

# **Review of Placement Process for Secondary Gifted (ISP) Programs**

## **Community Consultation Meetings June 2015**

Toronto District School Board



# Agenda

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- What prompted the review
- Proposed Gifted Sites and Geographic Boundaries
- Support for New Programs
- New Secondary Gifted admission procedures
- Next Steps
- Questions, Comments, Feedback

## Purpose of this meeting

- We are here to discuss a review that is underway of the secondary Gifted Intensive Support Programs (ISPs) that could result in changes to the placement of students for the September 2016 school year.
- This review process will look at creating program boundaries for the secondary Gifted ISP Programs.
- We are here to share our thoughts to date and gather your input and feedback.

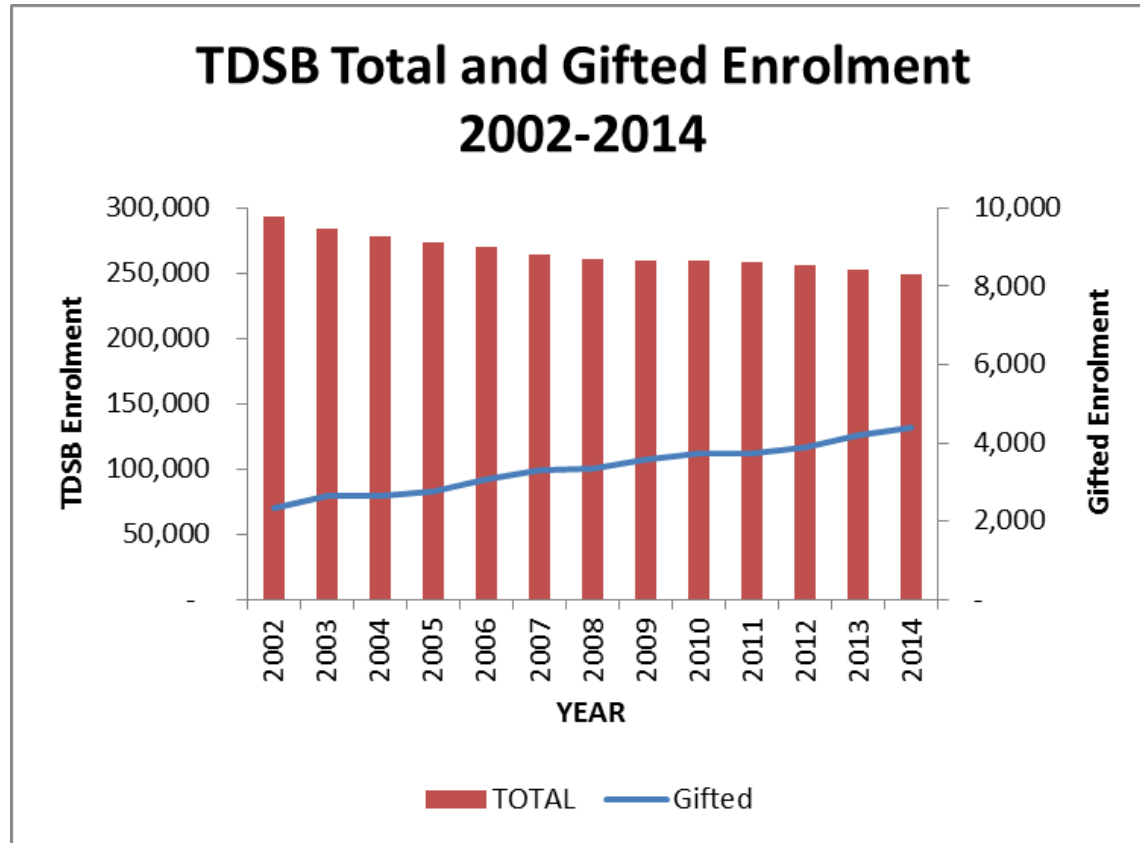
## Purpose of the review

- Address equity of access to the Gifted program across the Toronto District School Board.
- Introduce the program in regions of the city where no program previously existed within a more reasonable proximity to student home addresses.
- Address accommodation pressures at Don Mills Collegiate Institute and Northern Secondary School.

