



Oxford North Elementary Panel Attendance Area Review
Initial Attendance Area Review Report

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Executive Summary

This report provides an examination of current and projected enrolment across English track elementary schools in the northern portion of Oxford County and the City of Woodstock. The recommendations presented within this report are based on an analysis of Thames Valley District School Board's current and long-term needs. This report is not intended to be a stand-alone document and should be referenced in conjunction with other Board strategies, policies, and objectives.

The primary objectives of this study are to analyze relevant demographic, enrolment, residential development, and facility data to identify schools within the study area that could be better utilized through attendance area boundary changes, and to establish an attendance area for the new north Woodstock elementary school. Select data, metrics, and on-the-ground capacities will highlight schools and boundaries that can accommodate both existing and projected enrolment. While the opening of the new North Woodstock elementary school will help to alleviate enrolment imbalances and relieve pressure at certain schools, this review will further contribute to the balancing of enrolment in the north part of the County of Oxford and the City of Woodstock.

The measures considered as part of this review address the enrolment imbalance across English track schools in the study area. Several proposed solutions are presented in this document, which features multiple scenarios for attendance area adjustments that propose to balance enrolment at both over and underutilized school facilities. The options presented are intended to outline a strategic approach to address immediate and future potential accommodation issues, while also providing the flexibility to address further pressures that will arise over the next five to ten years.

The catalyst for this review is the opening of the new north Woodstock elementary school which will draw a significant number of students from the Hickson Central PS attendance area, as well as students holding at Central public school and Zorra Highland Park public school from the North Woodstock holding zones.

The new north Woodstock elementary school was approved for an on-the-ground (OTG) capacity of 660 students. However, given the long-term growth projected for north Woodstock and the increase in the number of development applications that have been submitted since the school's approval, a scope change request has been submitted to the Ministry of Education to increase the OTG to 856 pupil places. There are two proposed options for the new north Woodstock school's attendance area. Should the request not be approved, a smaller boundary is recommended, which will result in some students from north Woodstock remaining at Hickson Central PS. If the request is approved, then a larger attendance area that encompasses most of the Hickson Central PS attendance area in north Woodstock would be preferred.

With respect to Central PS, a number of existing students from the North Woodstock holding zones will be redesignated when the new north Woodstock elementary school opens. This will result in an underutilization of this school. To ensure an optimal utilization at Central PS, two boundary options are

proposed that would designate additional students to Central PS. An additional attendance area change between Central PS and Northdale PS is also recommended in order to create a traditional boundary between the two schools that follows a municipal road.

To help resolve future enrolment pressure at Innerkip Central PS as a result of residential development activity, a number of changes are proposed that would designate existing and future students away from Innerkip Central PS in the outer portions of the attendance area.

The proposed boundary adjustments outlined in this report would help to balance enrolment after the opening of the new north Woodstock elementary school and will establish a new boundary for this school so that the continued growth in north Woodstock can be appropriately accommodated.

1. Background

TVDSB provides educational services to the cities of St. Thomas and London as well the Counties of Middlesex, Oxford, and Elgin. Prior to 2016, enrolment was generally stable at approximately 75,000 students. Currently, there are more than 83,000 students across the Valley. Enrolment growth is expected to continue due to sustained migration and immigration to the area and the rapid pace of development activity. These changes in population and migration patterns have significantly impacted Board enrolments. Over the next ten years, it is anticipated that the growth and development within the Board's jurisdiction will continue to increase rapidly, which will cause further enrolment imbalances if not addressed. Any future decisions must be made in the context of both Board and Ministry of Education initiatives and policies regarding boundary changes and requests for capital funding.

1.1 Analysis Parameters

The objective of an attendance review is to balance enrolment and utilization of schools for both the short and long-term. The projected enrolments must support a sustained optimal utilization of schools' existing permanent capacities in order to maximize resources.

From a programming perspective, small grade cohorts can create challenges for organizing classes that meet Ministry class-size caps and can result in multi-grade classes. This can also result in other operational challenges such as having fewer teachers being available for supervision and reduced offerings of extra-curricular activities.

Residential development and municipal Official Plan direction can cause a disproportionate arrangement of students at schools. Schools in rapidly developing areas can experience higher enrolment and student yields than more established settlement areas. Changing demographics, socio-economic perceptions of certain locales, as well as housing density can result in over-capacity pressures at one school and empty pupil places at other schools nearby.

