



Binbrook II Boundary Review

Advisory Panel Meeting #3

January 6, 2026

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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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Agenda

- **Housekeeping Items**
- **Boundary Review Timeline**
- **Feedback Review**
 - **Public Meeting Feedback**
 - **Engage/ Email Comments**
- **Option Review**
 - **Option A and B**
- **Option Consensus for Final Report**

Housekeeping Items

- Advisory Panel Mandate
 - Provide feedback and advice, through the process of discussions and inquiries about HWDSB recommendations and/or information.
- Today's Goals
 - Reviewing Feedback from public meeting and Engage
 - Evaluating Options
 - Option Consensus for Final Report



Housekeeping Items Continued

Meeting Etiquette

- Respect the consensus decision-making model
- Recognize individual views and beliefs
- Balance advocacy for a position while understanding another point of view
- Communicate ideas positively - be hard on the issue but soft on the people
- Trust the intentions and integrity of others
- Build a safe and inclusive “risk-free” environment
- No recording is permitted, minutes and slides will be shared following the meeting
- Rules of the Observers



Timeline



Feedback Received

*Excitement for
the new school*

*Legacy options
for Bellmoore:
some support for
Options A and B*

*Continue
bussing for
legacy students*

*Create
Grade 7 and 8 legacy
option for Shannen
Koostachin*



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Feedback Received

*Transition planning
for Shannen
Koostachin*

*Before- and after-
care at new school:
Questions about the
provider and
prioritizing Shannen
families*

*Bell-times for the
new school:
Earlier, and align
with high school*

*Questions about a
HWDSB High
School in Binbrook*



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Feedback Received

Before and After Care

- Before and after-school program (BASP) is planned for the new school
- Current wait list numbers are close to 20 for both kindergarten and grades 1-6 (Bellmoore and Shannen Koostachin)
- New school means increased capacity for before and after-school spaces in the Binbrook community--further reducing wait lists

Bell times and Transportation

- Bell times and transportation planning is part of process once new school boundary is approved.
- Changes will be centered on establishing bell time for new school
- Feedback to be communicated to transportation

Key Considerations for Boundary Options

Balance of Overall Enrolment

Optimal utilization of 90%-115% and balanced programs.

Temporary Accommodation

Maximize students accommodated in permanent capacity, do not exceed maximum portables on site.

Geographical Area and Barriers

Create geographically contiguous boundaries that consider physical barriers. Create stable long-term boundaries.

Transportation

Maximize safe walkability to schools and cost-effective transportation routes.

