

DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

REPORT TO: Durham District School Board

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SUBJECT: Unnamed North Oshawa Public School -
Symington Avenue and Steeplechase Street
Boundary Review

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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 centre human rights and equity and are safe, welcoming, respectful, equitable, accessible, inclusive, and free from all forms of discrimination, oppression, harassment and harm.

1.0 Strategic Links

The new Unnamed North Oshawa Public School – Symington Avenue and Steeplechase Street (Unnamed North Oshawa PS) will open in 2026-2027 to provide high quality teaching and learning for every student within the local community in a safe, caring and respectful environment where people can thrive. Community consultation to support the establishment of the permanent attendance area for this new school will contribute to connecting communities by ensuring spaces that foster opportunities to meet, learn from and inspire each other are available.

2.0 Policy and Legislative Connections

[DDSB Regulation: School Boundaries](#)

3.0 **Abstract**

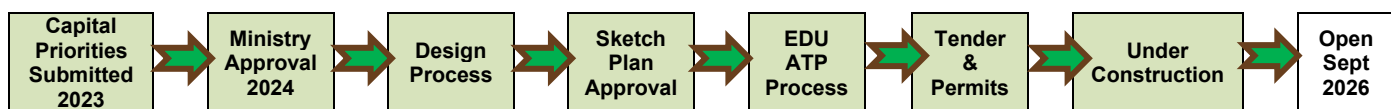
This is a compliance report required to begin a community consultation under the DDSB Regulation: School Boundaries. With significant population growth in Durham Region, the Durham District School Board (DDSB) is continuing to see increases in enrolment within the District. New schools are constructed to address the enrolment growth and support students within their home communities. Prior to the opening of a new school, a permanent attendance boundary is established for students attending the new school through a boundary review consultation involving the local community and partner schools that have been accommodating students from the areas of new development. To accommodate the existing and future enrolment in north Oshawa, the Unnamed North Oshawa PS will open in September 2026. This report, on the boundary review process, is provided for information. A final report and recommended boundary resulting from the consultation process will come to Board of Trustees for consideration in February 2026.

4.0 **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to provide the Board of Trustees with information on the public consultation process to establish the permanent attendance boundary for the Unnamed North Oshawa PS located at Symington Avenue and Steeplechase Street. The new school is currently under construction and is scheduled to open September 2026. The boundary review consultation is scheduled to commence October 22, 2025, and end with a final report seeking approval of the recommended boundary in February 2026. The consultation process will take place in accordance with DDSB's Regulation: School Boundaries and will include the proposed boundary attached as Appendix A1.

5.0 **Background and Context**

The Unnamed North Oshawa PS received Ministry of Education (Ministry) Capital Priorities funding in 2024 and is currently under construction with a scheduled opening date of September 2026. The school has a Ministry Rated Capacity (MRC) of 634 pupils and will accommodate students from JK to Grade 8. The school site is 6.94 acres in size.



The Unnamed North Oshawa 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 Oshawa development neighbourhoods, specifically located north of Conlin Road East at Thornton Road North to Winchester Road East; north of Britannia Avenue East at Simcoe Road North, south of Howden Road East, west of Townline Road North, and east of Thornton Road N (Appendix A1).

As outlined in the map found in Appendix A2 there are three partner schools; Dr. S J Phillips PS, Kedron PS, and Sunset Heights PS which have been accommodating students residing in this new development (Kedron Planning area) until the new school opens in September 2026. While Northern Dancer PS is not considered a partner school, one of the established growth boundaries was originally part of Northern Dancer's permanent boundary. This growth boundary was established to alleviate the increasing growth-related enrolment pressure at Northern Dancer PS. As such, there are students residing within the proposed attendance boundary for Unnamed North Oshawa PS currently attending Northern Dancer PS. This consultation will directly affect these students and their families.

The proposed Unnamed North Oshawa PS permanent attendance boundary aligns with the expanding growth boundary currently in place since development in the area began. In the 2026-2027 school year, Unnamed North Oshawa PS, Northern Dancer PS, Elsie MacGill PS and Kedron PS will continue to accommodate Oshawa's rapidly expanding Kedron Planning area growth. The enrolment data, provided in section 6.0 of the report, supports the proposed boundary, provided as Appendix A1.

