

Unnamed Coughlan PS Boundary Review Consultation Process

October 22, 2024

Dear DDSB Families,

We are reaching out to families of students currently attending Eagle Ridge PS, Alexander Graham Bell PS, Valley Farm PS, Valley View PS and DDSB@Home – Elementary to let you know that the Durham District School Board (DDSB) has initiated a public consultation process to establish the permanent boundary of the Unnamed Coughlan PS opening in September 2025.

Background

The Unnamed Coughlan PS will accommodate students from JK to Grade 8 and includes a Child Care Centre. The school site is 8.01 acres in size.

Unnamed Coughlan PS is part of a greenfield development area that is attractive to young families. The new school will provide pupil accommodation for students residing in the North Ajax and the North Pickering (Seaton) development neighbourhoods, specifically located in the block west of Salem Road, north of Rossland Road West, south of 5th Concession Road and east of Aquarius Trail. There are four partner schools, Eagle Ridge PS, Alexander Graham Bell PS, Valley Farm PS and Valley View PS, which are accommodating students residing in this new development until the new school opens in the 2025-2026 school year.

The proposed Unnamed Coughlan PS permanent boundary aligns with the multiple growth boundaries currently in place since development in the area began.

The proposed boundary of the Unnamed Coughlan PS will encompass the immediate neighbourhood in the Town of Ajax and also include part of the Seaton Community in the City of Pickering. The Pickering portion of the proposed boundary is currently partnering at Valley Farm PS and Valley View PS. The north part of the Ajax portion of the proposed boundary is also currently partnering at Valley View PS, while the south part is partnering at Eagle Ridge PS and Alexander Graham Bell PS.

Students residing in the proposed permanent boundary and attending the four identified partner schools, upon graduation, will go to Pine Ridge SS or Pickering HS. The establishment of a permanent boundary is an opportunity to ensure students graduate with their peers and attend secondary schools within their communities.

How to provide feedback

We are asking our community to provide their input and share feedback about the boundary review.

Here is how you can get involved.

Visit the [consultation webpage](#), where you will find:

- PowerPoint presentation
- A comment sheet for community input

- Proposed boundary maps
- The October 21, 2024, report to the DDSB Board of Trustees
- Link to consultation survey - <https://survey.sogolytics.com/r/HOA7gz>
- Additional information about the in-person public meeting – November 13, 2024, at Eagle Ridge PS

Email and voicemail for community consultation will be accepted here at CPSBoundaryReview@ddsb.ca; | Voicemail: 905-666-6308

The Survey link is now open to gather feedback and will be available until January 10, 2025.

A webinar date in early December will also be established for families to find out more information and provide feedback.

Information will be provided on <https://www.ddsb.ca/en/about-ddsb/boundary-and-program-reviews.aspx#Unnamed-Coughlan-Public-School> about how families can access the Unnamed Coughlan PS Boundary Review Consultation Webinar.

Thank you for your time. All community feedback will be considered and a report to the Board of Trustees will be presented for consideration in February 2025.

Sincerely,

Durham District School Board