

Clara Hughes Public School Boundary Review Consultation

October 18, 2022

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.

Overview

- An information report on the proposed boundary review for Clara Hughes Public School was presented to Trustees at the October 17, 2022, Board Meeting.
- The purpose of the report was to initiate this consultation process to gather community input on the proposed boundary change option intended to alleviate the enrolment pressures at Clara Hughes Public School.
- The Board Report, PowerPoint presentation, School Newsletter and a survey were posted to the Board website and are accessible through the affected schools' websites (Clara Hughes Public School and Village Union Public School).

Overview, Continued

- The option under consideration is provided on the following slides for community input.
- A Virtual Public Meeting will be held to solicit public input on November 24, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. Notice of this meeting will be provided on the Board's and affected schools' websites.
- Staff will collect feedback through email at CHPSBoundaryReview@ddsb.ca and the phone line (905-436-5098) until January 13, 2023.
- All input will be summarized in the February 2023, Recommendation Report to Trustees.
 - Trustees will make a decision at the February 2023 Board Meeting.

Boundary Review

- Clara Hughes Public School (CHPS) is experiencing enrolment pressures within the existing enrolment boundary of the school:
 - CHPS is located in a mature neighborhood on 5.68 acres of land.
 - Families with young children are moving into the area attracted by affordable housing prices and a newer school with Child Care.
- As of September 2022, the school is operating at 184% utilization. For the 2023-24 school year, it is projected to operate at 193% utilization if all students are attending in school learning.
 - Utilization compares the enrolment at the school to the Ministry of Education's Rated Capacity (MRC) of the school.
 - Enrolment pressure is projected to increase over time (see slide 8).

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- The CHPS building was opened in 2014 to accommodate 490 students. Preliminary September 2022 enrolments are in excess of 900 students.
- There is concern regarding the number of portables on site to accommodate the student body:
 - 15 portables on site currently and this number is projected to increase over time;
 - The site can hold a maximum of 18 portables
 - An increase in the number of portables results in a decrease in available play area for students.

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- Program scheduling in specialized spaces (i.e., Gym) is a concern when trying to meet the needs of all students.
- The school has two recess periods in the morning and two in the afternoon in order to ensure student safety given the large student body.
- Overcrowding at CHPS has resulted in traffic congestion as students are dropped off and picked up.

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City of Oshawa

MRC: 490 pp

	Total Enrolment	Utilization	Portables Needed
October 2021	874	178%	12
<i>September 2022 (Preliminary)</i>	900	184%	15
October 2022	913	186%	15
October 2023	944	193%	20
October 2024	971	198%	21
October 2025	982	200%	22
October 2026	981	200%	22

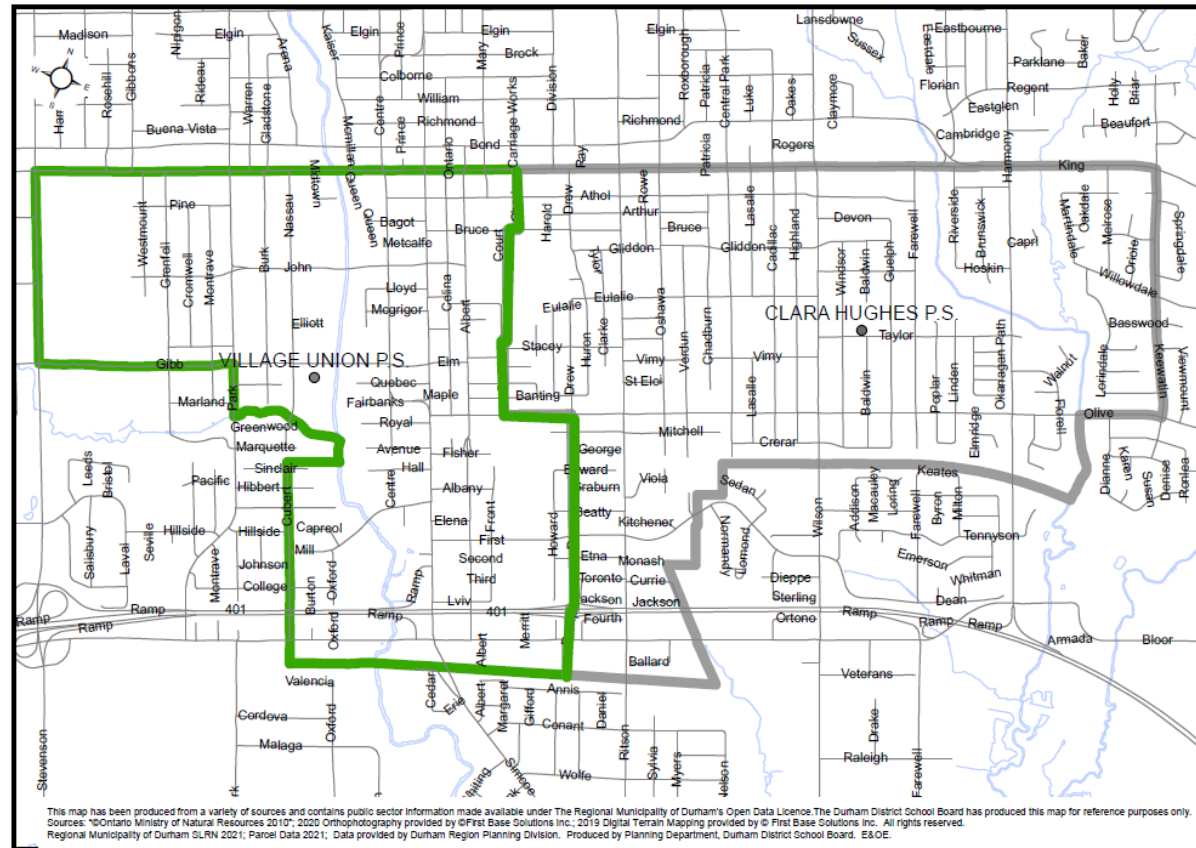
Exceeds maximum # of 18 Portables that could reasonably be accommodated on site

