



**Southwest Brantford
Boundary Review – Public
Meeting
October 7, 2025**



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Agenda

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Land Acknowledgement

*Grand Erie District School Board recognizes **Six Nations of the Grand River** and **Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation**, as the longstanding peoples of this territory. We honour, recognize, and respect these communities as well as all First Nations, Metis and Inuit Peoples who reside within the Grand Erie District School Board. We are all stewards of these lands and waters where we now gather, learn and play, and commit to working together in the spirit of Reconciliation.*

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Welcome

Purpose of the Boundary Review

- Conduct a review of the attendance area of a school or group of schools within a specified review area of Grand Erie

Role of the Boundary Review Working Committee

- Advise and provide recommendations to Board of Trustees on attendance area changes in review area

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Boundary Review Working Committee

■ Membership

- Superintendent of Education responsible for the identified school(s) (chair)
- Planning Supervisor
- Planning Officer
- Principal of the identified school(s)
- Superintendent of Business
- Additional resource personnel as required
- Up to two School Council Representatives of the impacted schools

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Boundary Review Working Committee Membership

- District Resource Personnel
- School Administrators
 - A.G. Hodge Public School
 - Bellview Public School
 - Blanche E. Williams Public School
 - Edith Monture Elementary School
 - Walter Gretzky Elementary School
- School Council representatives
 - A.G. Hodge Public School
 - Bellview Public School
 - Edith Monture Elementary School
 - Walter Gretzky Elementary School

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Responsibilities of the Boundary Review Working Committee

- Review all factors prior to evaluating the boundary options
- Inform Public
- Provide Boundary options
- Consult public
- Report to Finance Committee with recommendations to the Board

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Boundary Review Reference Criteria

Where possible, boundary options should take into consideration:

- JK-8 and 9-12 are preferred school organizations. However, other school organizations (such as 7-12, JK-12) will be considered based on current and projected enrolment, school utilization, facility condition, program (ex. French Immersion, Special Education, etc.), and other factors.
- Maximize the use of existing facilities and consider: accessibility, site, size, program, the number of students who are within walking distance, minimizing the need for transportation, transitions, and annual operating costs.

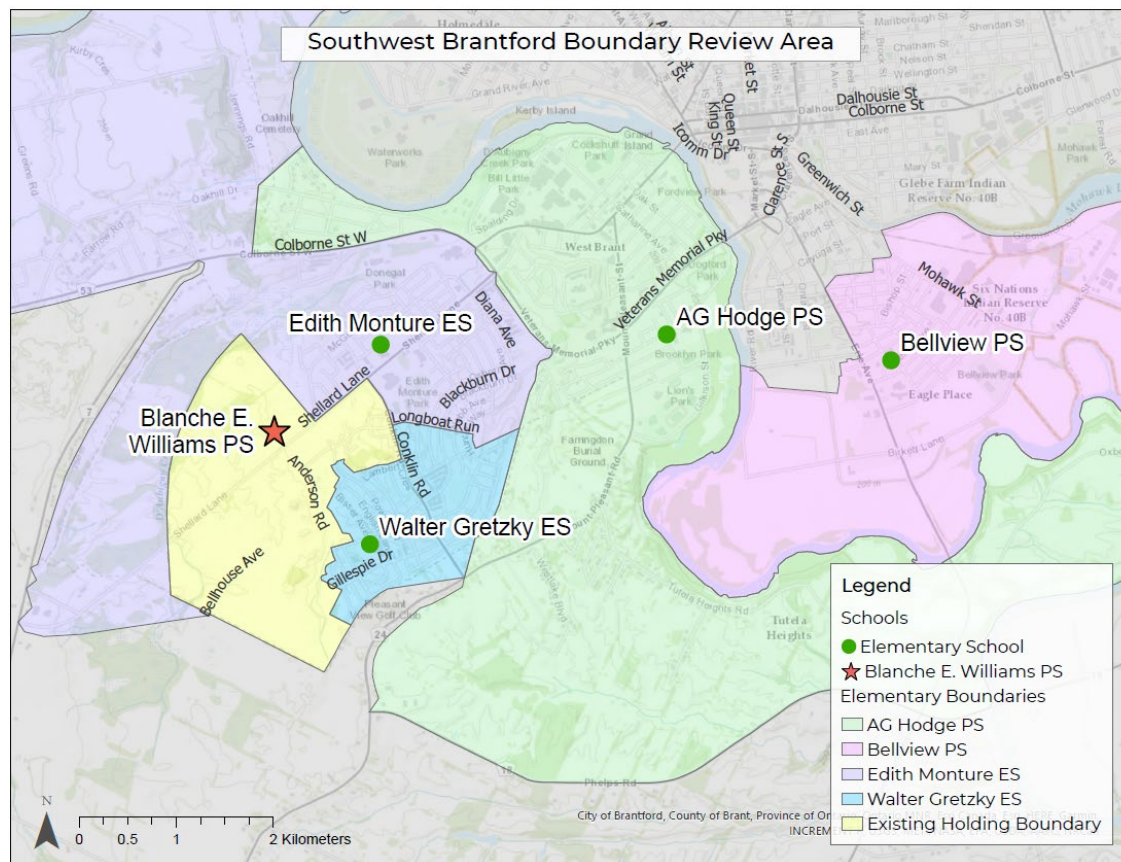
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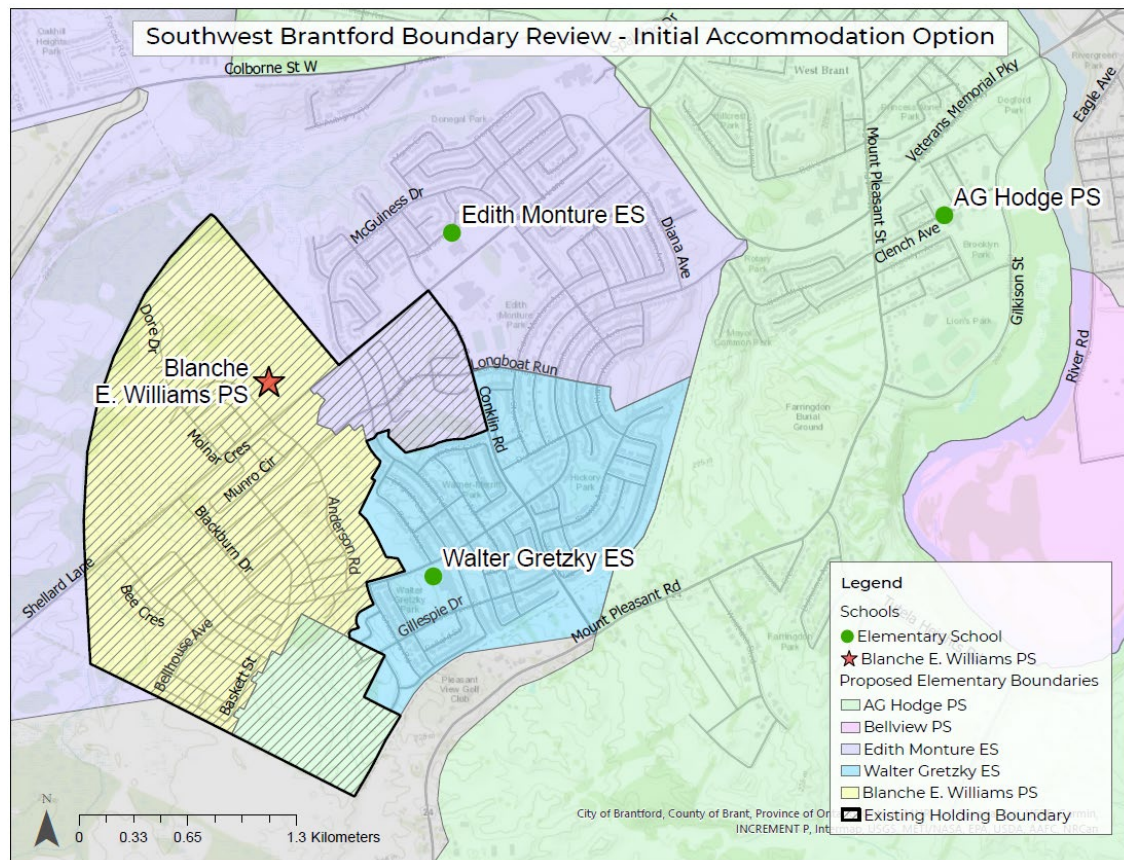
Current Review

