

Unnamed North Oshawa Secondary School Boundary Review Consultation

May 22, 2025

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.

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.

Agenda & Process - Virtual Public Meeting

- **Agenda:**

- Land Acknowledgement
- Indigenous Rights and Human Rights
- Presentation – Establishment of a Permanent Attendance Boundary for the Unnamed North Oshawa Secondary School
- Community Questions & Answers
- Wrap up

- **Process:**

- Please use the Q&A button to type in your questions for everyone to view
- DDSB staff will use best efforts to respond within the Webinar either by messaging through the Q&A or responding live
 - Feel free to “like” a question using the Thumbs Up button
- All input received will be included in the Final Recommendation Report to the Board of Trustees for consideration at the October 21, 2025, Board Meeting

Overview

- An information report on the proposed boundary review for the Unnamed North Oshawa Secondary School was presented to Trustees at the April 22nd, 2025, Board Meeting.
 - The purpose of the report was to initiate the consultation process to gather community input on the proposed boundary for the Unnamed North Oshawa SS, located at 245 Windfields Farm Dr E, Oshawa (Windfields Farm Dr E & Bridle Road), scheduled to open for the 2026-2027 school year.
- Two In-person Public Meetings were held to solicit public input on May 6, 2025, at 7pm & May 15, 2025, at 7pm. These meetings were held at Eastdale CVI. Notices of these meetings were provided on DDSB's and partner schools' websites. There were 12 attendees at the first meeting and 3 at the second.
- Notices of tonight's virtual Public Meeting were also provided on DDSB's and partner schools' websites.

Overview, Continued

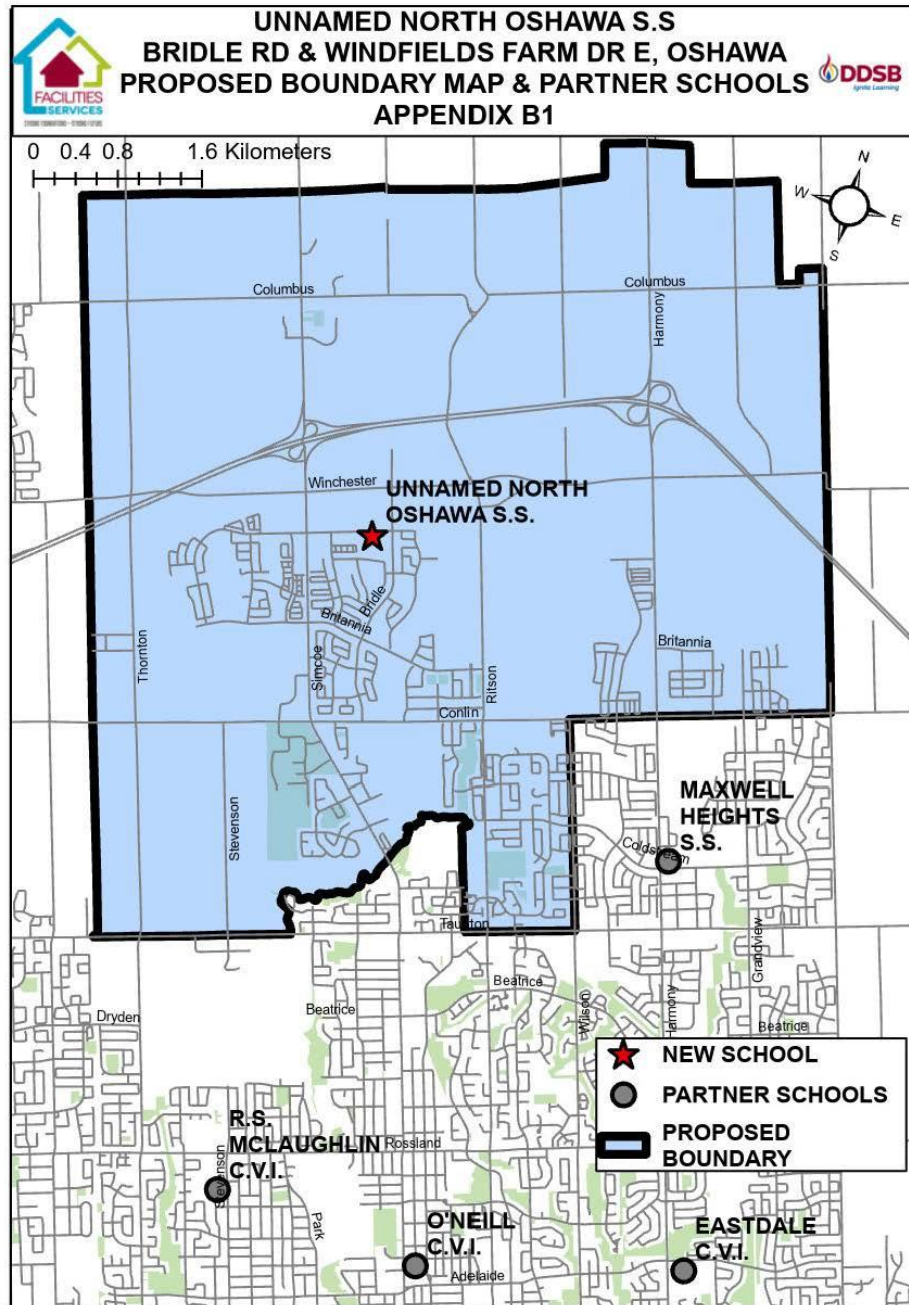
- The Board Report, PowerPoint presentation, and a survey are posted to the DDSB's website and are accessible through the schools' websites (Eastdale CVI, O'Neill CVI, R.S McLaughlin CVI, and Maxwell Heights SS) and DDSB@Home.
 - After tonight's meeting, this presentation will also be available on the websites.
- Staff will collect feedback through email at NOSSBoundaryReview@ddsb.ca, phone 905-666-6308 & survey at [consultation survey](#): until September 5, 2025.
- All input will be summarized in the October 21, 2025, Recommendation Report to Trustees.
 - Trustees will make a decision about the permanent boundary at the October 21, 2025 Board Meeting.

