



French Immersion Program

Accommodating Enrolment Growth

October 13, 2015

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Grand Erie Enrolment Trend and French Immersion

School Year	Census Year	Populatuion Aged 0-9	Total Grand Erie Elementary		French Immersion Elementary		
			Total Enrolment	% of Population	FI Enrolment	% of Population	% of Total Enrolment
2004-05	2001	27,965	19,322	69.09%	627	2.24%	3.25%
2009-10	2006	26,320	17,766	67.50%	747	2.84%	4.20%
2014-15	2011	25,780	17,550	68.08%	1,344	5.21%	7.66%

This represents the best match of Census population data with elementary school enrolment. Children aged 0-9 in a census year make up the potential elementary school population four years later. i.e. children aged 0-9 in the 2001 Census would be aged 4 - 13 in the school year 2004-05 and make up the potential students for elementary enrolment

The total elementary enrolment for the Grand Erie area is compared to the total school aged population and expressed as a percentage of the total population.



*French Immersion Enrolment September 2015 is 1,510
(an increase of 140% in 11 years)*

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Brant/Brantford French Immersion Enrolment and Accommodation

Enrolment History

Year	Dufferin	Fairview	Burford	Total
2011	359	474	28	861
2012	369	507	52	928
2013	405	535	70	1010
2014	441	559	107	1107
2015	465	598	145	1208



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Projected Enrolment - Status Quo

Year	Dufferin	Fairview	Burford	Total
2016	471	638	179	1288
2017	488	643	213	1344
2018	514	643	245	1402
2019	529	664	274	1467
2020	543	682	290	1515
2021	541	691	299	1531
2022	545	689	313	1547
2023	544	687	318	1549
2024	544	690	321	1555

School Capacity	461	547*	150	1158
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* capacity at the expanded Coronation site.

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Discussion of Options to Manage French Immersion Program Growth

- Cap enrolment level of new registrations
 - Would require an approval process or lottery if requests exceed the number of available spaces
- Delay entry into the FI program until SK or Grade 1
 - Students would attend their home school for JK and SK
- Modify or eliminate transportation provided for the FI program
 - Students would walk to their home school and/or group stops. This creates an inequity for rural students.

All three options may cause a shift in enrolment to the separate school system unless program admission and transportation policies are similar at both boards.



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Discussion of Options to Manage French Immersion Program Growth

- Expand available space for the FI Program
 - Ministry of Education has been clear that funding requests to create new pupil places for FI program growth would not be considered
- Retain Ecole Fairview once Coronation is complete
 - Total board enrolment has not increased to support an additional school
- Shift program space currently allocated to serve regular program to new FI program space.
 - While many schools have some surplus space available to assign to the FI program, few sites have a significant number of surplus spaces that could support a new FI program.

Regular program space would need to be displaced through boundary changes to open up an appropriate number of pupil spaces to commit to FI program.



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Options for Community Consultation

Grand Erie District School Board has reviewed the options for management of expansion of FI program and seeks community input on the following options:

- 1. Accelerate the implementation of FI program at Burford Elementary by adding grades 5 and 6 in September 2016 and complete the implementation with grades 7 and 8 added in September 2017. Beginning with September 2016, all Brant County resident FI students would be assigned to the FI program provided in Brant County***
- 2. Implement a new dual track program at Branlyn for students residing in the Brier Park, Cedarland, Banbury and Branlyn school catchment area. The initial program would include JK to Grade 2 commencing September 2016 and be expanded in future years by adding one cohort per year.***



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Options for Community Consultation

- 3. Amend the North Ward and Cobblestone Boundaries to include the current catchment area of Paris Central School and assign FI students from north Brant County to Paris Central making it a single track FI school effective September 2016.**
- 4. Establish a second FI program at North Park or Pauline Johnson in September 2016**



