



Review of Legacy Technical and Commercial Boundaries

Parent Involvement Advisory Committee

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Context and Background – Legacy Boundaries

- Admission to secondary schools within the Toronto District School Board is administered through a series of 'collegiate' attendance areas.
- Technical and commercial boundaries established by legacy school boards still exist in certain areas, particularly the old City of Toronto.
- The network of technical and commercial boundaries that currently exist have outlived their intended purpose, which was to 'stream' students into a particular type of program.
- Former technical and commercial schools have reinvented themselves over time, and now offer academic programs and pathways, similar to other collegiates across the City.
- Some legacy boundaries have been eliminated over time as other accommodation reviews were undertaken (e.g. Business and Technical Institutes)
- Legacy boundaries do not align with the guiding principles of the LTPAS, or the goals of the Secondary Program Review.

Context and Background – Impacted Schools

- Central Technical School (Ward 10, LC4)
 - Technical boundary
- Central Toronto Academy (Ward 10, LC4)
 - Commercial boundary
- Danforth Collegiate and Technical Institute (Ward 15, LC4)
 - Technical boundary
- Western Technical and Commercial School (Ward 7, LC4)
 - Technical and commercial boundaries

Schools with Technical / Commercial Boundaries and a Collegiate Boundary

- Northern Secondary School (Ward 11, LC1)
 - Technical and commercial boundaries
- Victoria Park Collegiate (Ward 14, LC2)
 - Very small Technical boundary

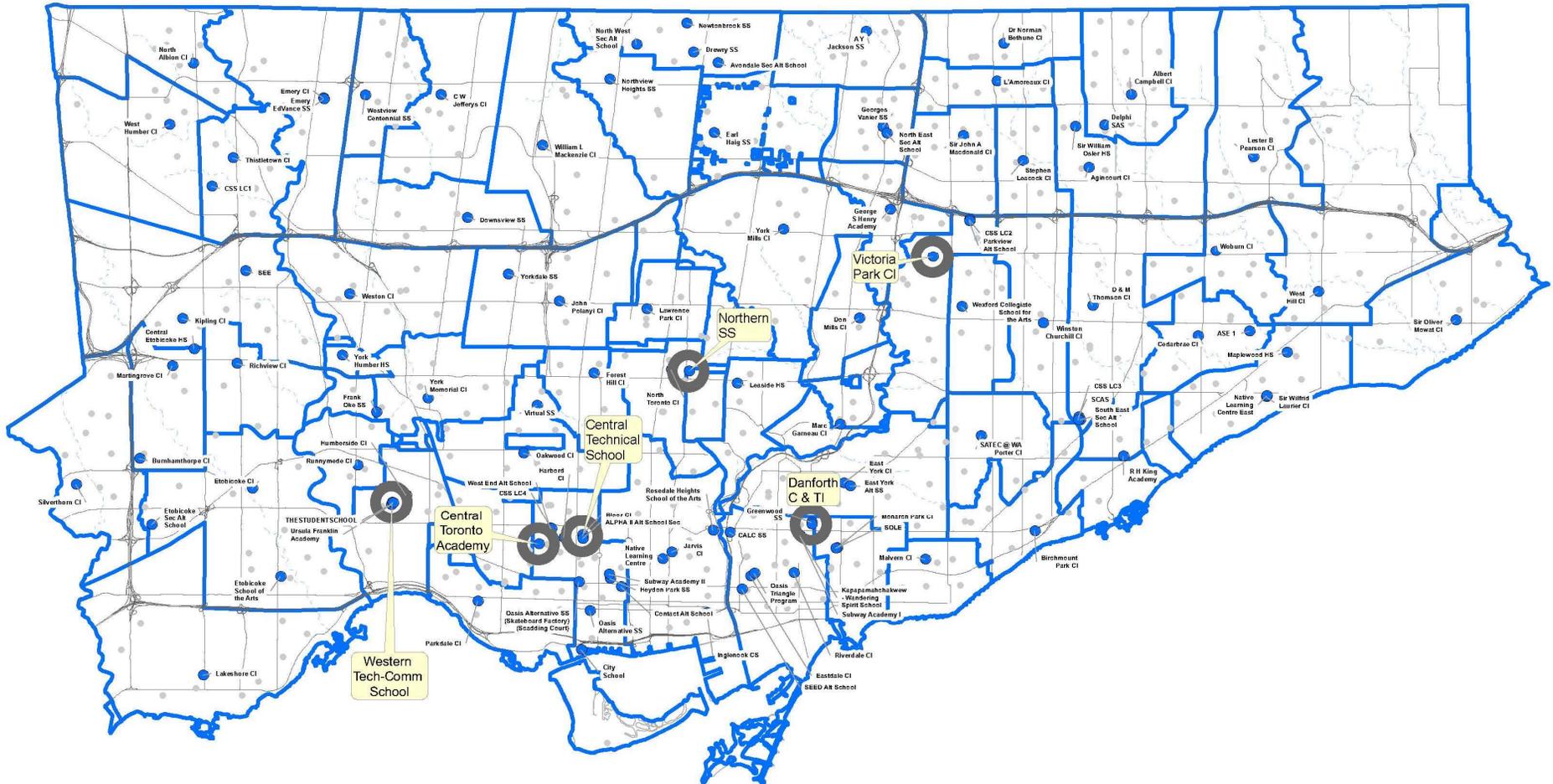
Context and Background – Secondary Program Review