September 2022 Preliminary Actual Enrolments to be confirmed after October 31, 2022

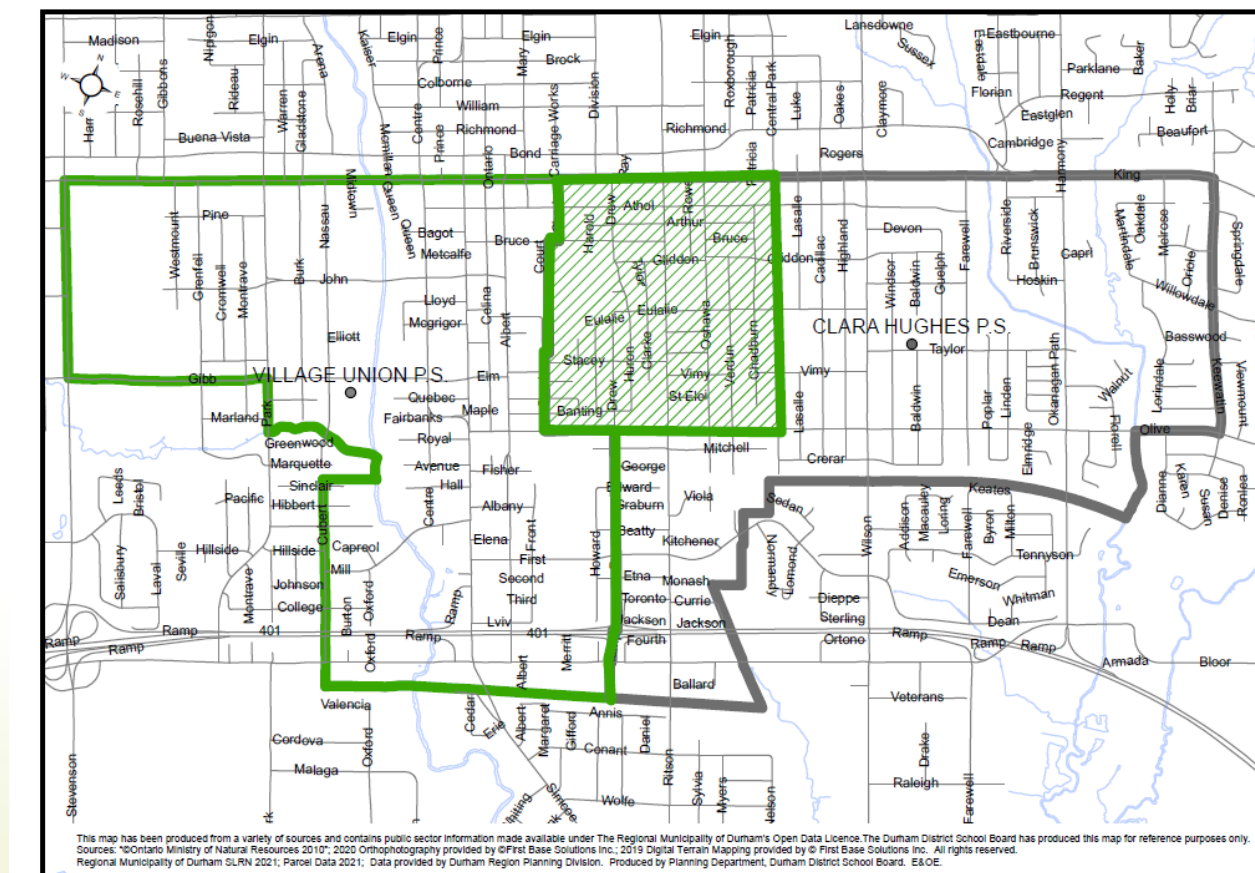
Proposed Option For Consultation

- For the 2023-24 school year, all JK to Grade 7 students residing north of Olive Avenue and west of Central Park Blvd. South would attend Village Union Public School (VUPS) instead of CHPS.
- Should the above option be approved by the Board of Trustees, students entering Grade 8 in 2023-24 will have the option of staying at CHPS and graduating with their peers or attending VUPS for their graduating year.
- More information on this option is provided in the following slides.