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Options for consideration

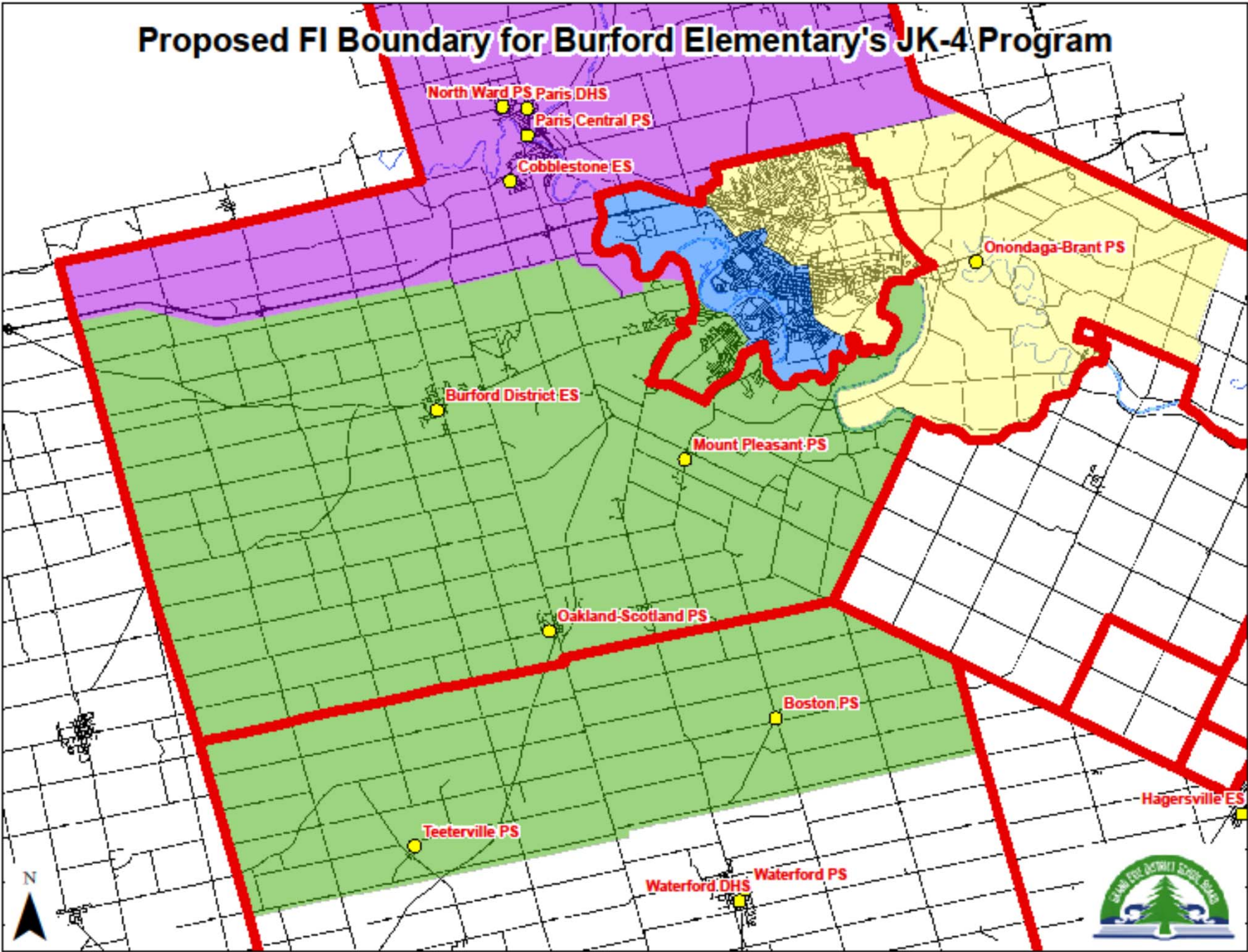
Accelerate the implementation of FI program at Burford Elementary by adding grades 5 and 6 in September 2016 and complete the implementation with grades 7 and 8 added in September 2017. Beginning with September 2016, all Brant County resident FI students would be assigned to the FI program provided in Brant County.

- 80 students are currently bused into the city of Brantford from Brant County to attend Dufferin and Fairview.
- If FI program were extended in Brant County enrolment pressure at Dufferin and Fairview would be eased.
- Grade 7 & 8 students from Brant County currently attending Dufferin and Fairview would be permitted to complete their elementary program at their current school.