5.1 Growth Boundaries and Partner Schools

As new homes are occupied, growth boundaries are identified and linked to partner schools to accommodate enrolment growth until funding is provided by the Ministry for the construction of a new school. A permanent attendance boundary is established prior to the opening of the new school.

Partner schools are determined based on factors including available space, site size, use of portables, transportation (distance to school and space to accommodate buses), adequate parking, and washrooms to accommodate the projected number of students and staff.

Once the partner school is identified, students and their siblings attend their designated partner school. Any new families moving into an established growth boundary also attend the identified partner school until such time as the permanent boundary for the new school is established and the new school opens.

Students residing in the proposed permanent boundary and attending the identified partner schools will attend the Unnamed North Oshawa SS upon graduation as of 2026-2027. As an example, students residing in this area of the proposed permanent boundary and in Grade 8 in 2025-2026 will attend Unnamed North Oshawa SS for Grade 9 in 2026-2027.

The staff recommendation for the permanent attendance boundary for Unnamed North Oshawa SS will be considered at the October 21, 2025, Board meeting.

6.0 Analysis

Based upon the proposed boundary, Table 1 identifies the elementary partner schools impacted by the proposed permanent boundary for the Unnamed North Oshawa PS.

Table 2 identifies the 2026-2027 enrolment projections for Unnamed North Oshawa PS and the four affected schools. This proposal includes students residing within the proposed boundary, who will be entering Grades JK-7 inclusive in September 2026.

Students who reside in the growth boundary and are entering Grade 8 in September 2026 will have the choice to remain at their existing designated partner school with transportation provided based on eligibility.

Younger siblings will attend the new elementary school. Students whose families reside outside of the Durham Student Transportation Services (DSTS)-established non-transporting zone (formerly walk boundary) will be provided with transportation to the new school.

The Unnamed North Oshawa PS is located in a mixed-use community (residential and commercial) area. North Oshawa has two secondary plans of subdivision identified with ongoing and future growth. The Kedron Planning area development is ongoing, and the Columbus Planning area is now starting to see development. The Columbus Planning area is at the north boundary of the Kedron Planning area. As new home construction continues and homes are occupied, it is expected that one or more of the existing elementary partner schools may accommodate students from future growth boundaries.

The opening of Unnamed North Oshawa PS for the 2026-2027 school year will result in 25 portables at the four schools accommodating the growth being relocated within the District to address growth-related needs.

Table 1 – 2025-2026 Enrolment Projection:

October 2025	Ministry Rated Capacity	Total Enrolment	Utilization	Portables Needed
Unnamed North Oshawa PS	634	N/A	N/A	N/A
Dr. S J Philips PS	452	488	108%	3
Kedron PS	262	480	183%	8
Northern Dancer PS	513	781	152%	10
Sunset Heights PS	380	615	162%	10

Source: DDSB Students Enrolment as of September 19, 2025

Table 2 – 2026-2027 Enrolment Projection:

October 2026	Ministry Rated Capacity	Total Enrolment	Utilization	Portables Needed
Unnamed North Oshawa PS	634	648	102%	0
Dr. S J Philips PS	452	480	106%	0
Kedron PS	262	393	150%	5
Northern Dancer PS	513	504	98%	0
Sunset Heights PS	380	409	108%	1

Source: DDSB's Official Enrolment Projections (OEP) for 2026-2027

6.1 Consultation Plan

The Public Consultation Plan has been developed in accordance with DDSB's School Boundaries Regulation. Consultation will begin October 22, 2025, and end on January 9, 2026. As part of the consultation process one in-person public meeting will be held as well as an additional webinar public meeting. The in-person meeting will be held on November 10, 2025. The webinar public meeting will be held on November 19, 2025.

Following consultation, a final recommendation report will be brought forward to the Board of Trustees for consideration and for a decision regarding the permanent attendance boundary for the new school at the February 2026 Board Meeting.

7.0 Risks and Opportunities

With the opening of the Unnamed North Oshawa PS, there is an opportunity to redirect 25 portables to address other accommodation pressures and ensure that fewer students are in alternative learning spaces.

No risks have been identified with the opening of the Unnamed North Oshawa PS.