The tools available to the TVDSB to achieve long-term sustainability for this review include:

- Permanently accommodating students in north Woodstock at the new north Woodstock elementary school and other proximal schools; and
- The modification of attendance areas to further balance enrolment at surrounding schools.

The schools involved in this review are as follows:

- Zorra Highland Park PS
- Hickson Central PS
- Innerkip Central PS
- Blenheim District PS
- Central PS
- Northdale PS

- Eastdale PS

1.2 Oxford North Elementary Panel Attendance Area Review

The purposed of this report is to highlight the technical aspects of the current accommodation imbalances within the northern portion of the County of Oxford and the City of Woodstock. The potential boundary changes provide a solution on how to best manage the future enrolment that will yield from new residential development in the short and long term. This will be achieved through dissolving the North Woodstock holding zones and the reconfiguration of school attendance boundaries.

The northern part of the City of Woodstock, north of the Thames River and Pittock Lake, is experiencing rapid residential growth. Over the next 10 years, over 2000 units are expected to be constructed which is expected to yield over 500 students. The new North Woodstock PS will accommodate a majority of these students.

2. Current Situation

2.1 North Oxford and North Woodstock Study Area

Currently, students in North Woodstock, north of the Thames River and Pittock Lake, attend Hickson Central PS. As a result of holding zones and the capping of enrolment to that portion of the Hickson Central PS boundary within Woodstock, students also attend Central PS and Zorra Highland Park PS. Due to pressure at Central PS from the North Woodstock holding zones, new registrations from these areas are designated to Zorra Highland Park PS as of the start of the 2022-2023 school year. In addition, due to development pressure in the north Woodstock portion of the Hickson Central PS attendance area, new registrations within this area are now also designated to Zorra Highland Park PS, which will serve as an interim accommodation school for Hickson Central PS as of the 2023-2024 school year.

Collectively, the On-the-Ground (OTG) capacity of Hickson Central PS, Central PS, and Zorra Highland Park PS are above 100%. This is expected to increase over time until the new north Woodstock elementary school opens. As a result of this situation, there are seven portables at Central PS and nine portables at Hickson Central PS, with a projected need for portables at Zorra Highland Park PS in the coming years.

In addition to the pressure in north Woodstock noted above, Innerkip Central PS is also expected to experience enrolment pressure due to the residential development activity occurring within its attendance area. As a result, this school is projected to be above capacity in the coming years.

Figure 1 on the following page shows the overall utilization of all schools included in this review as of the 2022-2023 school year.

