. Attersley PS, 1110 Attersley Drive, Oshawa, to solicit public input
  - A Virtual Public Meeting will be held on November 24, 2026, at 7:00 pm to solicit public input. More details will be posted on the DDSB's website.
- More information will be provided on DDSB's website as well as on the five impacted schools' websites.

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Communication Plan 3

- Anyone wishing to participate in the In-Person Open House will be requested to register upon arrival. Anyone wishing to attend the Virtual Public Meeting is requested to register in advance to share their input and view the public meeting. Please visit DDSB's website to register.

- Staff will collect feedback until January 08, 2027, via:

  - Email at, OWPSBoundaryReview@ddsb.ca
  - Phone line: 905-666-6970
  - Survey link at: Engage OWPS Boundary Review

Conclusion

- The information contained in this presentation together with community input that is received will be included in a final report to Trustees.
- The final recommendation report will be presented to Trustees at the February 2027, Board Meeting.
- The report will summarize all feedback collected and provide a recommended boundary for Trustees' consideration.

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End Of Presentation

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