- This Boundary Review is established to address the attendance area for the new Blanche E. Williams Public School and reduce enrolment pressures across the holding schools including:
 - Agnes G. Hodge Public School
 - Bellview Public School
 - Edith Monture Elementary School
 - Walter Gretzky Elementary School

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Projected Enrolment and Capacity Utilization - Initial Accommodation Option

School	Capacity	Current Portables	Enrolment								
			2023	2024	2025	2026	2028	2030	2032	2034	2036
A.G. Hodge Public School	492	12	737	714	736	418	420	418	440	451	479
Bellview Public School	308	3	338	344	363	278	298	340	395	432	430
Blanche E. Williams Public School	650	-	0	0	0	625	664	722	752	795	799
Edith Monture Elementary School	616	8	766	826	817	692	721	739	750	765	745
Walter Gretzky Elementary	498	10	651	710	717	637	631	601	594	590	576
Total	2564	33	2492	2594	2633	2650	2734	2820	2931	3033	3029

School	Capacity	Current Portables	Capacity Utilization								
			2023	2024	2025	2026	2028	2030	2032	2034	2036
A.G. Hodge Public School	492	12	150%	145%	150%	85%	85%	85%	89%	92%	97%
Bellview Public School	308	3	110%	112%	118%	90%	97%	110%	128%	140%	140%
Blanche E. Williams Public School	650	-	0%	0%	0%	96%	102%	111%	116%	122%	123%
Edith Monture Elementary School	616	8	124%	134%	133%	112%	117%	120%	122%	124%	121%
Walter Gretzky Elementary	498	10	131%	143%	144%	128%	127%	121%	119%	118%	116%
Total	2564	33	97%	101%	103%	103%	107%	110%	114%	118%	118%

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Review Area Considerations

- Legacy Student Option
 - To ease the transition for students and families, a legacy option is proposed for 2026-27 Grade 8 students within the new boundary. These students would have the option of remaining at their current school for the 2026-27 school year or attend the new Blanche E. Williams Elementary School. Students choosing the legacy option would be provided transportation should they meet the transportation eligibility criteria.
 - The legacy option is available to 2026-2027 Grade 8 students only. Younger siblings living within the new Blanche E. Williams Elementary School boundary are expected to attend the new school.

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Future Meeting Dates

- October 21, 2025 – **Working Committee Meeting #3**
- November 10, 2025 – Southwest Brantford Boundary Review Report to **Finance Committee**
- November 24, 2025 – **Regular Meeting of the Board**

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Questions?