

Unnamed North Oshawa Public School Boundary Review Consultation

December 5, 2023 to January 12, 2024

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 centre 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 proposed boundary review for Unnamed North Oshawa Public School was presented to Trustees at the December 4, 2023, Board Meeting.
 - The purpose of the report was to initiate this consultation process to gather community input on the proposed boundary for Unnamed North Oshawa PS, located at Windfields Farm Drive West and Wintergrace Avenue, scheduled to open for the 2024-2025 school year.
- A Virtual Public Meeting will be held to solicit public input on December 18, 2023, at 7pm. Notices of this meeting will be provided on DDSB's and affected schools' websites.

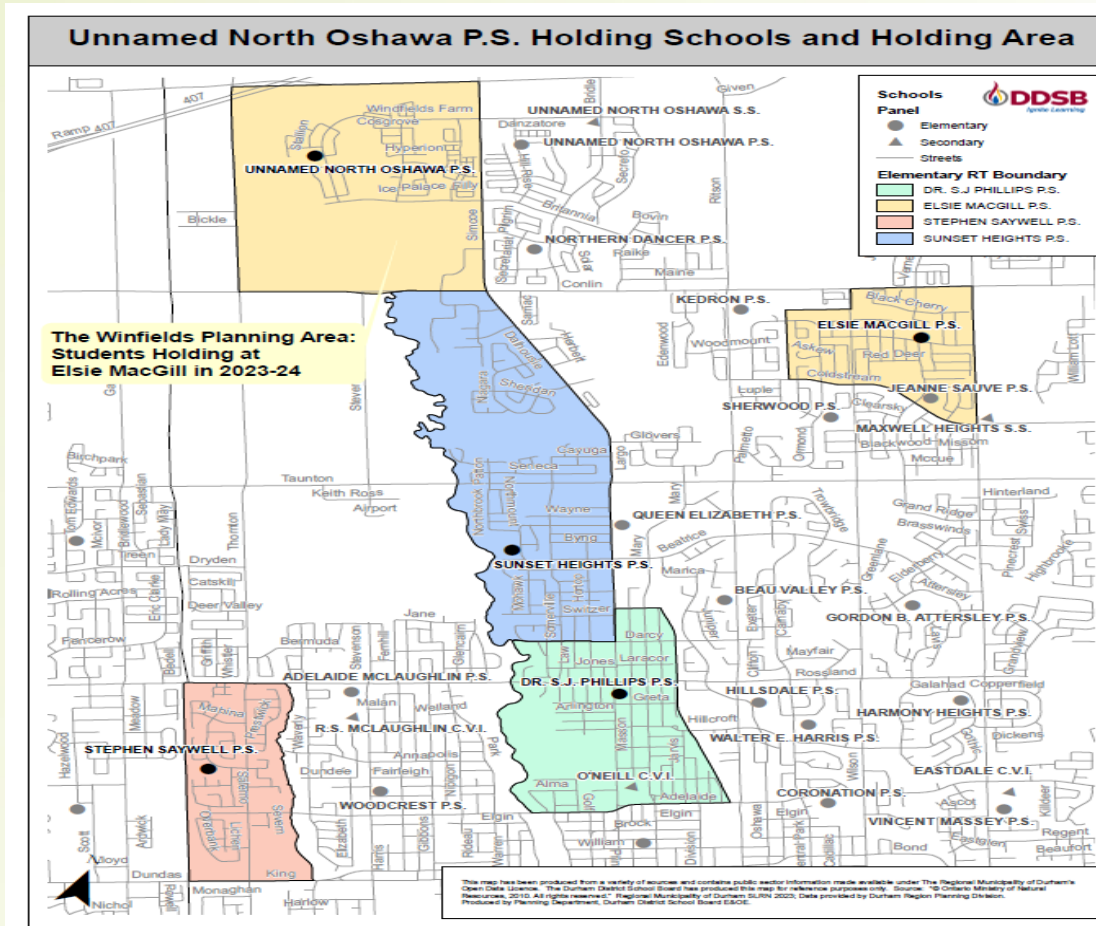
Overview, Continued

- The Board Report, PowerPoint presentation, and a survey will be posted to the Board website and are accessible through the holding schools' websites (Stephen Saywell Public School, Sunset Heights Public School, Dr SJ Phillips Public School and Elsie MacGill Public School).
- Staff will collect feedback through email at NOPSBoundaryReview@DDSB.ca, phone 905-666-6308 & survey at: <https://survey.sogolytics.com/r/WtJ2Dp> until January 12, 2024.
- All input will be summarized in the February 20, 2024, Recommendation Report to Trustees.
 - Trustees will make a decision at the February 2024 Board Meeting.