Figure 1: 2022-2023 Utilization Rates

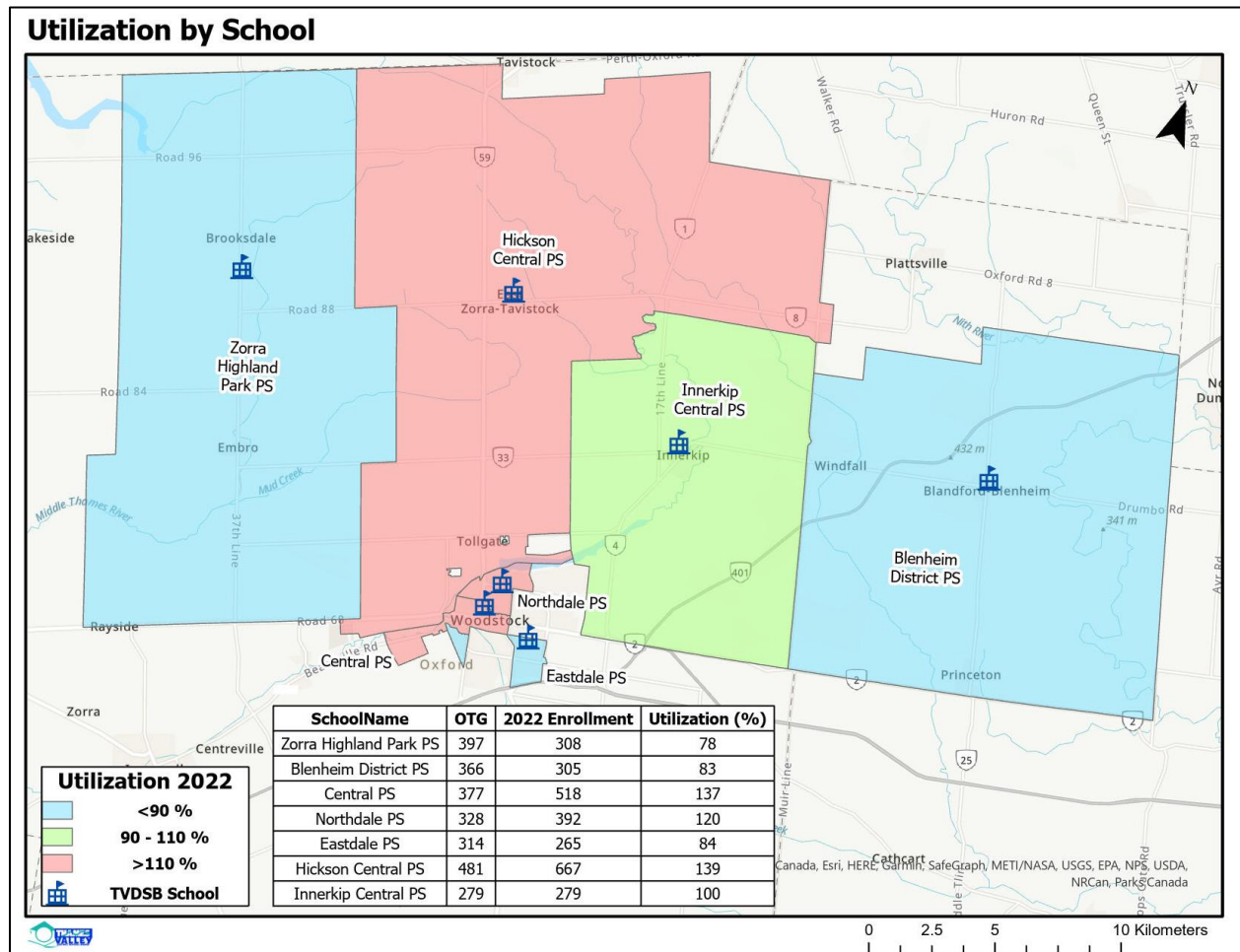
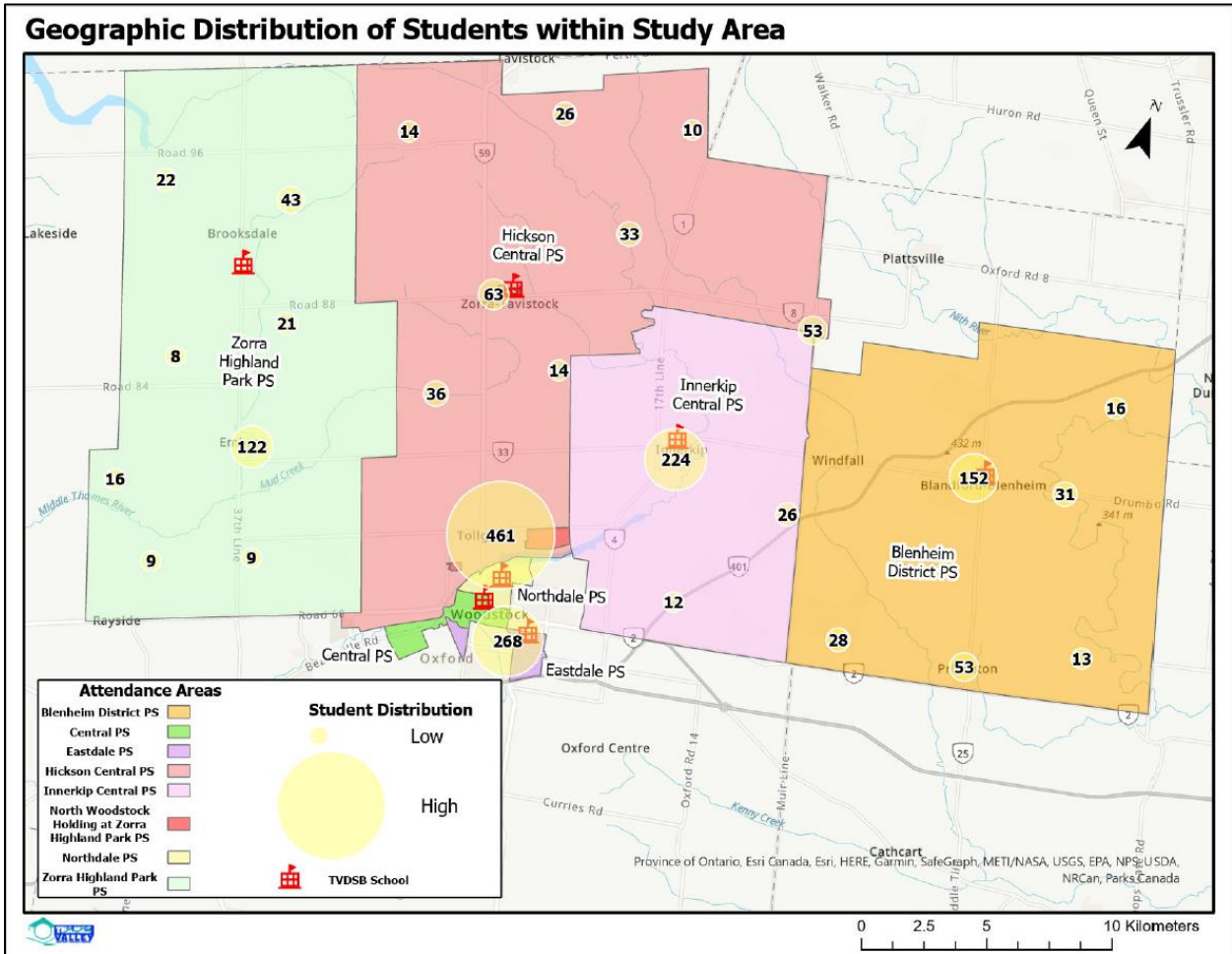