8.0 Financial Implications

Potential for a reduction in transportation costs as a reduced number of buses will be required with the new permanent boundary.

9.0 Communication/Implementation Plan

The establishment of school boundaries is a community consultation process that includes a variety of communications including board reports, PowerPoint presentations available on DDSB's website, school communications utilizing affected schools and DDSB@home websites, as well as other forms of school notifications, such as newsletters and SchoolMessenger calls or emails.

The process includes opportunities for community input through email, voicemail, and survey as well as an in-person and a virtual consultation, and School Community Council (SCC) executive meetings with affected schools. A dedicated email address and phone line will be established to gather community input.

All information resulting from the consultation process will be summarized and provided to the Board of Trustees in a recommendation report.

Key dates for consultation as noted above are as follows:

September 2025:

- Development of Boundary Review Information Report
 - Internal staff discussions.
 - Meeting with Oshawa Superintendents and System Lead included in the Boundary Review.

October 2025:

- October 15
 - Meeting with Principals of individual schools included in the Boundary Review.
- October 16
 - Meeting with Oshawa Trustees to share information regarding the Boundary Review.
- October 21
 - The Boundary Review Information Report is presented at the Board Meeting to begin the community consultation process.
- October 22
 - Community Consultation begins.
 - The Boundary Review Information Report and a PowerPoint presentation, that provides an overview of the boundary review and communication timelines, including community consultation details, is available on the DDSB [website](#).
 - Communications messaging is provided to individual schools included in the Boundary Review.
 - Survey will be open until 5:00 p.m. January 9, 2026.

- SCC Executive Meetings for schools included in the Boundary Review will be scheduled, to accommodate the SCC Executive calendars. An overview of the Report and the community consultation will be provided with a focus on feedback from the SCC Executive. The SCC Executive will also be asked to share the details of the process, consultation opportunities and timelines to ensure feedback is gathered through the process.

November 2025:

- November 10 (7:00 pm) – more information will be posted at www.ddsb.ca and the impacted schools' websites.
 - In person public meeting to gather community feedback to be held in the gymnasium at:

Northern Dancer PS
2200 Bridle Road
Oshawa
- November 19 (7:00 pm) – more information will be posted at www.ddsb.ca and the impacted schools' websites.
 - A webinar will be held to gather community feedback. There will be a formal presentation; however, the focus will be on community feedback.
- At both in-person and online meetings, participants will be required to sign up prior to the event and details will be advertised through the schools' and the DDSB's website and social media.

January 2026:

- January 9
 - Consultation ends January 9, 2026 @ 5:00 p.m. DDSB staff to review all input received.

Throughout the community consultation period of October 22, 2025, to 5:00 pm, January 9, 2026, community feedback, which will be shared with local area Trustees, may be provided through:

Email: NOPSBoundaryReview@ddsb.ca

Phone: 905-666-6473

All input received via the public meetings, email, phone, and survey will be summarized and included in the final report to Trustees for their consideration and decision. Any community recommended alternative options to address the accommodation pressures will be analyzed by staff and the alternative option and analysis included in the final recommendation Report to Trustees for their consideration and decision.

- January 2026 (after close of consultation):
 - Staff to prepare final report

February 2026:

- February 18 (date to be approved at November 2025 Organizational meeting)
 - Final report to Board of Trustees for consideration and decision.

10.0 Conclusion

This report is provided to the Board of Trustees for information.

With the Unnamed North Oshawa PS (Symington Avenue/Steeplechase Street) scheduled to open for the 2026-2027 school year, the permanent attendance boundary needs to be established, and a community consultation process needs to commence.

The community consultation will occur from October 22, 2025, to January 9, 2026, with a final decision on the establishment of the permanent boundary made by the Board of Trustees in February 2026. Such an approach provides sufficient time for parents/guardians and students to prepare for the boundary changes and timing for staffing allocations effective September 2026.