Clara Hughes PS and Village Union PS – Existing Enrolment Boundaries



Clara Hughes PS and Village Union PS – Proposed Enrolment Boundaries



Proposed Option Considerations for CHPS

- Between 2023-24 and 2026-27, an average of 318 students from the existing CHPS enrolment boundary would form part of the proposed realigned VUPS enrolment boundary.
- The CHPS enrolment pressure currently projected at 913 students for the 2022-23 school year would decrease to a projected 679 students in 2023-24. By 2026-27, this would further decrease to a projected 631 students
 - This would result in a reduction of portables at CHPS – from the current 15 to 6 by the 2026-27 school year.
 - Pressure in scheduling programs in specialized spaces (i.e., Gym) is anticipated to decrease.
 - Traffic congestion as students are dropped off and picked up is anticipated to decrease.

Proposed Option Considerations Continued – Impact on Clara Hughes Public School

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City of Oshawa

MRC: 490 pp

	Total Enrolment	Utilization	Portables Needed
October 2021	874	178%	12
September 2022 (Preliminary)	900	184%	15
October 2022	913	186%	15
October 2023	679	138%	8
October 2024	662	135%	7
October 2025	636	130%	6
October 2026	631	129%	6

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October 31, 2022*

Proposed Option Considerations for VUPS

- Between 2023-24 and 2026-27, VUPS enrolment would increase by an average of 318 students if the VUPS enrolment boundary was realigned as proposed.
- VUPS is located in the former Oshawa Central CI on 16.04 acres of land. The building was renovated to accommodate 549 elementary students; however, its 2022-23 enrolment is projected to be 385 students. As a result, the elementary space is underutilized (enrolment compared to MRC).
- The available existing space would be increased by the creation of approximately 9 classrooms to accommodate the total enrolment resulting from the proposed expanded VUPS enrolment boundary.
 - There would be sufficient space for future growth

Proposed Option Considerations Continued – Impact On Village Union Public School

Village Union P.S.

City of Oshawa

MRC: 549 pp

	Existing Situation - 2021-22			Option - 2023-24			
	Total Enrolment	Utilization	Portables Needed	Total	Utilization	Additional Rooms Needed	Revised Utilization with 9 Rooms Added for 2023-24
October 2021	368	67%	-	368	67%	-	67%
September 2022 (Preliminary)	353	64%	-	353	64%	-	64%
October 2022	385	70%	-	385	70%	-	70%
October 2023	389	71%	-	654	119%	5	87%
October 2024	391	71%	-	700	128%	7	93%
October 2025	396	72%	-	742	135%	8	98%
October 2026	403	73%	-	753	137%	9	100%

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after October 31, 2022*

Transportation And Staffing

- Durham Student Transportation Services (DSTS) identify safe walking routes for all schools.
- 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.
- The number of school buses that may be required for the realigned CHPS and expanded VUPS enrolment boundaries will be determined by DSTS, should the boundary realignment be approved.

Transportation And Staffing Continued

- Crossing guards are a mandate of the City of Oshawa, and Durham Student Transportation Services would work with the City regarding the designation of crossing guards to accommodate safe travel for all students to their designated schools.
- Should the Board of Trustees approve this proposed Boundary realignment in February 2023 for implementation in September 2023, there will be sufficient time for decisions, that impact staffing of the two schools, to be made.

Communication Plan

- There will be a number of opportunities to provide and receive input:
 - Final Recommendation Report taking into consideration all community input presented to the Board of Trustees -- February 2023
 - Community Consultation from October 18, 2022 to January 13, 2023 receive input via:
 - SCC Executive Meeting – *TBD*
 - Virtual Public Meeting – November 24, 2022
 - Email, Voicemail and Survey

Communication Plan Continued



- The following are available at: <https://www.ddsb.ca/en/about-ddsb/boundary-and-program-reviews.aspx>
 - Information Report to the Board of Trustees dated October 17, 2022
 - PowerPoint Presentation dated October 18, 2022
 - Newsletter (also available on both schools' websites)

Communication Plan Continued 2



- A Virtual Public Meeting will be held in on November 24, 2022, at 7:00 pm to solicit public input.
- More information will be provided on the Board's and the affected schools' websites.
 - The DDSB will provide an overview of the option under consideration and any input received to date.
 - Anyone wishing to participate in this Virtual Public Meeting is requested to register in advance to share input/presentation. Please visit the Board's website.

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- Staff will collect feedback until January 13, 2023, via:
 - Email at CHPSBoundaryReview@ddsb.ca
 - Phone line (905-436-5098)
 - Survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CHPS-VUPSboundary>

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 2023, Board Meeting.
 - The report will summarize all feedback collected and provide a recommended boundary for Trustees' consideration.



End Of Presentation