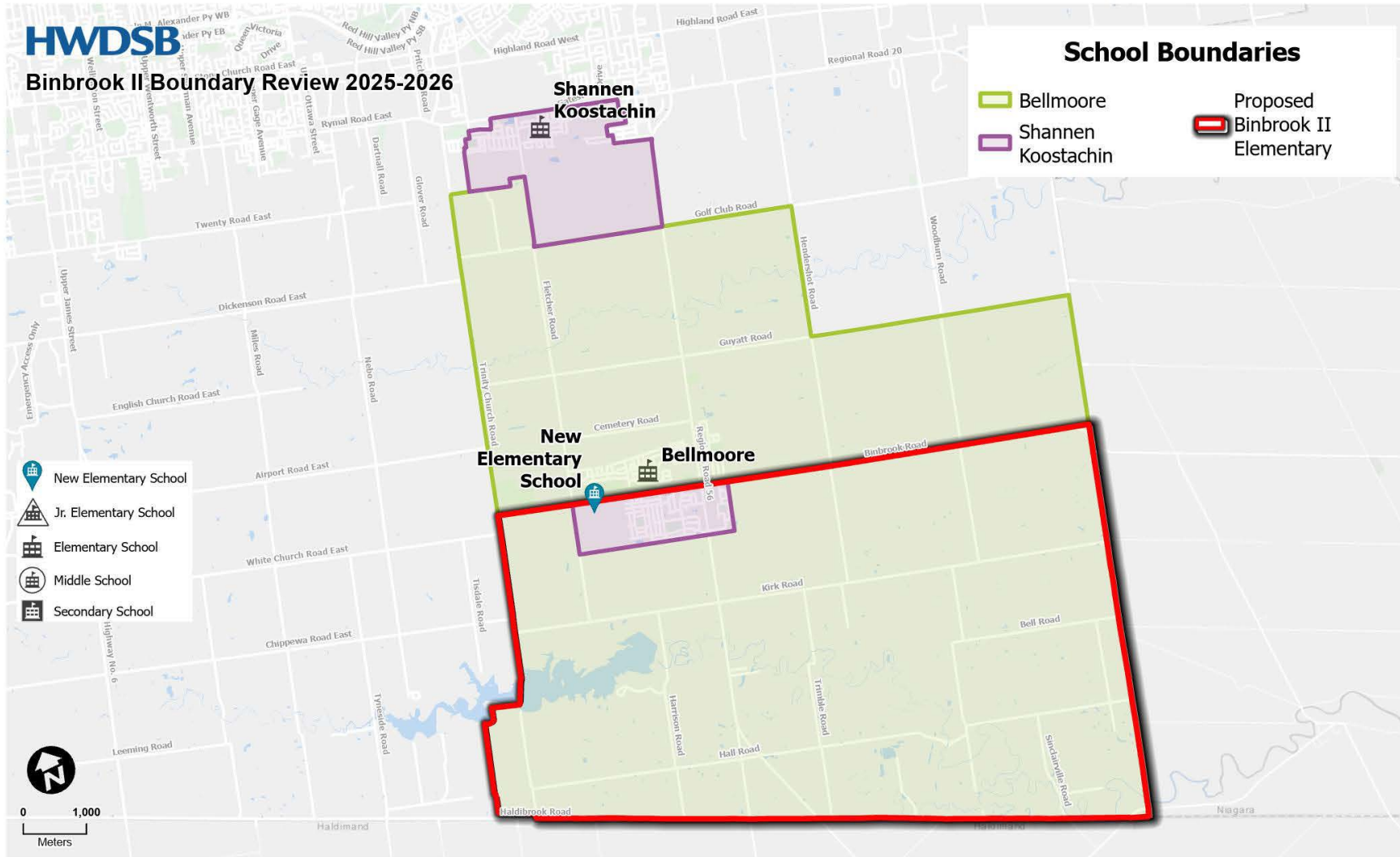
Student Experience

Minimize transition for students where possible, strive for K- 8 schools.

