

# East Hamilton & Lower Stoney Creek - Boundary Review

Advisory Panel Meeting #3

2024-12-03



The Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board acknowledges our presence on ancestral Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Confederacy land as determined by the Dish with One Spoon treaty.

The intent of this agreement is for all nations sharing this territory to do so responsibly, respectfully and sustainably in perpetuity.

We respect the longstanding relationships with the local Indigenous communities, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the Six Nations of the Grand River.

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# Today's Goals

- Review of feedback heard from public meeting
- Addressing additional questions from the public meeting
- Initial options round table discussion
- Review Next Steps

# Group Round Table Discussion – Public Meeting Feedback

- Before hearing from staff, we want to engage in a discussion on the public meeting.
  - Each panel member gets to speak, we go around the table, you can pass if you wish
  - Share one of the main themes from the feedback on the scenarios you heard at the public meeting

# Public Meeting Feedback

- HWDSB's Research and Analytics team analyzed feedback from the public meeting, emails, and comments submitted through the Engage platform.
- All public feedback was included in the analysis.
  - Comments were coded and themed.
  - Comments submitted online formed the basis of the Engage FAQs.
- Feedback from the public meeting was categorized by:
  - Broader concerns and priorities relating to the boundary review.
  - Concerns relating to specific proposed accommodation scenarios.
- Please see hand out for details

# Public Meeting Feedback

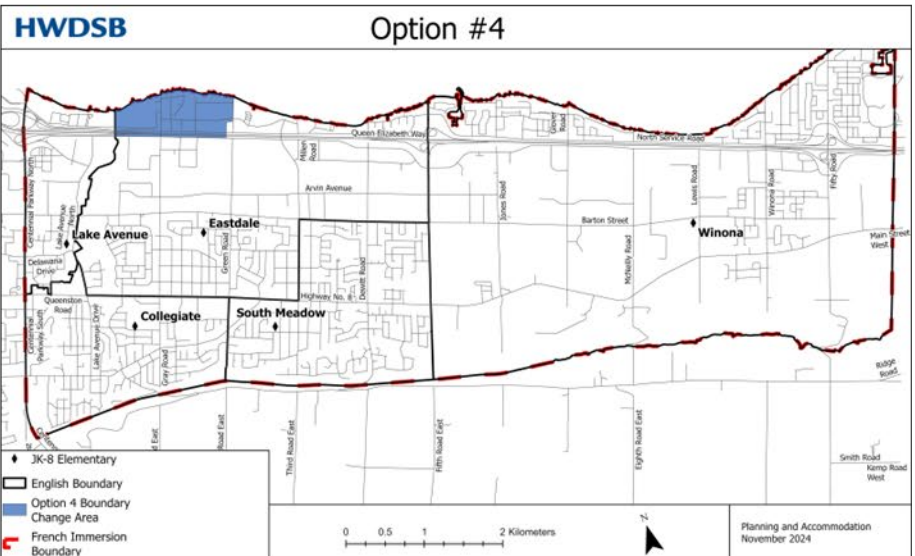
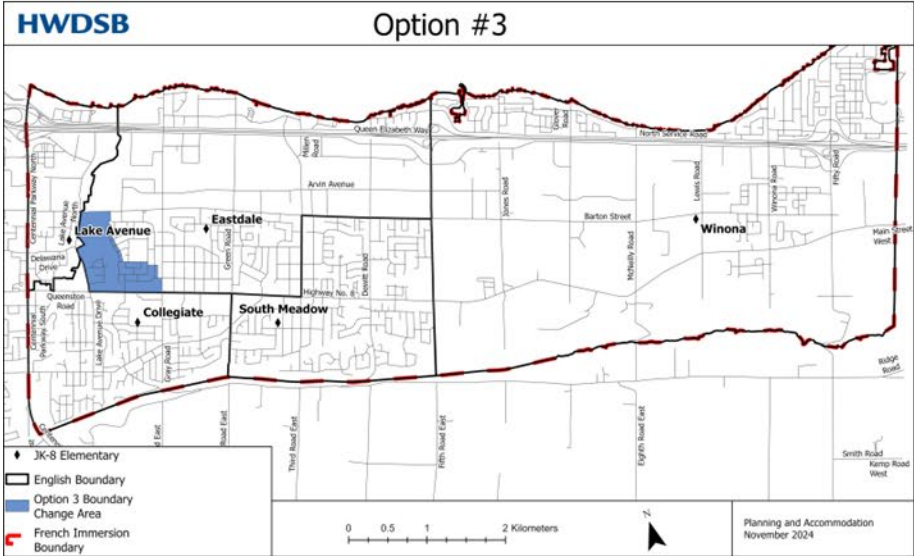
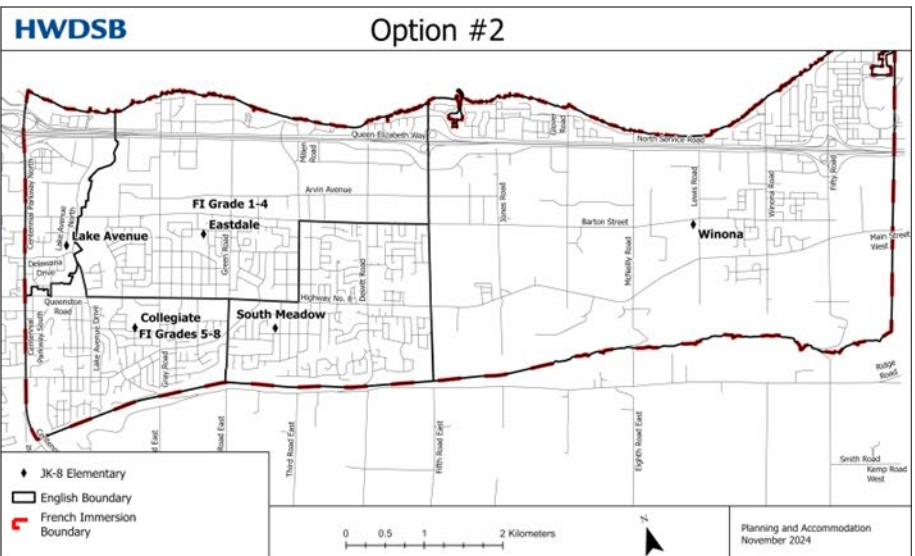
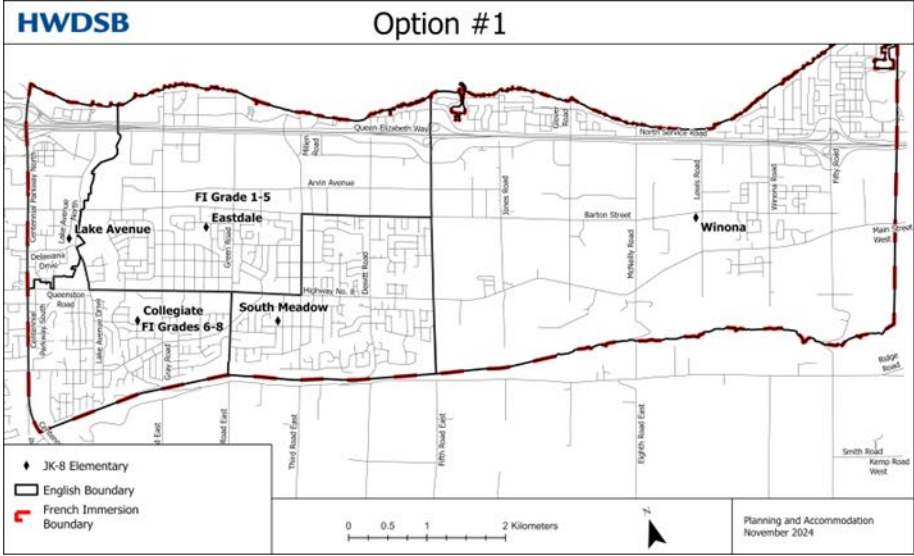
- Concerns and Priorities
  - Switching Schools
  - Bussing
  - Childcare
  - French Immersion
  - Safety
- Concerns regarding proposed scenarios
  - Options 1&2
  - Option 3
  - Option 4
- Other comments and suggestions