Figure 2 shows that the majority of students in the study area are concentrated in north Woodstock, which necessitated the need for a new elementary school in this area, as well as within the village of Innerkip.

Figure 2: Student Distribution



2.2 Issues Under Review

Official 2022-2023 enrolment figures were used for this review as this is the most recent school year for which official enrolment is available. Enrolment in 2022-2023 is above the collective OTG capacity of the elementary schools within the study area. As noted, the schools that receive students from north Woodstock, which include Hickson Central PS, Central PS, and Zorra Highland Park PS, are or will be facing the greatest level of pressure, with Innerkip Central also projected to have sustained pressure in future years.

When the new north Woodstock elementary school opens, it will result in a movement of students from Central PS, Hickson Central PS, and Zorra Highland Park PS. Accordingly, ensuring balanced enrolment at these schools after the new north Woodstock PS opens will be important.

Table 1 presents the current and projected utilizations for the elementary schools involved in this review. As shown, the schools that received students from north Woodstock are projected to experience substantial pressure in future years in the absence of a new school to relieve this pressure. Upon the

opening of the new school, this pressure will be relieved as most of these students will be absorbed into the new school. In this regard, Zorra Highland Park PS, which currently receives new registrations from the North Woodstock holding zones and the portion of the Hickson Central PS attendance area within the City of Woodstock, is projected to grow to 144% by 2026 but will decrease to 79% when the new school is able to accommodate those students. Central PS is currently well above capacity at 137% utilization but is projected to stabilize due to new registrations from the North Woodstock holding zones being designated to Zorra Highland Park PS. Hickson Central PS is also projected to stabilize at 144% by 2026 due to the redesignation of students from Woodstock.

Innerkip Central is continuing to experience growth-related pressure from new development within the Innerkip community. The school is currently at 100% capacity but is projected to grow to 148% by 2026, and 192% by 2031 without any interventions. There is an opportunity to relieve some of this pressure through attendance area adjustments.

Blenheim District PS is one of the schools that will have available capacity in the future to accommodate students from Innerkip Central PS. It is currently operating at 83% utilization, which is projected to increase to 91% by 2026.

Northdale PS is projected to decline in enrolment to 108% in 2026 and further to 102% by 2031. It is included in this review to create a more practical boundary along its southern border with the Central PS attendance area. The current boundary is irregularly shaped and does not follow a geographic feature.