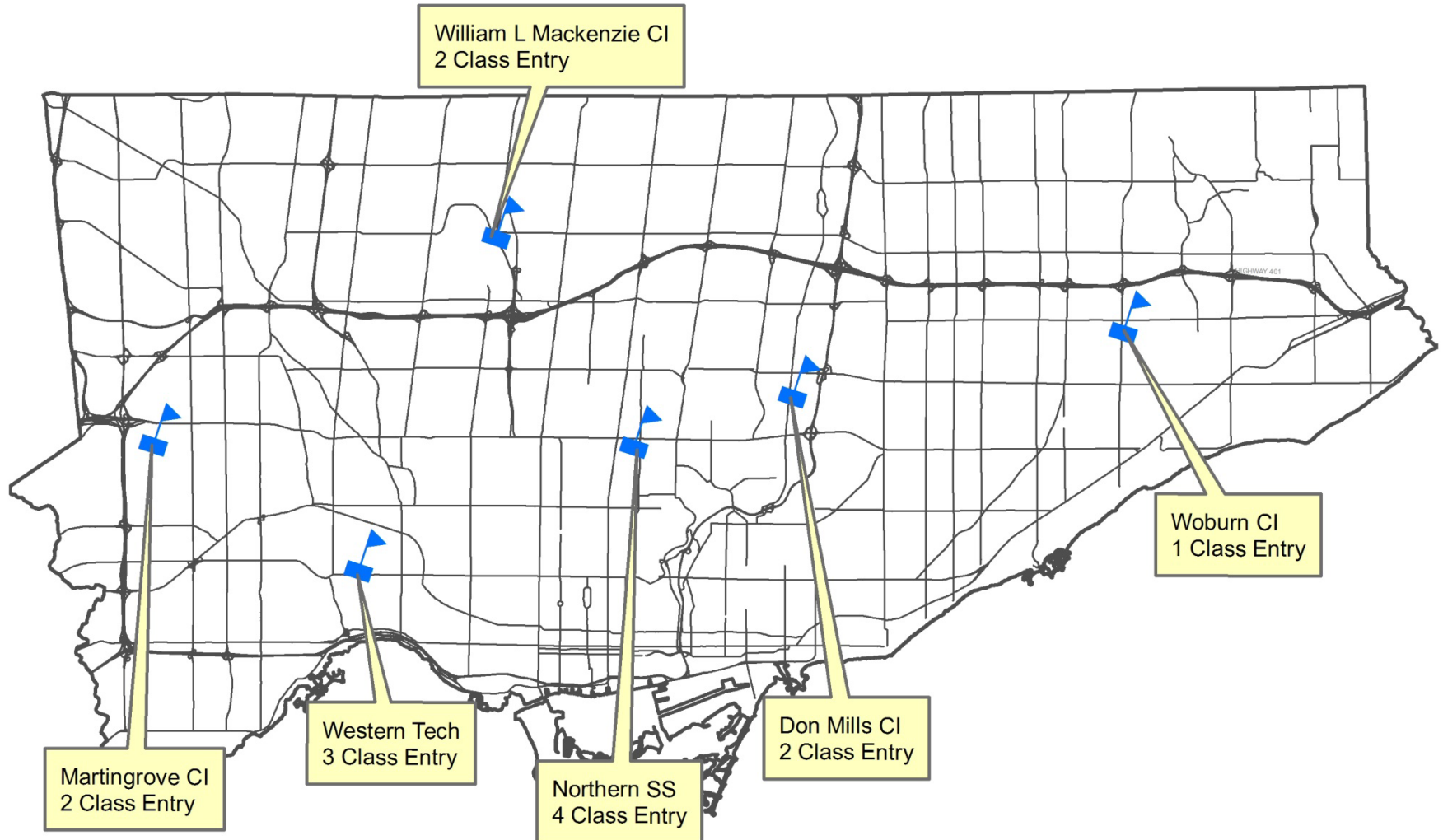
# What prompted the review

- The review was initiated due to increased enrolment at elementary schools in the numbers of students placed in Gifted ISP programs.
- The current secondary program offerings are no longer appropriate due to the increased growth at the elementary level in certain areas of the city.
- The need was identified to review boundaries for all Gifted ISP secondary programs based on student home address to ensure equitable access and distribution of programs across the TDSB starting in September 2016.