Boundary Review

- Unnamed N. Oshawa Public School (NOPS) received Ministry of Education Capital Priorities funding in October 2020. The school is currently under construction and scheduled to open for the 2024-2025 school year.
- Unnamed NOPS has a Ministry Rated Capacity (MRC) of 536 pupil places and will accommodate students from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8, and includes a Child Care Centre.
- The neighbourhood is part of a greenfield development that attracts new families, including more affordable rental units.
- Four holding schools; Stephen Saywell PS, Sunset Heights PS, Dr SJ Phillips PS and Elsie MacGill PS have been accommodating the growth from the area until the school opens for the 2024-2025 school year.

Unnamed N. Oshawa PS Holding Schools and Holding Area



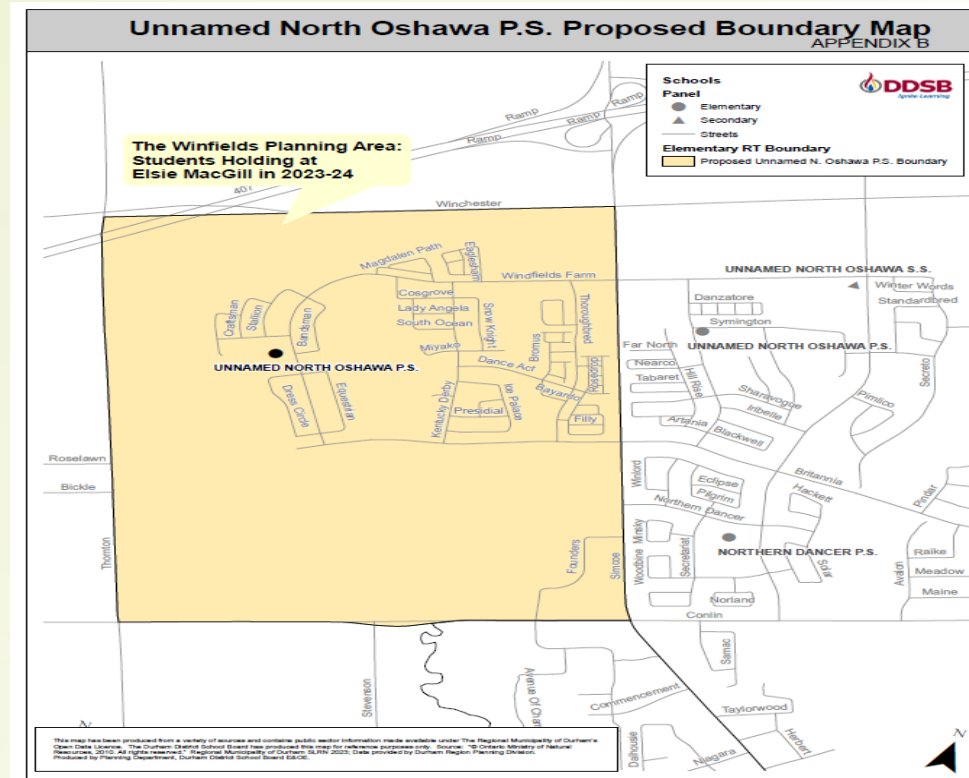
Holding Schools

- Holding 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 holding school (as long as they remain at their current address) until such time as the new school is open with a boundary in place.
- Details of the four holding schools are as follows:
 - Stephen Saywell PS was identified as the first holding school during the 2015-2016 school year until June 2018.
 - Sunset Heights PS was the second holding school and accommodated new students from the NOPS area until June 2021.
 - Dr. SJ Phillips PS was identified as the third holding school until June 2023.
 - Elsie MacGill PS is the current holding school.

Proposed Unnamed N. Oshawa PS Boundary For Consultation

- Unnamed N. Oshawa's proposed boundary encompasses the west side of Simcoe Street North, the north side of Conlin Road, the south side of Winchester Road West and the east side of Thornton Road.
- The proposed boundary aligns with the current holding school boundary in place since the development in the area began.
- For the 2024-2025 school year, the proposal includes JK to Grade 7 students residing within the proposed boundary. Current Grade 7 students would be given the choice to remain at their designated holding school or transition to the Unnamed N. Oshawa PS for Grade 8.

Unnamed N. Oshawa P.S. Proposed Enrolment Boundary Map



Unnamed N. Oshawa PS Enrolment Projections

- Below are Unnamed N. Oshawa PS enrolment projections upon opening, based upon current holding and growth.
- Based upon previous new DDSB school openings, a new facility attracts students from other sources, including publicly funded, private schools and DDSB families attending elsewhere. 50 new students are included per year in Unnamed N. Oshawa PS enrolment projections.