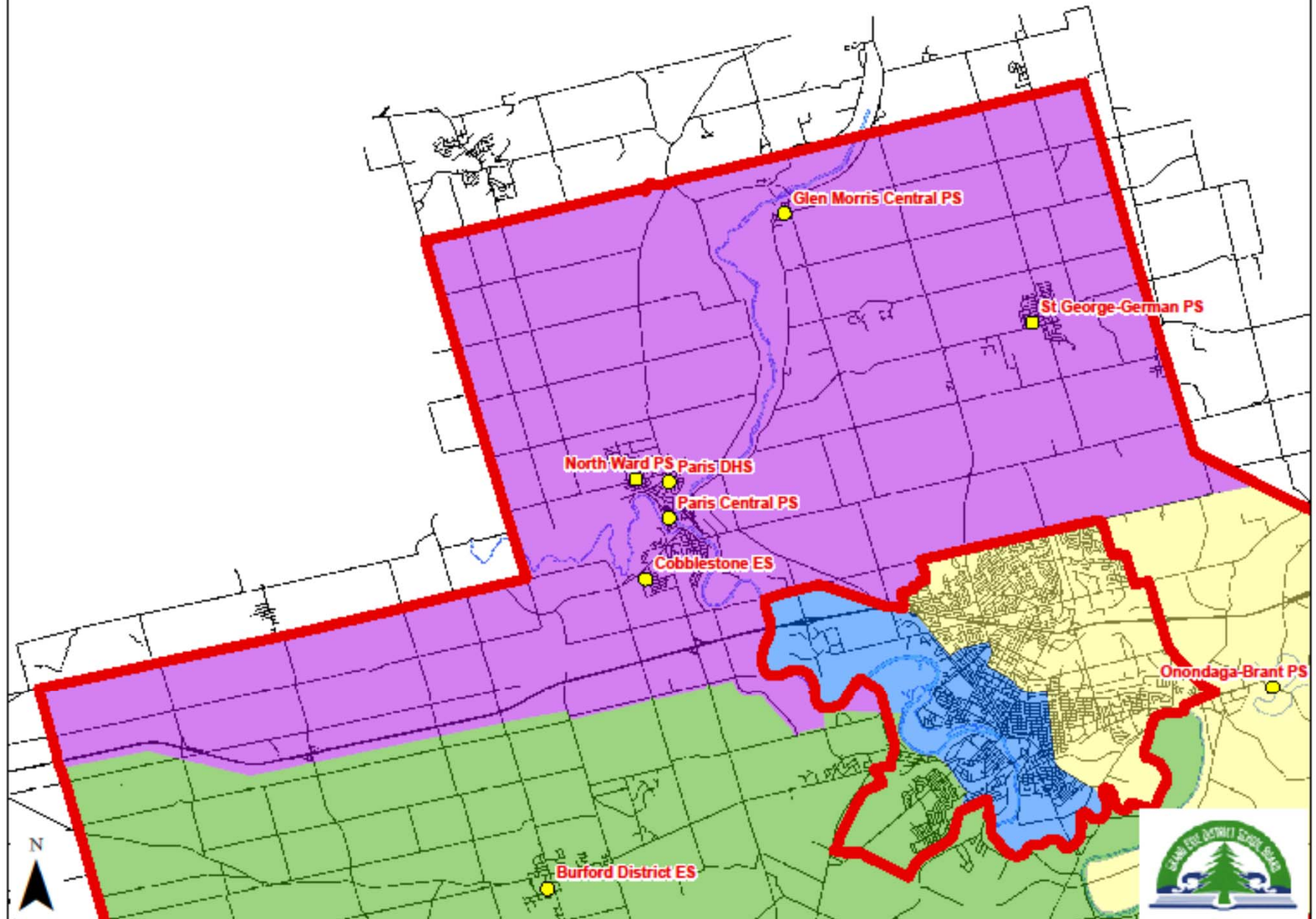


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Proposed FI Boundary for Burford Elementary's JK-4 Program



