

Community Meeting

Wedgewood JS and West Glen JS Boundary Change Review

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

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Introductions

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Ali Jahangir, Superintendent, Learning Network 01

Barbara Graydon, Principal, Wedgewood Junior School

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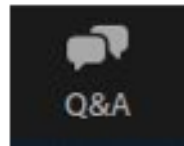
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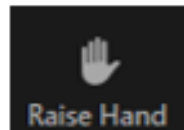
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Opening Remarks

Dan MacLean, Trustee, Ward 2



Purpose of the Meeting and Background

Dan Castaldo, Planning

Why are we here?

- Wedgewood Junior School is experiencing accommodation pressure due to enrolment growth.
- Wedgewood JS is currently operating at a **134% utilization rate**.
- To date, 7 portables have been placed on-site.
- Enrolment is projected to continue to grow over the long-term.
- New residential development is a contributing factor.
- New pupil places are required to meet the long-term accommodation needs of this community; a business case has been submitted to the Ministry of Education.
- A feasible and sustainable solution is required to address accommodation pressures at the school in the interim.

Current Situation – Wedgewood JS

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Enrolment	487	548	585	598	615	609	642	701	749	832
Utilization	111%	125%	134%	137%	140%	139%	147%	160%	171%	190%
Portables Required	3	4	5	5	6	6	8	10	12	16

School Capacity: 438 pupil places

- The school is not able to accommodate the number of students projected.
- The site cannot reasonably accept additional portables.
- Enrolment is projected to grow beyond 2030 as residential intensification continues.

Current Situation *(cont'd)*

- A solution is required to address the current and long-term enrolment growth at Wedgewood JS.
- Options have been explored and implemented where possible:
 - The school has been 'closed' to Out-of-Area Admissions since 2013
 - Portables have been added to the site since 2014
 - There are no 'regional' programs or other TDSB groups at the school to relocate
 - There are no opportunities to renovate/retrofit space within the school to create additional classrooms
- A study was added to the Board's Long-Term Program and Accommodation Strategy, approved by Trustees, to explore solutions to the accommodation pressure at Wedgewood JS.

Options Explored by Staff

- A Local Feasibility Team (LFT) was formed in September 2023 to develop and review potential solutions to the accommodation pressure at Wedgewood JS, including:

Redirection of new residential development

Assign future addresses to other schools with available space and/or sites large enough for portables