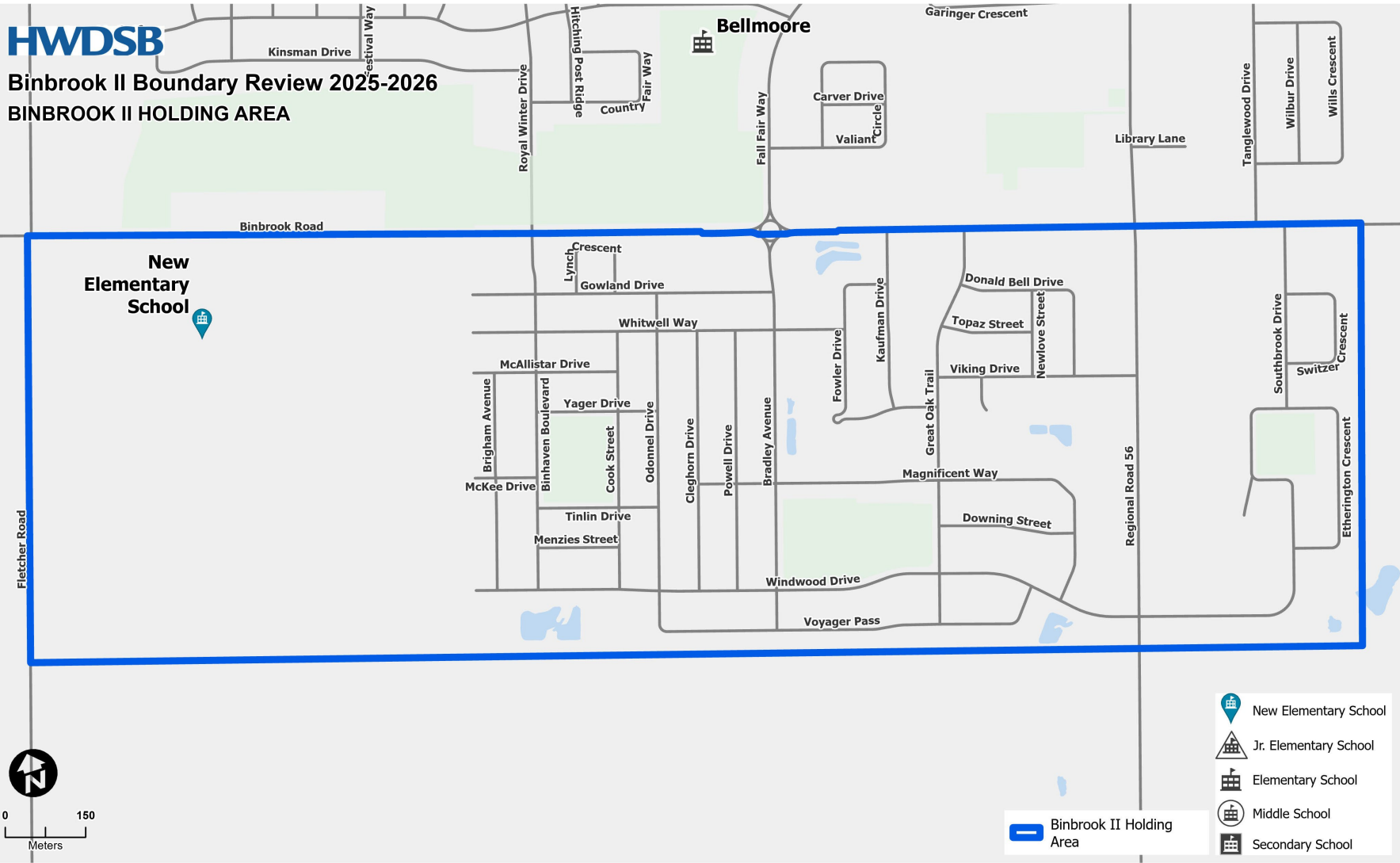
Other

Additional criteria based on review area, such as specific facility limitations (septic, well water, site size etc.).

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Proposed Boundaries



Zoomed in
map of the
legacy area

Option Evaluation

Advisory
Panel
Discussion
And
Community
Feedback

Option A

- All grade legacy consideration for Bellmoore holding area students and students south of Binbrook Rd
- No Legacy consideration for Shannen Koostachin students
- Legacy families wishing to remain at current school will not be provided transportation

Option B

- Only grade 7&8 legacy consideration for Bellmoore holding area students and students south of Binbrook Rd
- Grade 7&8 legacy consideration for Shannen Koostachin students
- Legacy families wishing to remain at current school will not be provided transportation

Option C – New option based on Community and Advisory Panel Feedback

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Lines on the Map



Same lines on map. School boundaries set along Binbrook Road.