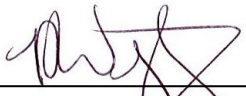
11.0 Appendices

Appendix A1 – Unnamed North Oshawa Symington PS – Proposed Boundary Map

Appendix A2 – Unnamed North Oshawa Symington PS – Proposed Boundary Map and Partner Schools

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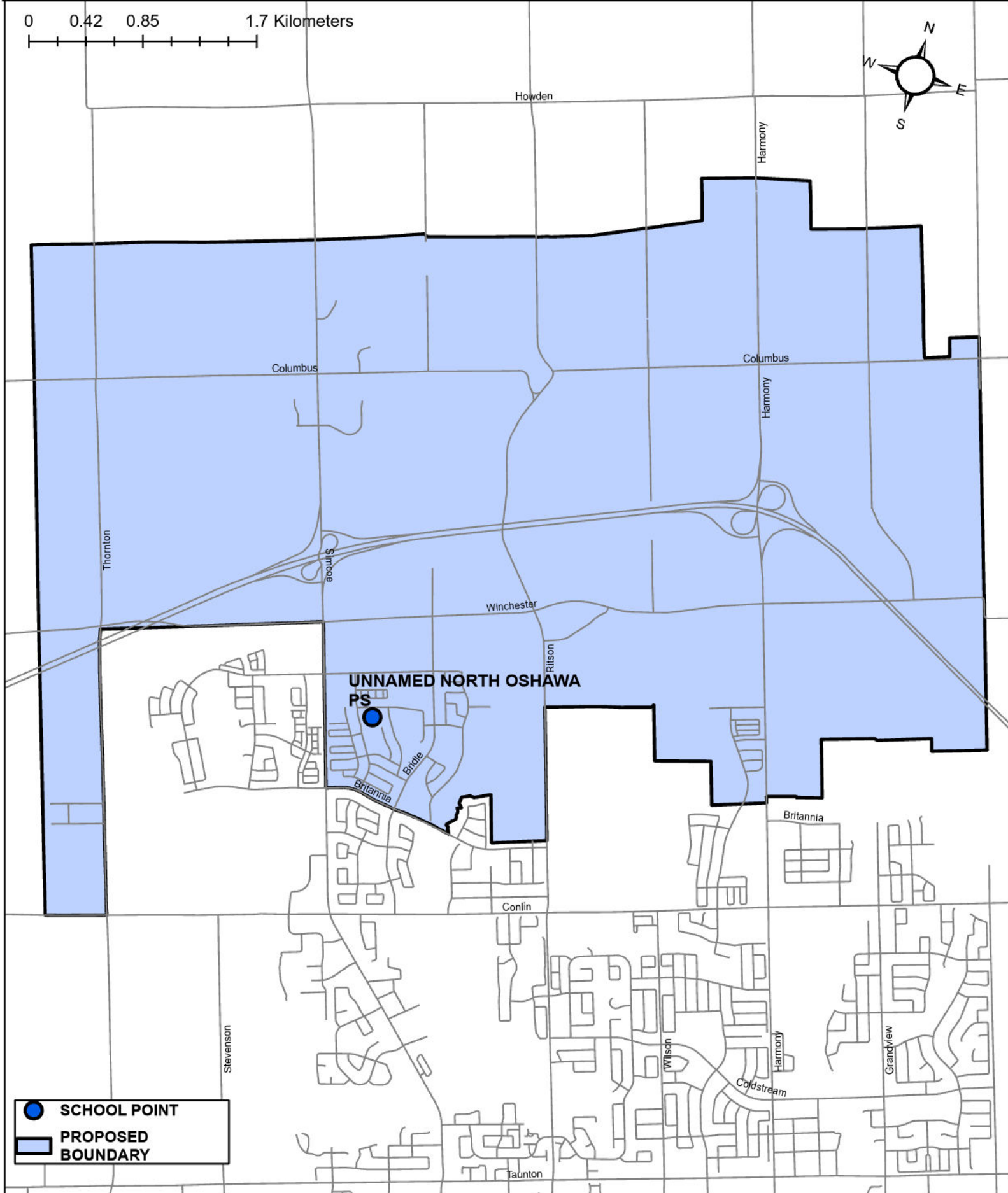
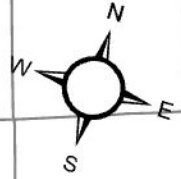
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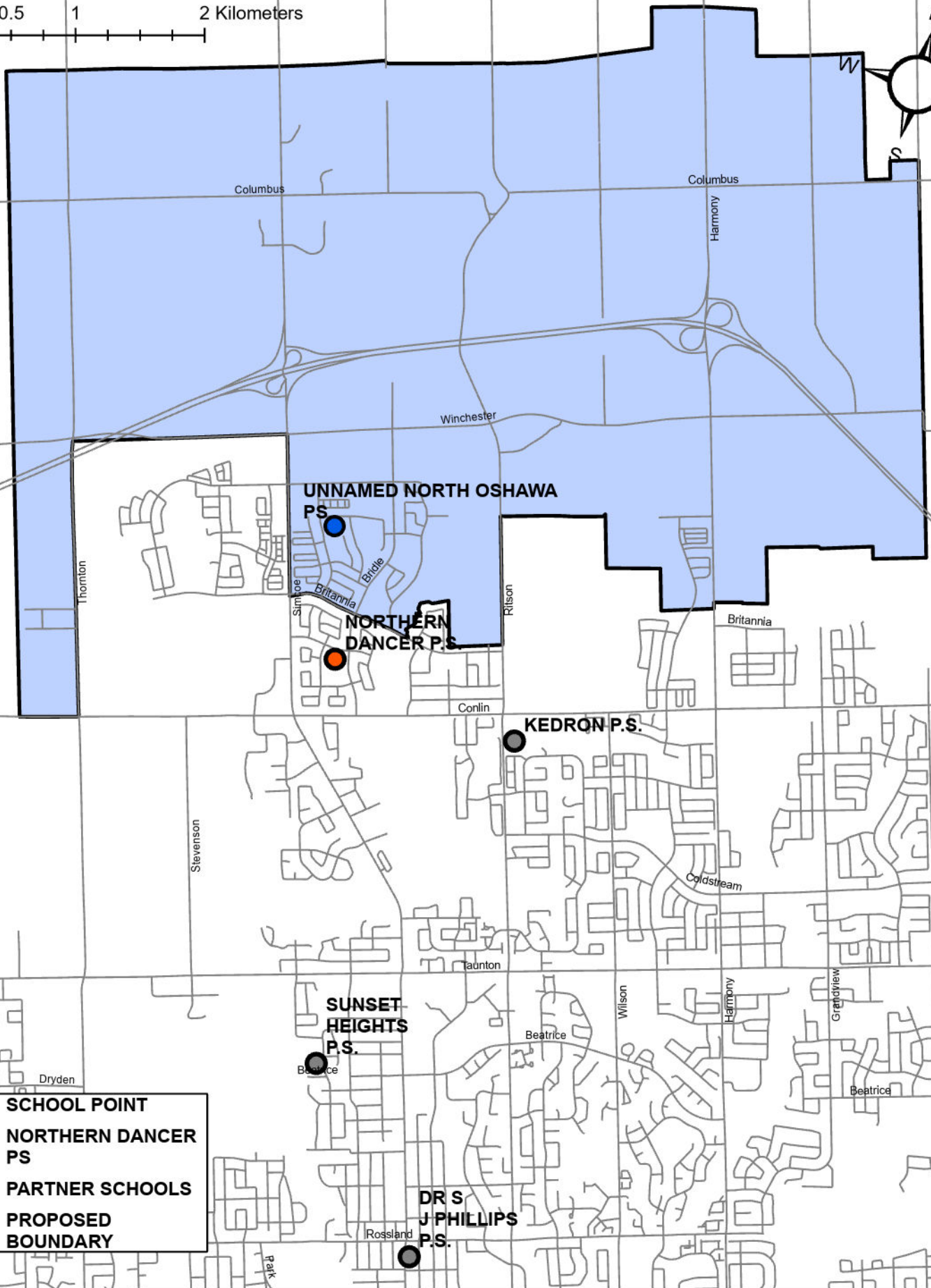
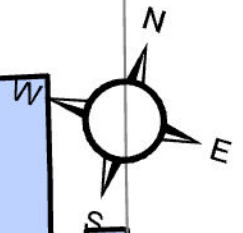
UNNAMED NORTH OSHAWA PS PROPOSED BOUNDARY DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD APPENDIX A1

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UNNAMED NORTH OSHAWA PS PROPOSED BOUNDARY & PARTNER SCHOOLS DURHAM DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD APPENDIX A2

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- NORTHERN DANCER PS
- PARTNER SCHOOLS
- PROPOSED BOUNDARY