Proposed FI Boundary for Paris Central's JK-4 Program



Options for consideration

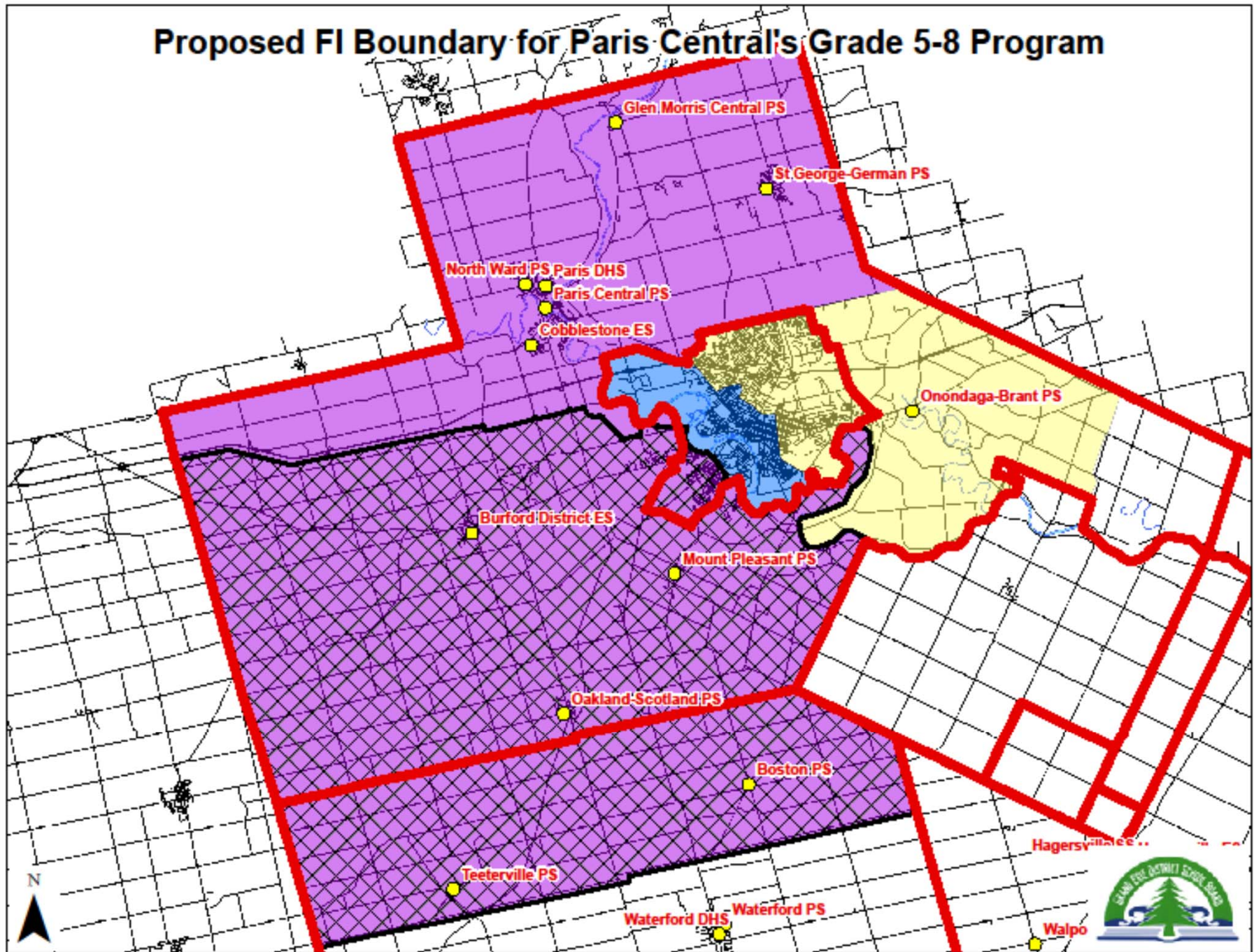
Amend the North Ward and Cobblestone Boundaries to include the current catchment area of Paris Central School and assign FI students from north Brant County to Paris Central making it a single track FI school effective September 2016.