Eastdale PS experienced an increase in enrolment at the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year because of a boundary change that resulted from the Oxford County French Immersion and City of Woodstock Elementary Panel Attendance Area Review completed in 2021. This school is projected to continue to increase in enrolment over time, reaching 103% utilization by 2031. Future development within the Southwest Woodstock Holding Zone is expected to contribute to this growth as Eastdale PS is the designated holding school. As part of the attendance area review that was completed in 2021, a satellite attendance area that was previously part of the Oliver Stephens PS boundary was designated to Eastdale PS. Through the review that is the subject of this report, there is an option to designate this satellite area to Central PS, which is more proximal. Central PS will have available space when the north Woodstock holding zone students are designated to the new north Woodstock PS.

Table 1: Status Quo Projected Utilization

School	Capacity		Portables			Enrolment			Utilization		
	OTG	Current Usage	2022	2026	2031	2022	2026	2031	2022	2026	2031
Zorra Highland Park PS (With Holding and Cap Students)	397	308	0	8	18	308	571	842	78%	144%	212%
Zorra Highland Park PS (Holding and Cap Students Returned)	397	308	0	0	0	308	313	396	78%	79%	100%
Hickson Central PS	481	667	9	9	10	667	695	714	139%	144%	148%
Innerkip Central PS	279	279	2	6	11	279	413	536	100%	148%	192%
Blenheim District PS	366	305	0	0	0	305	331	368	83%	91%	101%
Central PS	377	518	7	7	7	518	546	542	137%	145%	144%
Northdale PS	328	392	4	1	0	392	354	334	120%	108%	102%
Eastdale PS	314	265	0	0	0	265	296	324	84%	94%	103%

2.3 Holding Zone and Holding School

This analysis incorporated the north Woodstock holding zones as part of the potential Attendance Area changes. A holding zone is an area defined by a geographic boundary, within an attendance area (usually with high concentrations of new or imminent development), for which Trustees have approved that those students residing in this area are to attend a specified school (known as a “holding school”) based on available capacity until such time that long-term accommodations can be established. Once a holding zone is established, long-term accommodation solutions from interim pupil accommodation arrangements can include:

- permanent accommodation in existing schools;
- construction of a new school; and/or
- additions or renovations to existing schools to add space for accommodation.

The holding zones included in this review are the north Woodstock holding zones, that are located within the Hickson Central PS attendance area in the north part of Woodstock. There are three separate zones that encompass three developed or developing residential areas. Students from these zones were originally designated to Central PS, but due to capacity issues new registrations are now designated to Zorra Highland Park PS. As a result, Zorra Highland Park PS is projected to experience enrolment growth in advance of the opening of the new north Woodstock elementary school.