Boundary Review

- Unnamed North Oshawa SS (NOSS) received Ministry of Education Capital Priorities funding in 2022. The school is currently under construction and scheduled to open for the 2026-2027 school year.
- Unnamed NOSS has a Ministry Rated Capacity (MRC) of 1389 pupil places, will accommodate students from Grade 9 to Grade 11 in its first year, and from Grade 9 to Grade 12 from the 2027-2028 school year onwards.
- The neighbourhood is part of a greenfield development that attracts new families.
- Three partner schools, Eastdale CVI, RS McLaughlin CVI, and O'Neill CVI as well as Maxwell Heights SS have been accommodating the growth from the area until the new school opens for the 2026-2027 school year.

Partner Schools

- Partner 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 partner school (as long as they remain at their current address) until such time as the new school is opened with a boundary in place.

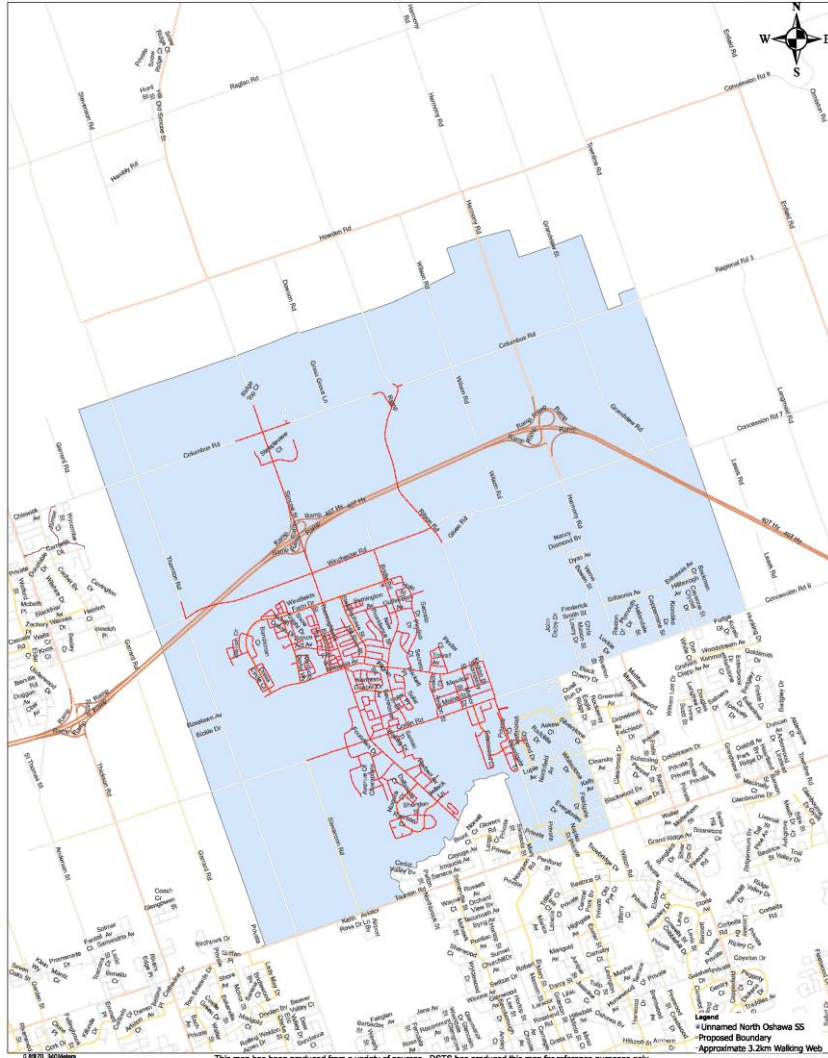


Unnamed North Oshawa SS, Partner Schools, and Growth Boundary

The Unnamed North Oshawa Secondary School proposed boundary encompasses the area south of Howden Road E, west of Townline Road N, north of Conlin Road E, and east of Thornton Road N with an additional area south of Conlin Road E, west of Wilson Road N, north of Taunton Road E, and east of Thornton Road N.

Three partner schools; O'Neill CVI, RS McLaughlin CI and Eastdale CVI as well as Maxwell Heights SS are accommodating students residing in this new development area (Kedron Planning area) until the new school opens in the 2026-2027 school year

Proposed Walking Web for Unnamed North Oshawa SS



- Red lines on the map to the left represent the 3.2km walkout for the Unnamed North Oshawa SS provided by DSTS.
 - Students within the 3.2km walkout will not be provided transportation by DSTS as they are within a distance where they can walk to the school.

Proposed Unnamed North Oshawa SS Boundary For Consultation