Boundary changes

Shift existing addresses from one school to another to balance enrolment

Grade changes

Change the grades of a school (example JK – 5 to JK – 4) to balance enrolment



Proposed Accommodation Solution

Dan Castaldo, Planning

Proposed Solution

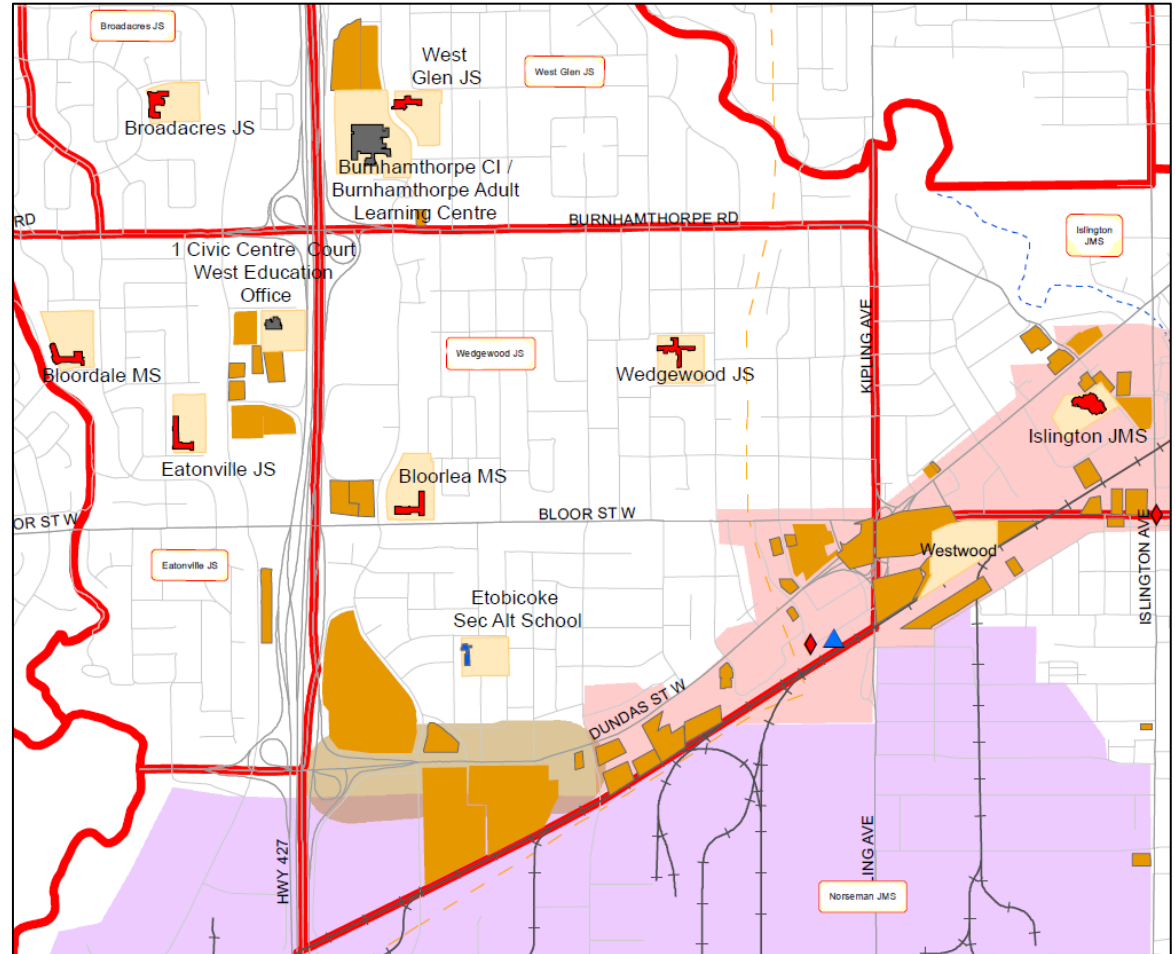
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Redirect New Residential Development

- All new residential development within the attendance area of Wedgewood JS be temporarily assigned to schools outside of the area.
- Occupancy is not imminent; receiving schools will be identified prior to the occupancy of new residential dwellings.
- Will reduce long-term enrolment growth at Wedgewood JS.
- Will not address the current pressure.

Redirect New Residential Development

- There are several large residential developments proposed, approved and under construction in the Wedgewood JS area.
- An 'Urban Growth Centre' makes up part of the school's attendance area.
- New pupil places are required to meet the long-term accommodation needs of this community.



Redirect New Residential Development

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Wedgewood JS – Residential Development Redirected

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Enrolment	487	548	585	598	615	609	614	623	603	605
Utilization	111%	125%	134%	137%	140%	139%	140%	142%	138%	138%
Portables Required	3	4	5	5	6	6	6	6	5	5