- An Accommodation Review has been initiated for the three Paris elementary schools to consider consolidation of Paris Central students into North Ward and Cobblestone schools.
- A new FI Program would be initiated at Paris Central as a JK to Grade 8 program serving students of Brant County.
- This would augment the program at Burford and provide 219 additional pupil places for the FI program.
- The Burford catchment would be defined to accommodate JK to Grade 4. Students from this area would attend Paris for Grades 5-8 FI programming. .



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Proposed FI Boundary for Paris Central's Grade 5-8 Program



Options for consideration

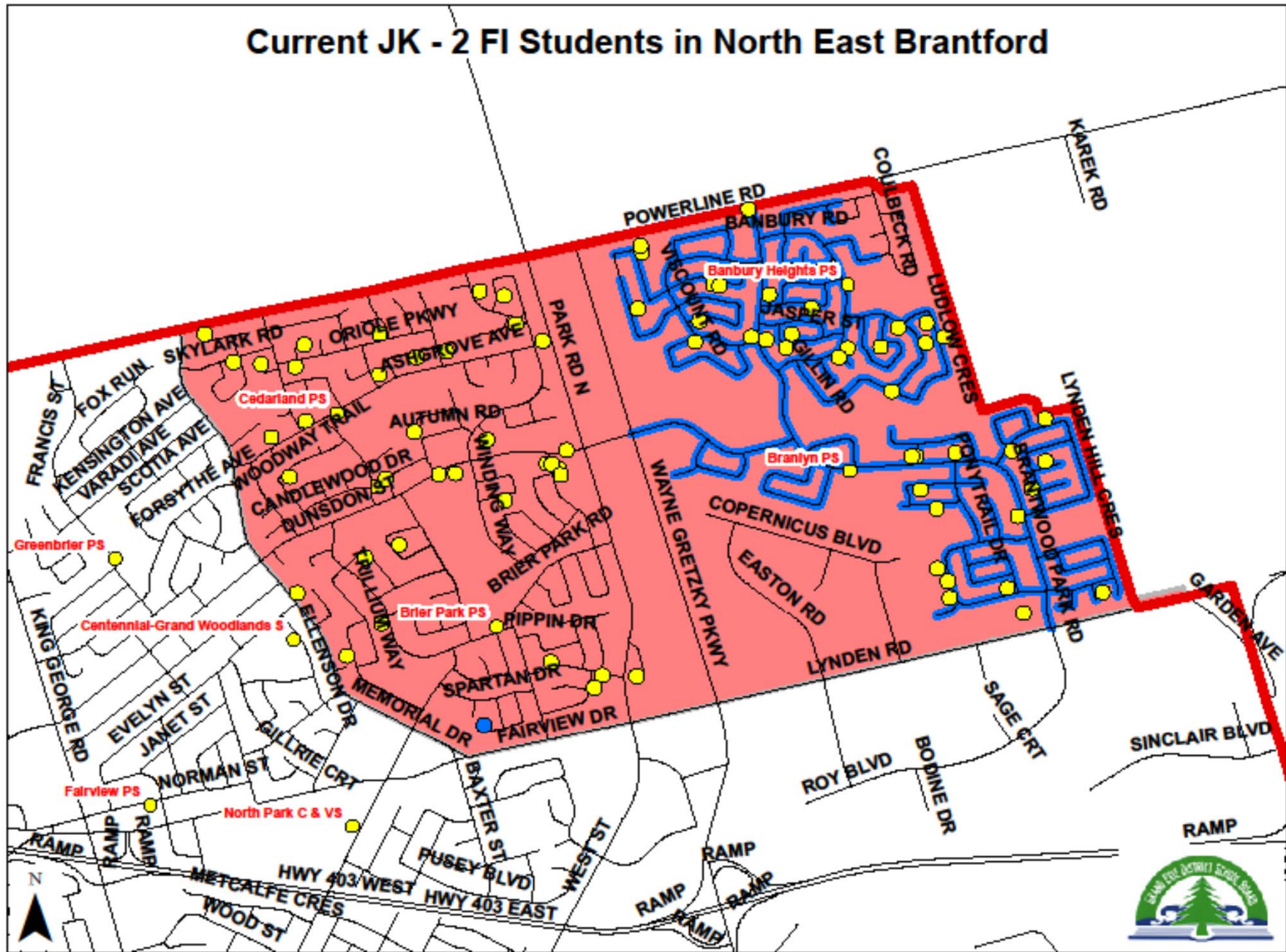
Implement a new dual track program at Branlyn for students residing in the Brier Park, Cedarland, Banbury and Branlyn school catchment area. The initial program would include JK to Grade 2 commencing September 2016 and may be expanded in future years by adding one cohort per year.