- A review of all secondary schools, programs, policies and procedures to ensure that all students have equitable access to programs and opportunities, as close to home as possible.
- Vision is a system of strong neighbourhood schools that provide rich programming and increased access to courses that support all pathways.
- Existing structure of secondary schools across the TDSB is not in sync with the recent strategic and visionary documents approved by the Board of Trustees.
- Unintended consequences of the existing landscape, including inequity of access and an imbalance of enrolment among secondary schools in the system.
- Emerging from the Secondary Program Review was a strong desire to review the legacy technical and commercial boundaries due to the equity challenges they present.

Context and Background – Proposal

- Dissolve the legacy boundaries and create boundaryless secondary schools for September 2025 (Northern SS and Victoria Park CI would continue to operate with their existing collegiate boundaries).
- All students in the City of Toronto would have equal opportunity to apply; certain neighbourhoods would no longer have 'as-of-right' access and multiple secondary school choices.
- All addresses would still have a designated collegiate.
- Impacted schools would continue to operate as they currently do – no existing programs would be impacted by this change.
- TDSB website, specifically 'Find Your School', to be enhanced to create a presence for secondary schools without a boundary.
- Centralized admission process would be created and caps set each year to support strong programming while mitigating accommodation pressures.

Context and Background – Collegiate Boundaries

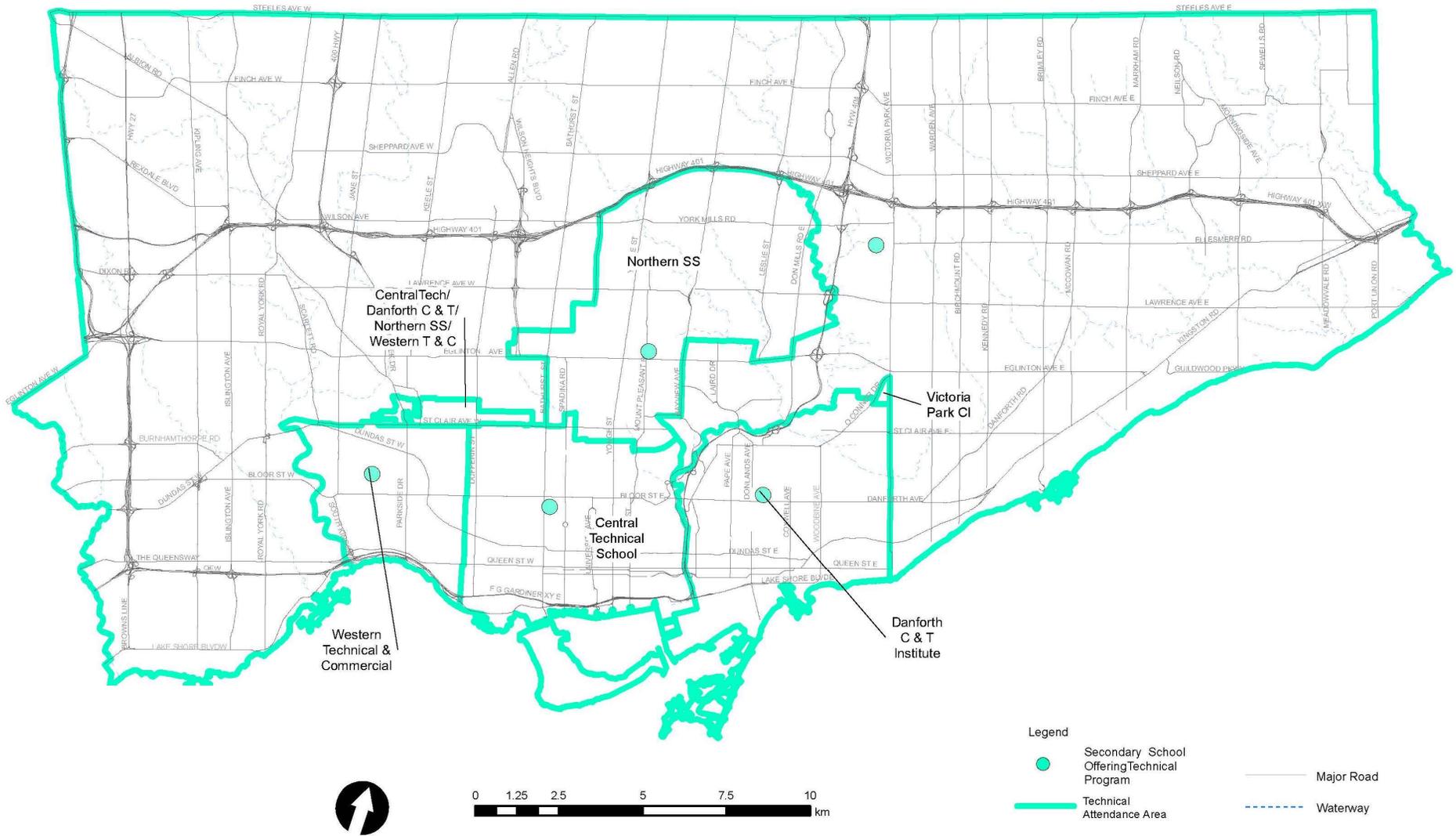


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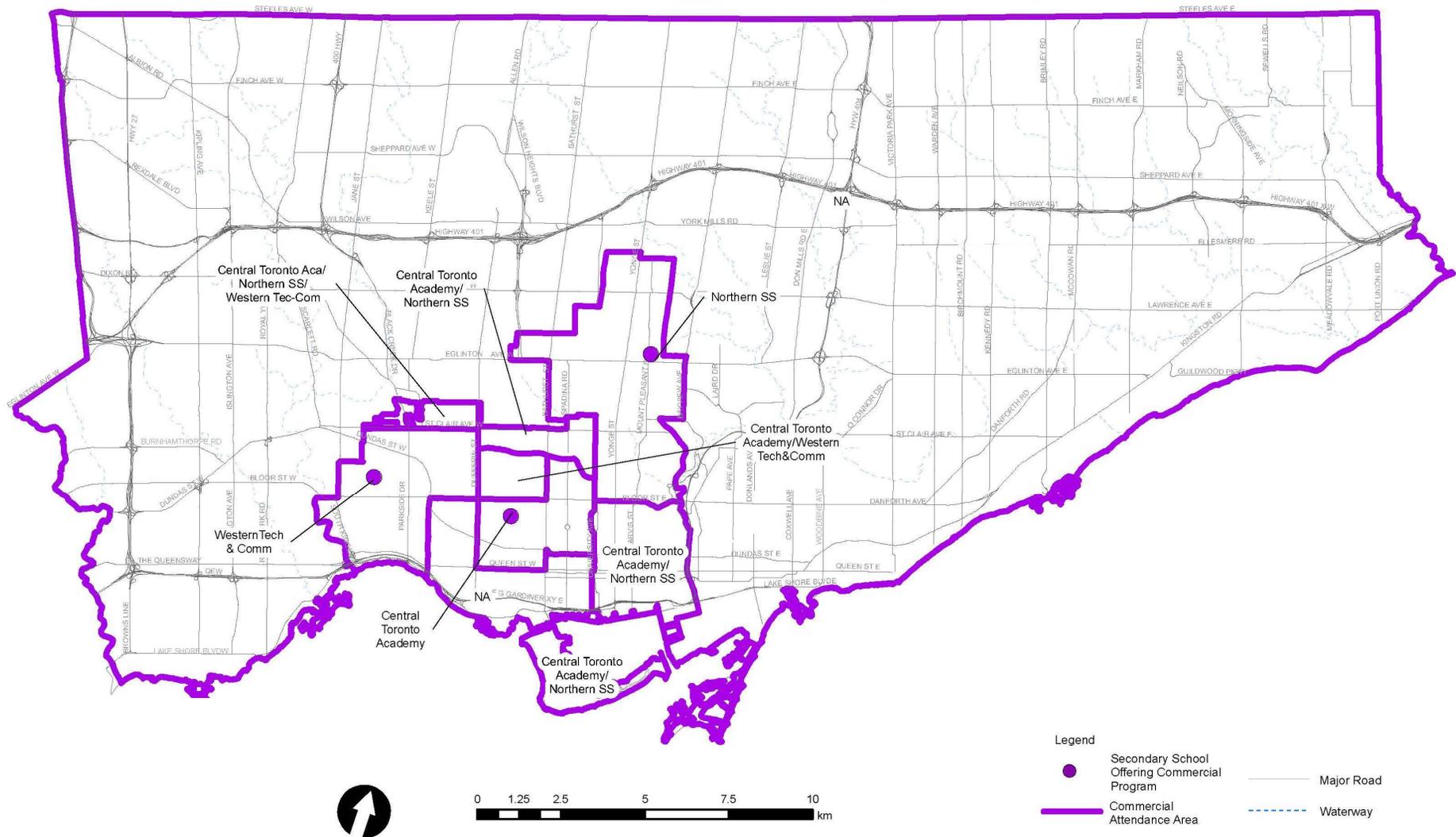


- TDSB Facility
- Secondary School
- Collegiate Attendance Area
- Technical/Commercial School

Context and Background – Legacy Technical Boundaries



Context and Background – Legacy Commercial Boundaries



Context and Background – TDSB Street Guide

- Legacy technical and commercial schools appear on the TDSB's street guide as separate columns for some addresses in the City.

Former Municipality	Street Name	Street Number Range	Elementary	Intermediate	Secondary	Technological Programming	Commercial School
Toronto	Abbey Lane	All Numbers	Market Lane Jr & Sr PS	Market Lane Jr & Sr PS	Jarvis CI	Central Technical School	Central Toronto Academy */ Northern SS
Toronto	Abell St	All Numbers	Alexander M G Ave Jr & Sr PS	Alexander M G Ave Jr & Sr PS	Parkdale CI	Central Technical School	
Former Municipality	Street Name	Street Number Range	Elementary	Intermediate	Secondary		
Etobicoke	Paragon Rd	All Numbers	Westway JS	Dixon Grove JMS	Kipling CI		

Context and Background – Street Guide Modification

Find your...
 • School
 By Home Address
 By School Name
 Elementary Programs
 Secondary Programs
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 French Programs
 Out-of-Area Admissions
 Special Education and Inclusion Programs
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 PDF Map