Proposed Solution

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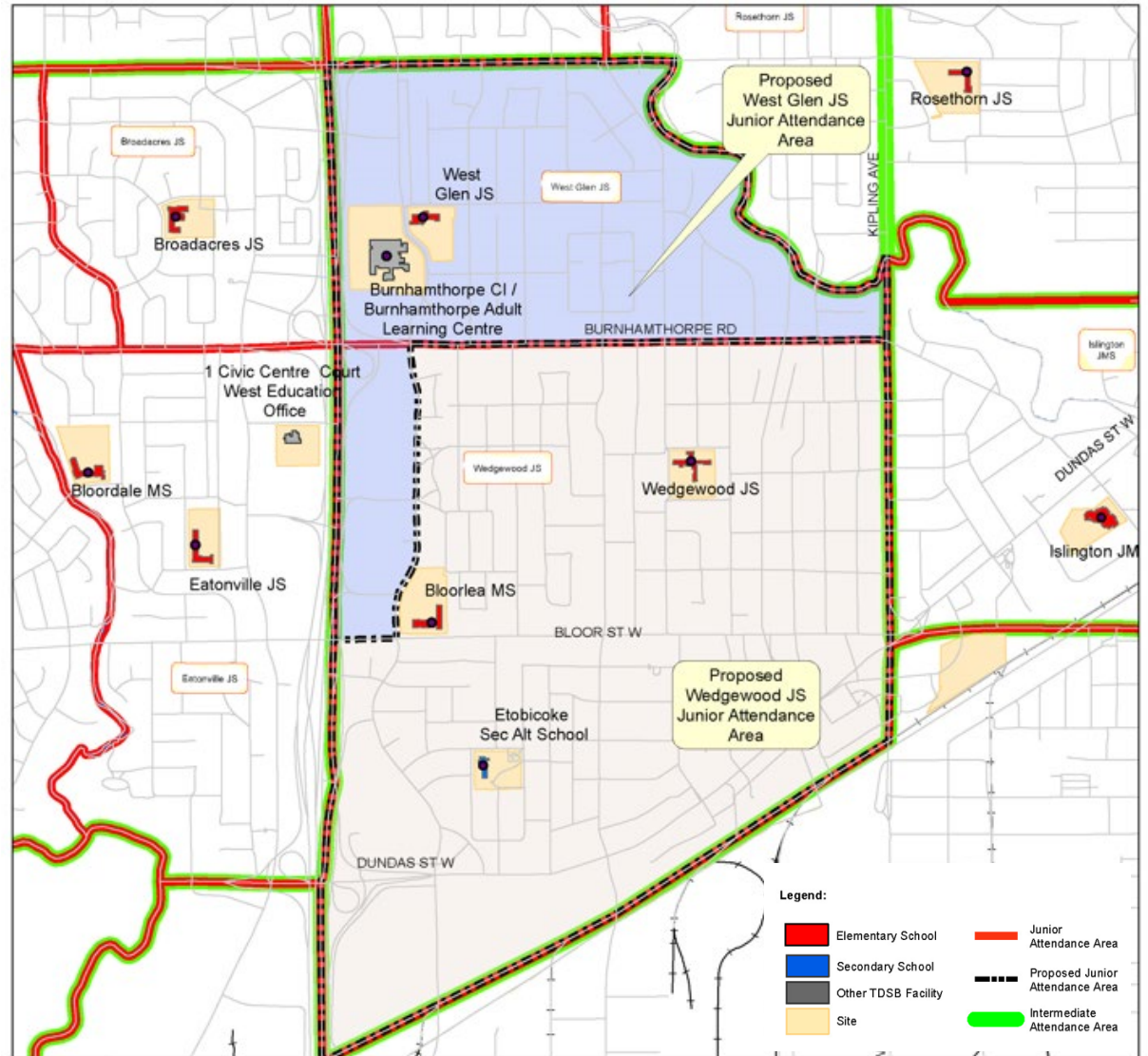
Implement a Boundary Change

- Implement a boundary change to shift a portion of Wedgewood JS' attendance area to West Glen JS, effective September 2024.
- The Boundary change will provide relief to the accommodation pressure at Wedgewood JS in the near-term.
- West Glen JS is located in proximity to Wedgewood JS and has space available.
- No current Wedgewood JS students would be moved.

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Implement a Boundary Change

- Assign the portion of Wedgewood JS' attendance area south of Burnhamthorpe Road, west of The East Mall, north of Bloor Street to West Glen JS
- Phased-in approach; only new registrants would be directed to West Glen JS; all current students at Wedgewood JS can remain.
- No changes to middle or secondary school pathways.