- The proposed permanent boundary aligns with the current growth boundary in place since new residential development in the area began. The proposed permanent boundary is also considering an assignment of a portion of the western most boundary of Maxwell Heights SS to the new school.
- For the 2026-2027 school year, the proposal includes Grade 9 to Grade 11 students residing within the proposed boundary attending the new school. Current Grade 10 students, who will be in Grade 12 in 2026-2027 would remain at their designated partner school with transportation provided to graduate with their peers. Younger siblings attending Grade 9 to Grade 11 will be attending the new school.
- In the 2027-2028 school year, the new school's program would include Grade 9 to Grade 12 students residing in the proposed boundary.

Unnamed North Oshawa SS Enrolment Projections

- The proposed Unnamed North Oshawa SS community has no existing schools and therefore staff, based upon past school openings, expect Unnamed North Oshawa SS will attract hundreds of new students per year as new homes continue to be occupied.
- Unnamed North Oshawa SS is projected to open with 0 portables for the 2026-2027 school year. This new school will result in a reduction of portables at the secondary schools included in this consultation.

2026-2027 Projected Enrolment:

School Name	Capacity	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	Total	Utilization	Portables
Eastdale CVI	1283	372	362	345	425	1504	117%	10
Maxwell Heights SS	1375	422	480	450	557	1909	139%	23
O'Neill CVI	1380	369	265	250	382	1266	92%	0
R.S McLaughlin CVI	1191	275	374	310	317	1276	107%	4
Unnamed North Oshawa SS	1387	276	270	267	0	813	59%	0

2027-2028 Projected Enrolment:

School Name	Capacity	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	Total	Utilization	Portables
Eastdale CVI	1283	350	397	379	361	1487	116%	9
Maxwell Heights SS	1375	430	441	501	480	1852	135%	21
O'Neill CVI	1380	308	367	267	264	1206	87%	0
R.S McLaughlin CVI	1191	284	274	366	337	1261	106%	0
Unnamed North Oshawa SS	1387	299	285	279	276	1139	82%	0