- 97 students living in the proposed catchment area attend Dufferin and Fairview.
- If a new FI Program were added at Branlyn enrolment pressure at Dufferin and Fairview would be eased.
- Many of these students are within walking distance of Branlyn School.
- Accommodation at Branlyn would not support the expansion of the program Grade 8. Students from this area would attend Fairview for Grades 3-8 FI programming.

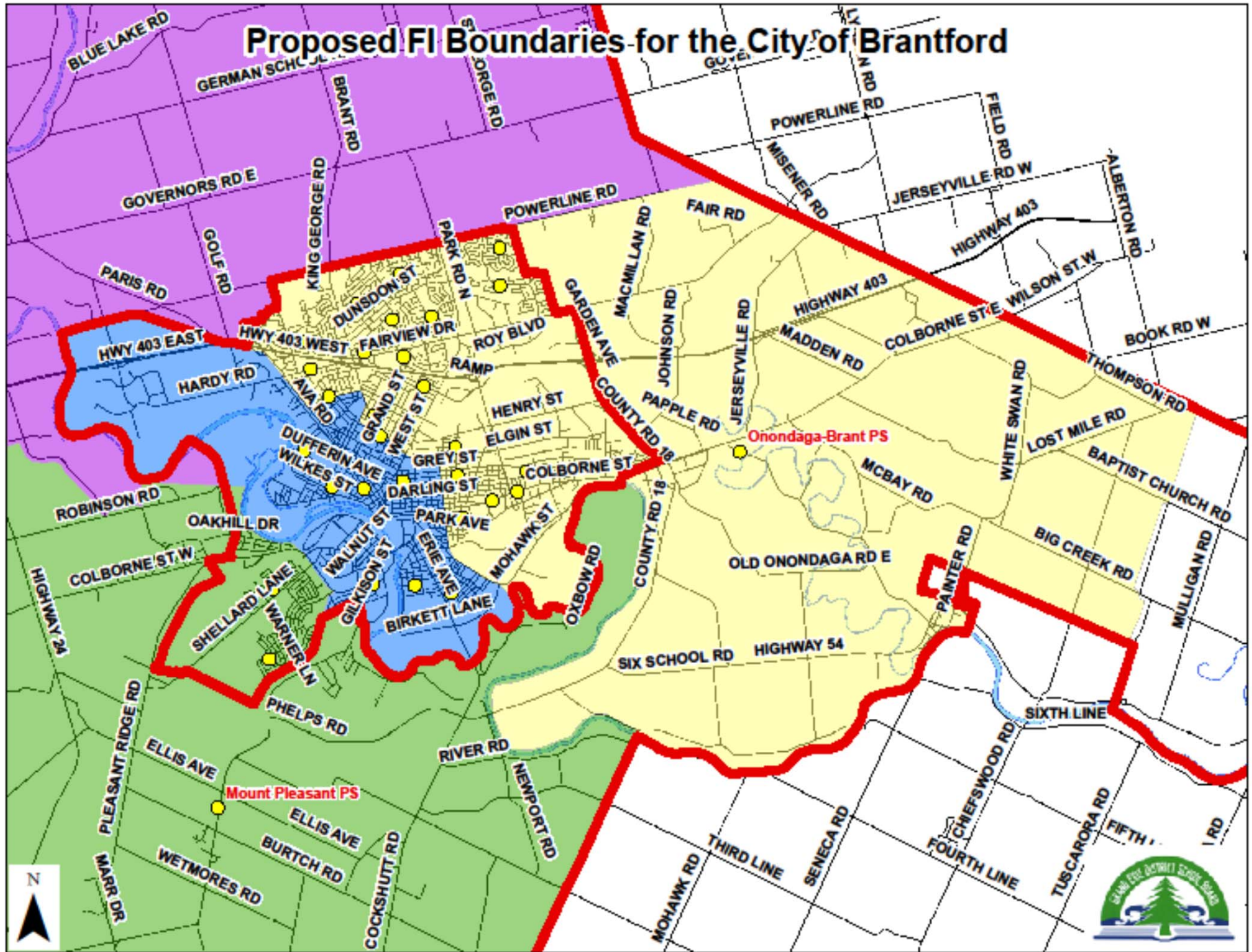


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Current JK - 2 FI Students in North East Brantford