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Students can take great programs at these secondary schools regardless of where in Toronto they live

- [Central Technical School](#)
- [Central Toronto Academy \(Limited space and availability\)](#)
- [Danforth Collegiate Technical Institute \(Limited space and availability\)](#)
- [Western Technical Commercial School](#)

The TDSB has other [Secondary Program](#) and [Elementary Program](#) Options as well

Former Municipality	Street Name	Street Number Range	Elementary	Intermediate	Secondary
Toronto	Doncliffe Dr	1-5(Odd)	Bedford Park PS	Bedford Park PS	Lawrence Park CI
Toronto	Doncliffe Dr	2-6B(Even)	Bedford Park PS	Bedford Park PS	Lawrence Park CI

- A floating and frozen banner is introduced at the top of the Find Your School address search results that identifies the four schools.
- The columns for technical and commercial programming are removed from the table.

*Students have the option of attending the listed schools. Once you have been admitted to an **elementary school**, you are expected to attend that school until graduation as long as you continue to live in the school's attendance area. Once you have been admitted to a **secondary school**, you are expected to attend that school until graduation. If you wish to attend the other listed school(s), you will have to apply through [Out-of-Area Admissions](#).

Context and Background – Improved School Profiles

Schools without Boundaries

Former Technical and Commercial Schools

In the former Toronto Board of Education, specific schools were established to provide technical and commercial programming. Currently, these schools provide a full complement of courses and programs to support students on their journeys to University, College, Apprenticeship or the workplace.

Learn more about the rich programming options that are available to all students in the City of Toronto.

<p><u>Central Technical School</u> 725 Bathurst St. Toronto, ON M5S 2R5</p>	<p><u>Central Toronto Academy</u> 570 Shaw St, Toronto, ON, M6G 3L6</p>	<p><u>Danforth Collegiate & Technical Institute</u> 800 Greenwood Ave. Toronto, ON M4J 4B7</p>	<p><u>Western Technical Commercial School</u> 125 Evelyn Cres. Toronto ON M6P 3E3</p>
			
<p><u>Central Student Interest Program: Visual Arts</u> (applications are submitted during the month of November)</p>		<p><u>Central Student Interest Program: Math, Science and Technology</u> (applications are submitted during the month of November)</p>	<p><u>Central Student Interest Program: CyberARTS</u> (applications are submitted during the month of November)</p>
<p><u>Specialist High Skills Majors (SHSM)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts & Culture • Construction • Health & Wellness • Hospitality & Tourism • Information Communication Technology • Justice, Community Safety & Emergency Services • Transportation <p>All students are eligible to join SHSMs in Gr 11</p>	<p><u>Specialist High Skills Majors (SHSM)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business • Sports <p>All students are eligible to join SHSMs in Gr 11</p>	<p><u>Specialist High Skills Majors (SHSM)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health & Wellness • Hospitality & Tourism • Transportation <p>All students are eligible to join SHSMs in Gr 11</p>	<p><u>Specialist High Skills Majors (SHSM)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts & Culture • Hospitality & Tourism • Manufacturing • Non-Profit <p>All students are eligible to join SHSMs in Gr 11</p>

Next Steps - Public Consultation

- Three virtual public meetings have been arranged to share information and seek feedback.
- Meetings will be held on January 15, 18 and 21st from 6:30pm to 8:00pm through Zoom.
- A message was shared in TDSB Connects on December 4th, 2023 providing a high-level description of the review.
- A page for the review has been created on the TDSB website.
 - Background information will be posted in advance of the meetings.
- A notice will be shared through School Messenger prior to the winter break to provide details on the upcoming public meetings, including a link to register.

Critical Path – Legacy Boundary Review

- Public Meeting(s): January 2024 (15th, 18th, 21st)
- Planning Priorities Ctte: February 28, 2024 (*opportunity for delegations*)
- Regular Board: March 6, 2024
- Implementation: September 1, 2025



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