Impact on Partner Schools With Unnamed North Oshawa SS Overview

- The opening of Unnamed North Oshawa SS for the 2026-2027 school year will result in enrolment relief and the need for fewer portables at the three partner schools (Eastdale CVI, RS McLaughlin CVI and O'Neill CVI) and Maxwell Heights SS.
- For the current school year, 2024-2025, the three partner schools have a combined 19 portables on site and Maxwell Heights has 20 portables on site.
- With the opening of the Unnamed North Oshawa SS, there is a potential to redirect 7 portables to address other accommodation pressures and ensure there are fewer students in alternative learning spaces.
- The three partner schools and Maxwell Heights will be provided some relief; however, there are growth-related pressures within the permanent attendance boundaries of these schools resulting in projected enrolment increases.
- The Kedron Planning Area identifies 7,057 to 10,996 homes to be constructed by build out. In 2025, over 109 building permits have been issued so far for the construction of additional homes in the near future.

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.

Considerations 2

- Durham Student Transportation Services (DSTS) identify safe walking routes for all schools.
- Under the DSTS Transportation Policy, students residing more than 3.2 km from their designated school of attendance would be eligible for school bus transportation.
- Should the Board of Trustees approve this proposed permanent boundary in October 2025 for implementation in September 2026:
 - DSTS will identify bus routes;
 - There will be sufficient time for decisions to be made regarding the impact of staffing for Unnamed North Oshawa SS, the three partner schools – Eastdale CVI, RS McLaughlin CVI and O'Neill CVI as well as Maxwell Heights SS.
 - There will also be sufficient time for Grade 8 students to work with the Guidance Department of all of the schools as they move from elementary school to secondary school.

Community Input Received To Date

The following provides comments received to date, where more than one comment with the same concern has been received, one has been selected for tonight's presentation. The response reflects a staff-level response from DDSB.

- **Comment:** Will the New North Oshawa SS Include a French Immersion Program?

Response:

No, the Unnamed North Oshawa SS will provide program offering in the English track. The course offerings at the new school will be similar to those offered across the DDSB's secondary schools.

This boundary review will not impact the existing secondary school French Immersion Program boundaries for RS McLaughlin CVI.

Community Input Received To Date

- **Comment:** What details can you provide regarding transportation?

Response:

Students who reside outside of the 3.2 km walk out from the school will be provided with transportation by DSTS. Students within the 3.2 km walk out would be expected to walk to the new school.

DSTS will establish bus routes after a permanent boundary for the Unnamed North Oshawa SS is approved by the Board of Trustees in October 2025.

Community Input Received To Date

- **Comment:** If my kid (will be in Grade 11 by 2026-2027) wanted to stay with the current school, what are the options?

Response:

Upon approval of a permanent boundary for the Unnamed North Oshawa SS by the Board of Trustees, Grade 9 to 11 students residing within the permanent boundary would attend the Unnamed North Oshawa SS. The DDSB's Out of Area policy would apply for students attending a school outside of this area. Information could be found at [Register for School - DDSB](#)

Community Input Received To Date

- **Comment:** Good afternoon, I am writing to express my feedback regarding the new North Oshawa Secondary School that is being built and the corresponding boundary review that has been released for it. My daughter is currently finishing grade 8 at Sherwood Public School and will be entering Maxwell Heights next year, with her brother who is currently in Grade 10. We understand that our block of housing (Ritson/Coldstream) has been included in the new boundary for the Unnamed school so It is expected that she would then relocate to the new school for grade 10. I have huge concerns with this and do not want my daughter attending this new school. Right now, my son walks to Maxwell and it is approx 2 km, a 20-25 min walk. He can walk or ride his bike however we are not available to drive or pick up. Being this close still allows him the chance to attend before/after school activities whether it be for school clubs/teams or extra work. If they attended the new school, it would be over a 1 hr walk, and over 6 km. I understand they would be entitled to busing however this is not ideal. This would not afford them the options I noted above and their school community is very important as my children have always been on their school teams. This new school is simply too far away to travel. I attended the recent meeting that was held and had a chance to speak to the planners there. When asked why our southernmost area was included in the boundary for the new school, and why other areas were not as Maxwell is overcrowded and this new school does not seem to be alleviating their numbers much, they confirmed that Maxwell Heights is not even a partner school for the new unnamed school which means that Maxwell children should not be forced out of their current home school.