Proposed FI Boundaries for the City of Brantford



Elementary French Immersion Program Enrolment with Options 1-3 Implemented

Projected Enrolment with proposed changes

Year	Dufferin	Fairview	Burford	Branlyn	Paris	Total
2016	350	506	167	92	173	1288
2017	371	515	180	95	183	1344
2018	400	522	197	95	188	1402
2019	421	552	202	95	197	1467
2020	438	576	204	92	205	1515
2021	436	591	194	92	218	1531
2022	442	591	194	92	228	1547
2023	443	592	194	92	228	1549
2024	444	598	194	92	227	1555

School Capacity	461	547*	150	98	229	1485
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Secondary School Considerations

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Secondary Option approved by the Board for Community Consultation

- Establish a second FI program at North Park or Pauline Johnson in September 2016



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Background Information

- Schools may grant a certificate in French Immersion if the student has successfully completed the sequence of four courses in French Immersion and a minimum of six courses in other subjects taught in French.
- Currently BCI has 242 French Immersion students.
- Courses offered often depend on teacher's area(s) of specialization.
 - Currently BCI offers courses in French, Geography, History, Careers, Civics, and Drama
 - Recruitment and hiring for new program is sometimes challenging



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FI Impact on Brant/Brantford Secondary Schools

Year	Burford	Dufferin	Fairview	Total
2015		103	135	238
2016		115	133	248
2017		123	166	289
2018		123	180	303
2019		137	179	316
2020	11	128	199	338
2021	30	143	191	364
2022	44	163	192	399
2023	66	179	215	460
2024	79	191	230	500

- Values represent the sum of four cohorts prior to grade 9 (grades 5, 6, 7 and 8)
- These numbers do not include the students arriving from outside of Grand Erie or students who remain for a 5th year of secondary school
- Significant growth is noted when Burford students begin to graduate and transition to secondary school

Current Enrolment and Percent Capacity Use of Schools

Secondary School	FTE Oct 31/14	Ministry OTG	Capacity % in use	Excess/Short Capacity	Portables
BCI	1295	1206	107%	-89	
North Park	1151	1428	81%	277	7
PJC	867	1353	64%	486	1

- Based on Ministry capacity ratings, BCI is at 107% capacity. It would be difficult to accommodate any additional FI growth.
- Both NPC and PJC have capacity ratings that would allow FI growth to be accommodated.
- Ministry rated capacity is being reviewed to ensure they are correct (example: classrooms where programs have 2 rooms such as special needs programs, or classrooms have been converted to fitness space).



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Implementation of a Second Site

Considerations for implementation of new site:

- Defined catchment areas.
- Establish catchment with grandfathering.
- Transition one grade at a time to new site. This would reduce pressure at BCI. Students who transition would be determined by catchment area.
- Other



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Feedback and Next Steps

- All material presented this evening will be posted on the Board's Website under **Programs > French Immersion**
- Questions from the audience tonight will be recorded and posted with answers
- Additional questions can be submitted by email to info@granderie.ca with the subject line "**FI Feedback**".
- Individuals or groups can present in delegation to the Board. The process for Delegations is set out in Board Bylaw #11. A copy of this Bylaw will be posted on the link above.



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Feedback and Next Steps

- Senior Administration will consider feedback received and prepare a report with final recommendations for Board Consideration.
- The Board will consider the feedback received and final recommendations from senior administration at the Committee of the Whole Board No. 2 meeting November 9, 2015
- The Board will make its final decision at the Board Meeting - November 23, 2015



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Your Questions.



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