Unnamed N. Oshawa PS			
City of Oshawa			
MRC:	536		
	Total Enrolment	Utilization	Portables Needed
October 2024	613	114%	2
October 2025	645	120%	4
October 2026	660	123%	4
October 2027	685	128%	5

Impact on Holding Schools With Unnamed N. Oshawa PS - Stephen Saywell PS

Stephen Saywell PS
City of Oshawa

MRC: 389

**Impact on Enrolment with the opening
of Unnamed N. Oshawa PS**

	Total Enrolment	Utilization	Portables Needed		Total Enrolment	Utilization	Portables Needed
October 2022	424	109%	0				
<i>October 2023 (actuals)</i>	422	108%	0				
October 2024	407	105%	0	380	98%	0	
October 2025	399	103%	0	379	97%	0	
October 2026	377	97%	0	360	93%	0	
October 2027	355	91%	0	337	87%	0	

Impact on Holding Schools With Unnamed N. Oshawa PS - Sunset Heights PS

Sunset Heights PS City of Oshawa				Impact on Enrolment with the opening of Unnamed N. Oshawa PS		
MRC:	380					
	Total Enrolment	Utilization	Portables Needed	Total Enrolment	Utilization	Portables Needed
October 2022	581	153%	9			
October 2023 (actuals)	585	154%	8			
October 2023	574	151%	8			
October 2024	556	146%	7	421	111%	1
October 2025	561	148%	7	428	113%	1
October 2026	542	143%	7	414	109%	1
October 2027	535	141%	6	412	108%	1

Impact on Holding Schools With Unnamed N. Oshawa PS - Dr SJ Phillips PS

Dr. SJ Phillips PS City of Oshawa		Impact on Enrolment with the opening of Unnamed N. Oshawa PS					
MRC:	452	Total Enrolment	Utilization	Portables Needed	Total Enrolment	Utilization	Portables Needed
October 2022		688	152%	8			
October 2023 (actuals)		673	149%	9			
October 2024		695	154%	9	440	97%	0
October 2025		667	148%	8	438	97%	0
October 2026		654	145%	7	427	94%	0
October 2027		648	143%	6	418	92%	0

Impact on Holding Schools With Unnamed N. Oshawa PS - Elsie MacGill PS

Elsie MacGill PS
City of Oshawa

MRC: 519				Impact on Enrolment with the opening of Unnamed N. Oshawa PS		
	Total Enrolment	Utilization	Portables Needed	Total Enrolment**	Utilization	Portables Needed
October 2022	525	101%	0			
<i>October 2023 (actuals)</i>	706	136%	6*			
October 2024	610	118%	6	570	110%	2
October 2025	605	117%	6	533	103%	1
October 2026	593	114%	6	498	96%	0
October 2027	568	109%	6	455	88%	0

* Projected 2024 to 2027 portables held constant for current projections given 2023 preliminary actual to projected data is higher, by 22%

**2024 to 2027 Elise MacGill PS with Unnamed North Oshawa PS data has been updated to reflect the increased percentage of preliminary actual enrolment

Impact on Holding Schools With Unnamed N. Oshawa PS Overview

- The opening of Unnamed N. Oshawa PS for the 2024-2025 school year will result in enrolment relief and the need for minimal portables to the four holding schools (Stephen Saywell PS, Sunset Heights PS, Dr SJ Phillips PS and Elise MacGill PS).
- For the current school year, the four holding schools have a combined 23 portables on site.
- With the opening of Unnamed N. Oshawa PS it is projected that there is a potential to redirect 18 portables to address other accommodation pressures and ensure there are fewer students in alternative learning spaces.
- The four holding schools will be provided some relief however they may be required in future years to accommodate the current and planned growth in Oshawa.
- In north Oshawa there are over 8,000 new homes proposed in the Kedron Planning Area and 8,700 new homes proposed in the Columbus Planning Area. The Kedron Planning Area development is already underway, while it is proposed that the expansion of Columbus is 10 to 15 years away.

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, the prevention of mental health concerns, 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.
- 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 Boundary realignment in February 2024 for implementation in September 2024:
- DSTS will identify bus routes;
- There will be sufficient time for decisions to be made regarding the impact of staffing for Unnamed N. Oshawa PS and the four holding schools, to be made.

Communication Plan



- The Final Recommendation Report will take into consideration all community input presented to the Board of Trustees on February 20, 2024, where the Trustees will be considering the recommendation resulting from this consultation.
- Community Consultation from December 5, 2023 to January 12, 2024.
- Input to be received through various avenues:
- SCC Executive Meeting - TBD
- Virtual Public Meeting - December 18, 2023
- Email, voicemail and survey

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Communication Plan 2



- 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 December 4, 2023
- PowerPoint Presentation dated December 5, 2023
- Newsletter (also available on four holding school's websites)
- A Virtual Public Meeting will be held on December 18, 2023, at 7:00 pm to solicit public input.
- More information will be provided on DDSB's and the four holding schools' websites.
- Anyone wishing to participate in 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.

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Communication Plan 3

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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 20, 2024, Board Meeting.
- The report will summarize all feedback collected and provide a recommended boundary for Trustees' consideration.

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