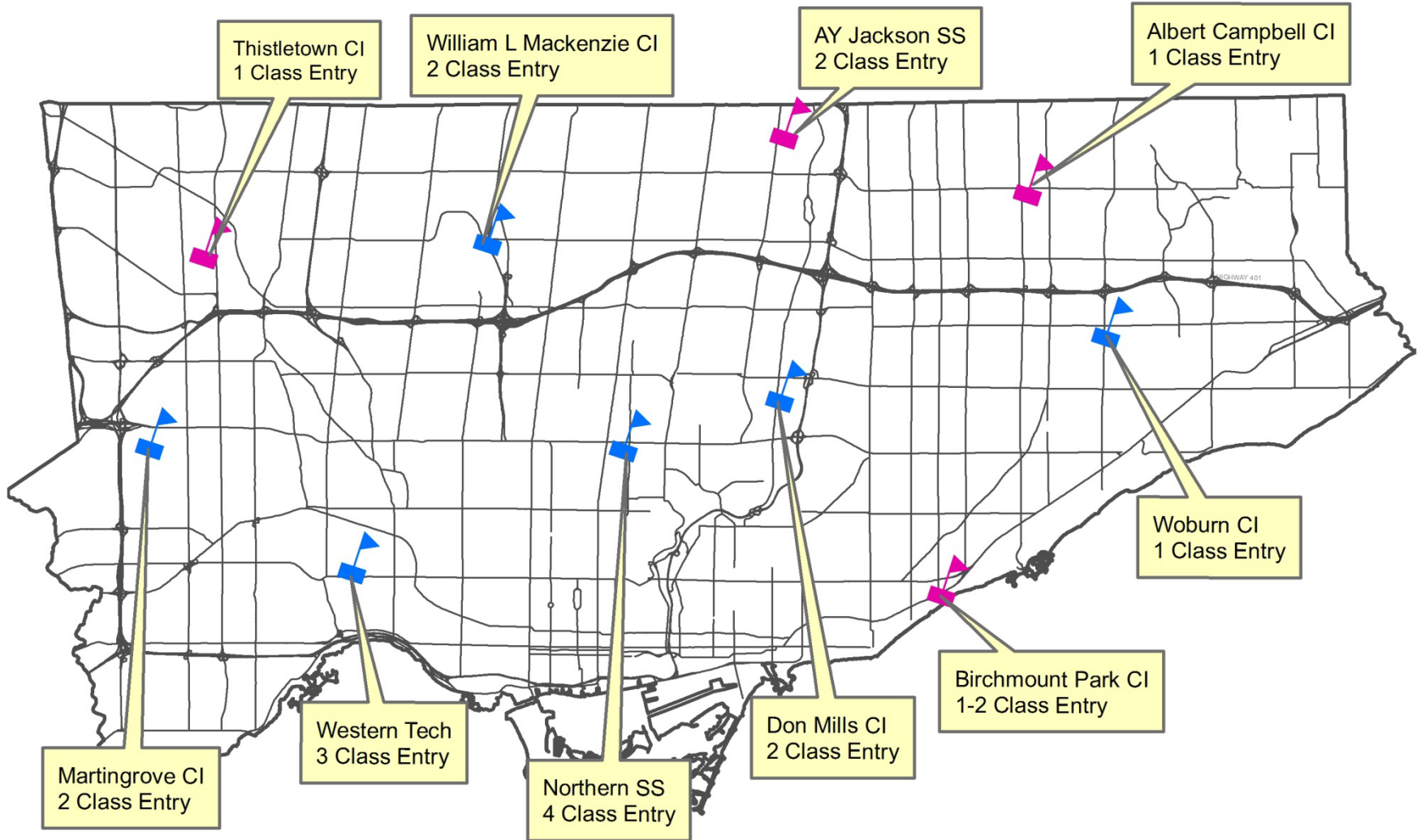
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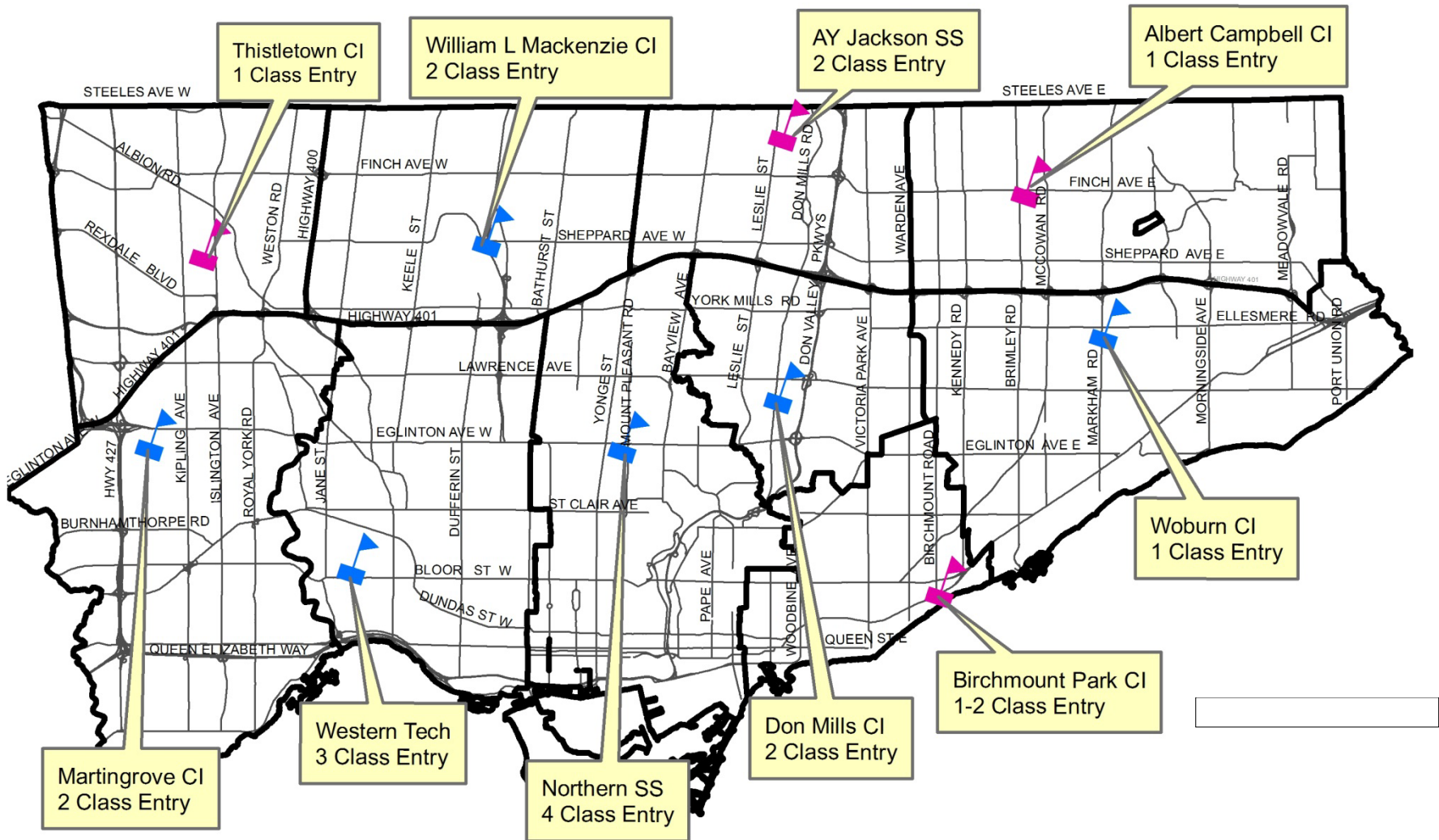
# Existing Secondary School Gifted Program Sites