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Legacy Students



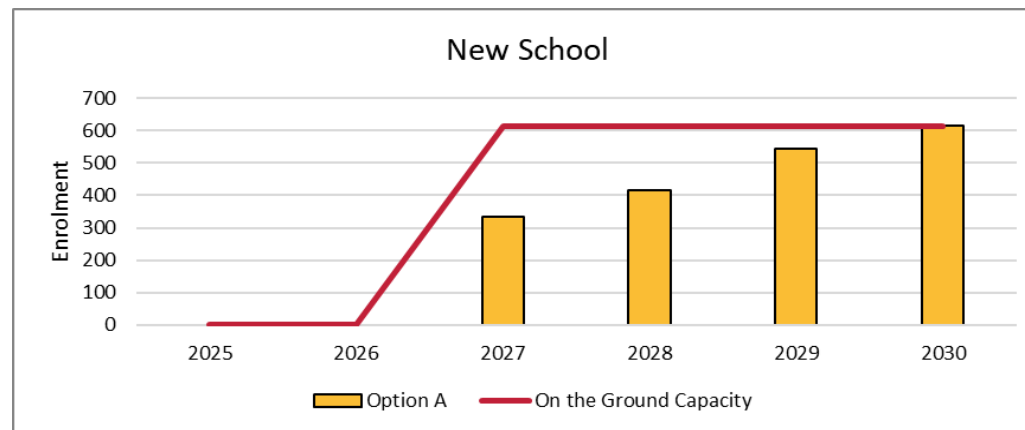
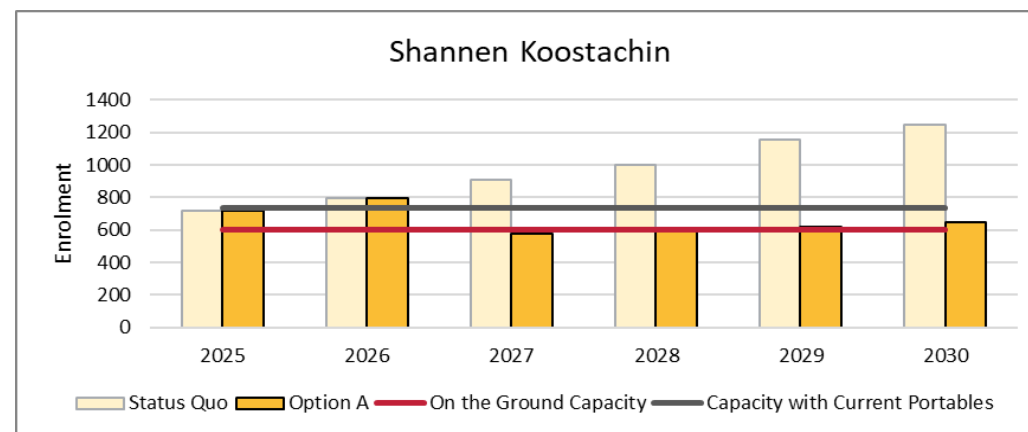
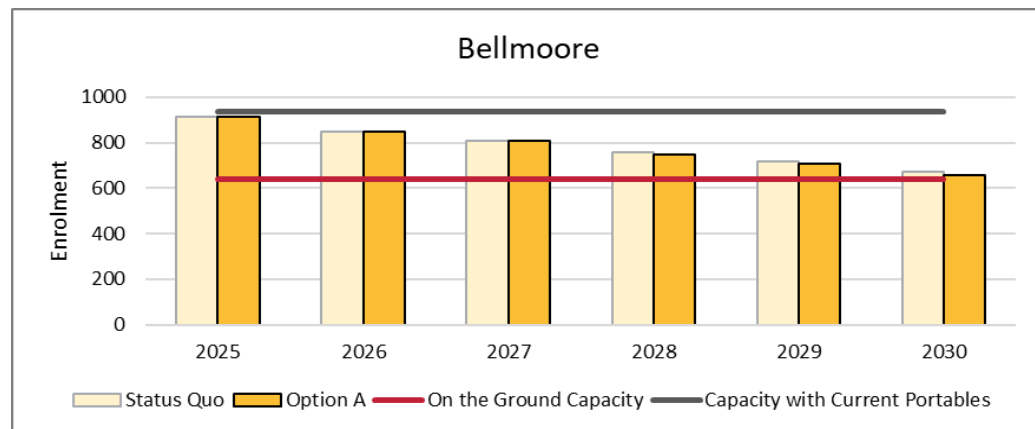
Bellmoore legacy option for all students currently at Bellmoore

Shannen Koostachin legacy option for grade 7-8

**No transportation provided
Siblings must attend new school**

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School Enrolment Projections – Option C



Next Steps

- Final Report
 - To Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting February 24, 2026, then to Board Meeting for Trustee Decision
 - Report to include:
 - Background
 - Consultation and feedback summary
 - Recommended Option Details
 - Implementation Plan
 - Communication Plan
- Communication to families after this meeting to let them know we have completed the consultation process
- Second communication to families when report is available as part of the Finance and Facilities package of February 24, 2026
- Engage will stay open for feedback until January 16, 2026
- Final opportunity for community feedback could be delegations at the Board meeting once date is set



Questions & Wrap-Up



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