Implement a Boundary Change

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Wedgewood JS – With Residential Development Redirected and Boundary Change

	2021	2022	2023	2024*	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Enrolment	487	548	585	572	566	537	519	509	470	453
Utilization	111%	125%	134%	131%	129%	123%	118%	116%	107%	103%
Portables Required	3	4	5	5	4	3	2	2	1	1

*Boundary change implemented for September 2024

Implement a Boundary Change

West Glen JS – Current Situation

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Enrolment	138	159	163	171	166	171	179	194	205	221
Utilization	64%	73%	75%	79%	76%	79%	82%	90%	94%	102%
Portables Required	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

School Capacity: 217 pupil places

West Glen JS – With the Boundary Change

	2021	2022	2023	2024*	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Enrolment	138	159	163	187	213	240	265	282	301	321
Utilization	64%	73%	75%	86%	98%	111%	122%	130%	139%	148%
Portables Required	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	3	3	3

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Proposed Solution

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Implement a Boundary Change Other Considerations

- The associated Early French Immersion program for the impacted area would change from Millwood JS to Broadacres JS.
 - No impact on Middle (Bloordale MS) or Secondary (Richview CI) pathways.
- The associated Middle Immersion school does not change (Briarcrest JS).
- The Local Feasibility Team is proposing that no current Wedgewood JS students be moved, however, also that no legacy permissions be extended to siblings of current students.
- While West Glen JS does not currently have a traditional Before & After School Program (BASP), there are community programs providing similar services at the school such as the Rexdale Community Centre and EarlyON program.
- A survey will open in February 2024 to determine if there is sufficient demand for a BASP at West Glen JS.

Proposed Solution

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Implement a Boundary Change Other Considerations

- If accommodation pressures arise at West Glen JS then staff will consider the relocation of regional or area program(s) to a nearby school. This could free up classrooms in the school and reduce portable needs.
- New residential development within the attendance area of West Glen JS could be redirected to another school nearby, if required.
- Some addresses within the impacted area are within walking distance to West Glen JS; they are currently bussed to Wedgewood JS.
 - Students residing on Gibbs Road would be eligible for transportation to West Glen JS.
- If the Board is successful in receiving funding for a new elementary school on the Silver Hill site, a future boundary review will be initiated.

Review of Proposed Solution

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Redirect all new residential development within the Wedgewood JS attendance area to other schools with available space and/or room for portables. Redirections will be implemented prior to the occupancy of new dwellings.

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Implement a boundary change between Wedgewood JS and West Glen JS, effective September 2024, to balance enrolment between the two schools.

- If approved, staff will monitor enrolment at both Wedgewood JS and West Glen JS annually to determine if further action is required.
- Staff will continue to pursue and advocate for a new elementary school on the Silver Hill site to meet the long-term accommodation needs of this community.

Opportunities to Provide Feedback

- A **Feedback Survey** is now open. The link to the survey is available on the TDSB review webpage.
- Comments and questions can be submitted by e-mail to accommodationreviews@tdsb.on.ca
- The TDSB's **Planning and Priorities Committee meeting on January 25, 2024** is an opportunity for members of the public to make verbal presentations or submit written material
- To register a delegation, you must e-mail Governance and Board Services at delegates@tdsb.on.ca by Monday, January 22, 2024 at 4pm.
- For more information regarding this process, please visit: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/leadership/boardroom/delegations>

Next Steps

- The Local Feasibility Team will reconvene to review and consider feedback received from this evening's meeting, e-mail and the survey.
- The Local Feasibility Team will develop a final set of recommendations and draft a report to the Board of Trustees for approval.
- The report will be presented to the Planning and Priorities Committee of the Board on **January 25, 2024**.
- The Board of Trustees will make a final decision on **January 31, 2024**.
- Decisions will be communicated following the meeting.

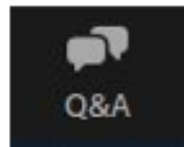
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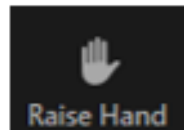
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