# Addressing Questions from Public Meeting

## **Use of Sir Isaac Brock as a single-track French Immersion school**

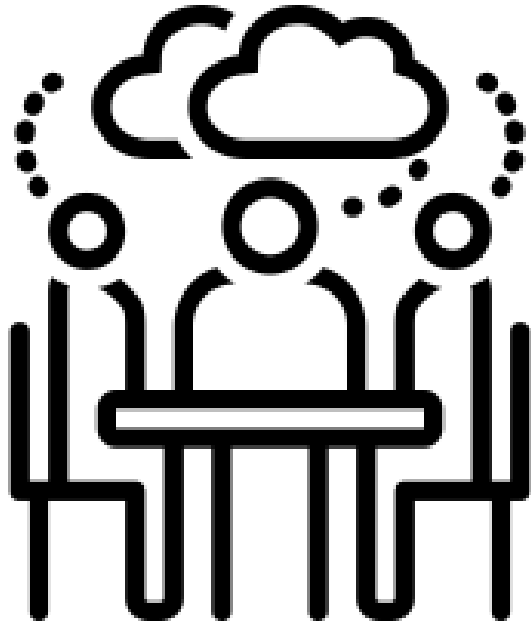
- Sir Isaac Brock is not currently available for use as an elementary school; it is an adult education centre.
- Sir Isaac Brock is not within the current study area and opening a new school is outside the scope of a boundary review.
- Property could serve as a long-term piece in adding student capacity to the East Hamilton area through a capital priorities submission.

# Revisiting Initial Options





# Group Round Table Discussion



- Are there options you would eliminate given the feedback we received from the public meeting and the Evaluation Criteria?
- Is there a preferred option that is clearly coming forward?



**Board of Trustees Approval**



**Advisory Panel Meeting**



**Public Meeting**



**Advisory Panel Meeting**



**Report to Board of Trustees for Final Decision**



**Transition Committee**



**Implementation**



June 10, 2024 through the Long-Term Facilities Plan

October 30, 2024 & November 5, 2024

November 19, 2024

December 3, 2024

Finance & Facilities Committee Meeting – January 28, 2025

Board Meeting for Final Trustee Approval – February 10, 2025

February-September 2025

September 2025

# Communication Strategy

## Communication to families outlining:

- Work of the advisory panel is complete
- The preferred option by the committee
- Staff final report date and location on website
- Information on an Open House on January 14 for families to support the proposed option and transition

## Communication after final decision made by Trustees:

- Notification of final decision by Trustees
- Next steps on Transition Committee formation



# Next Steps

- January 14, 2025 - Open House to support the proposed option and transition
- January 28, 2025 - Final Report to Finance and Facilities Committee for discussion. Report available online by January 24.
- February 10, 2025 – Final Report to Board for approval.
- February 11, 2025 – Communication home to families
- End of February – June – transition committee struck to plan for student transition in September 2025.
- September 2025 - implementation

Fall 2025 –staff continue to monitor enrolments at each school



THANK YOU!

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