Response:

Maxwell Height SS was included in this Boundary Review given that part of the school's existing boundary is within the Kedron Planning Area. The projected enrolment growth within this boundary is significant. The school's site size limits the number of portables that can be placed on site to help accommodate the increasing enrolment. A portion of the west boundary is proposed to be included in the new school boundary to alleviate overcrowding at Maxwell.

Community Input Received To Date: Part One

- **Comment:** I, like many, moved just north of Taunton in the new subdivisions by Sorbara, Medallion, Fernbrook, Paradise, Greenpark and Treasure Hill. These are the new homes on the north side of Taunton. My child goes to Norman G public and most of her friends will be going to Maxwell high school. I would like the boundary to include north of Taunton upto Britannia (new road just north of Taunton). This northern section is sparse and not densely populated as it is being built up. Please take a drive by and see what I mean by it being a natural extension of the boundary.
- Forcing families that have spent tremendous amounts of money to stay close to this pocket to take a bus or drive long distances to the new school is unfair and quite frankly a slap in the face for those families that paid a hefty premium in house price to be close to the amazing schools surrounding Maxwell. I can't tell you the importance this decision is in a multi-million-dollar home investment for families that work and save up 20 plus years to buy their dream home and have a choice to move ANYWHERE and stay in the North Oshawa neighborhood for the kid's continuity with friends in school.
- What is even worse is the high property taxes, which are horrendous for the lack of services in the new neighborhood, but there are plenty in the Maxwell community that I have invested in six figures in property taxes to finally enjoy the schools and library and recreation centre, but then forcing my kid to leave it. For example, My child walks to Delpark recreation after school to study and be with her friends. As you can tell I am very upset at this new boundary and I am capable and able to express the opinion of many families who cannot write as eloquently, nor have time to give you feedback because they are too busy feeding their families. This boundary MUST be altered.
- Your response and acknowledgment of my feedback would be greatly appreciated.

Community Input Received To Date: Part Two

- **Response:**
- Thank you for your comments. These will be included in the October 21, 2025 Final Recommendation Report to Trustees for their consideration of the concerns you've expressed.
- Growth identified within the Kedron Planning area north of Conlin Road and south of Britannia Avenue has always been part of an identified growth area proposed for a future new secondary school.
- The permanent boundary for Maxwell Heights SS, established in 2009, stops at Conlin Road. Given the increasing enrolment at Maxwell Heights SS within its existing boundary, the site is approaching the maximum capacity to support portables. Maxwell Heights SS currently has 20 portables on site, and this is projected to increase.

Communication Plan

- The Final Recommendation Report will take into consideration all community input received. The Report and all comments will be shared with the Board of Trustees on October 21, 2025, where the Trustees will be considering the recommendation resulting from this consultation.
- Community Consultation started on April 23rd, 2025, and will end on September 5th, 2025.
- Input to be received through various avenues:
 - In-person Public Meeting #1 – Eastdale CVI, May 6th, 2025, at 7pm
 - In-person Public Meeting #2 – Eastdale CVI, May 15th, 2025, at 7pm
 - Virtual Public Meeting – May 22nd, 2025, at 7pm
 - Email, Voicemail and Survey

Communication Plan 2

- The following are available at [Boundary and Program Reviews - DDSB](#)
 - Information Report to the Board of Trustees dated April 22, 2025
 - PowerPoint Presentation dated April 23, 2025
 - PowerPoint Presentation dated May 22, 2025
 - Newsletter (also available on three partner schools' websites as well as Maxwell Heights' website)
- Staff will collect feedback until September 5, 2025, via:
 - Email at NOSSBoundaryReview@ddsb.ca
 - Phone line: 905-666-6308
 - Survey at: [consultation survey](#)

Conclusion

- The information contained in this presentation together with community input that is received will be included in a final report to Trustees to be considered by Trustees at the October 21, 2025, Board Meeting.
- The report will summarize all feedback collected and provide a recommended permanent attendance boundary for Trustees' consideration.

End Of Presentation