# Existing and Proposed Secondary School Gifted Program Sites



## Existing and Proposed Secondary School Gifted Program Sites and Boundaries



# Comparison of Projected Enrolment and Utilization Rates: Current and New Programs

	Proposed/Existing Gifted Program	Proposed 2016 Gifted Entry Classes	Revised Capacity	Current 2019 Projected Enrolment	Current 2019 Projected Utz	New 2019 Projected Enrolment	New 2019 Projected Utz
AY Jackson SS	Proposed	2	1,089	648	60%	1,165	107%
Albert Campbell CI	Proposed	1	1,671	959	57%	1,039	62%
Birchmount Park CI	Proposed	1	1,176	946	80%	1,086	92%
Don Mills CI	Existing	2	741	1,057	143%	985	133%
Martingrove CI	Existing	2	1,059	990	93%	982	93%
Northern SS	Existing	4	1,782	1,830	103%	1,710	96%
Thistletown	Proposed	1	1,116	426	38%	486	44%
Western Tech	Existing	3	1,482	1,118	75%	1,278	86%
William Lyon MacKenzie CI	Existing	2	936	922	99%	1,002	107%
Woburn CI	Existing	1	1,521	958	63%	1,006	66%
<b>Total</b>		<b>19</b>	<b>12,573</b>	<b>9,854</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>10,739</b>	<b>85%</b>

# Proposed Gifted Sites and Boundaries: Considerations

- Creating an equitable distribution of secondary gifted sites across the city.
- Providing relief for existing secondary Gifted sites that are at or near capacity
- Introducing programs within a more reasonable proximity to student home addresses.
- Identifying the home addresses and attending schools of current Grade 7 and 8 students who have been identified as having a Giftedness exceptionality.

# Support for New Gifted Programs

- Creation of a professional learning community amongst the existing and proposed schools to support teachers and administrators.
- Provide opportunity to establish consistency across the District for programming.
- Opportunity to share best practices.

# Proposed Secondary Gifted Admission Procedures

- Placement at secondary gifted program requires an IPRC decision.
- Placement at school determined by home address and catchment of each secondary gifted site.
- Procedure to determine placement at a secondary gifted site.

# Next Steps

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| • Community Quad Consultations      | June 2015      |
| • AY Jackson (North East Quad)      | June 8, 2015   |
| • Martingrove CI (North West Quad)  | June 9, 2015   |
| • Woburn CI (South East Quad)       | June 11, 2015  |
| • Western Tech CS (South West Quad) | June 16, 2015  |
| • Review of Feedback                | July-Sept 2015 |
| • Communication Back to Community   | Fall 2015      |
| • Program School Services Committee | 18 Oct 2015*   |
| • Board                             | 28 Oct 2015*   |

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# Questions/Comments?



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