3. Current and Projected Residential Growth and Community Trends

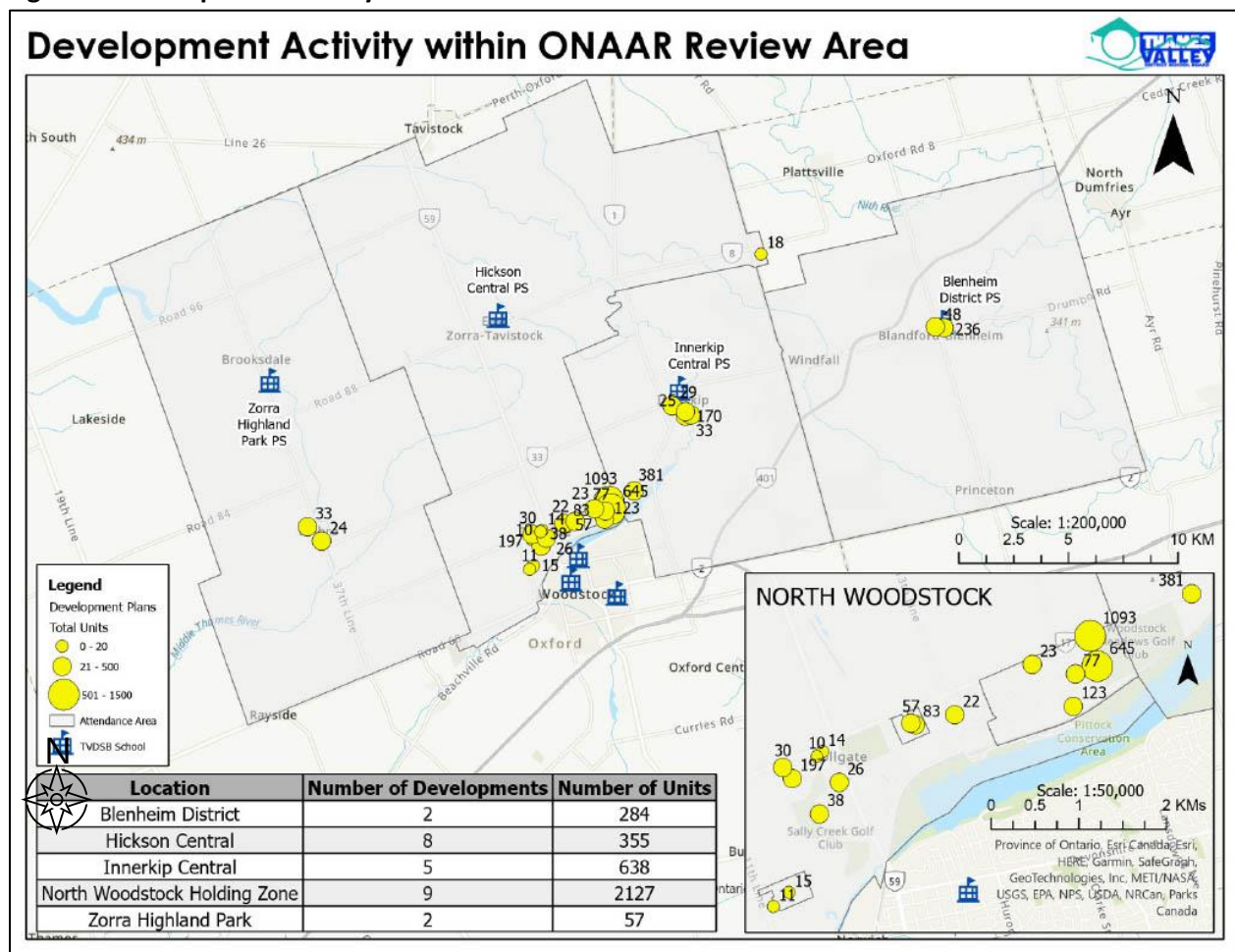
3.1 Current and Projected Residential Development

There is significant growth happening in the north part of Woodstock and parts of north Oxford. Innerkip in particular is growing rapidly, with development also occurring in Drumbo and Embro, which will contribute future students to Innerkip Central PS, Blenheim District PS, and Zorra Highland Park PS. This growth is projected to continue for several years.

Oxford County initiated a Phase One Comprehensive Review to provide up-to-date growth forecasts and land supply information to inform County and local municipal growth management policies for the period of 2016-2046. The findings of the initial investigation by Hemson Consulting Limited (Hemson) indicated that the County is expected to grow in population by over 47,000 persons during this period, with approximately 50% of the growth to be concentrated in the City of Woodstock (Hemson Consulting Ltd., 2020). This substantial growth is driven largely by migration from the Greater Golden Horseshoe and the neighbouring economic centres of Kitchener-Waterloo and the City of London (Hemson Consulting Ltd., 2020).

In terms of specific development activity, the following map shows the distribution of residential development within the north part of Woodstock and north Oxford. The majority of development is happening in north Woodstock, with Innerkip also facing substantial development pressure.

Figure 3: Development Activity within ONAAR Review Area



4. Out of Boundary Student Analysis

An out-of-boundary (OB) analysis was completed as part of this attendance area review report (Table 2). It was determined that a majority of students are attending their designated school and that out-of-boundary attendance is not significantly contributing to the enrolment distribution imbalance across English track elementary schools in the study area.

Table 2: Out of Boundary Analysis

School	# OB Students	% of total student population that is OB
Zorra Highland Park PS	2	<1%
Hickson Central PS	13	2%
Innerkip Central PS	1	<1%
Blenheim District PS	0	0%
Central PS	9	2%
Northdale PS	12	3%
Eastdale PS	2	<1%

Through further review, it was identified that eight of the 13 out of boundary students at Hickson Central PS were coming from the north Woodstock Holding Zones, which are located inside of Hickson Central's attendance area boundary.

5. Proposed Attendance Area Changes

The following section presents recommended boundary adjustments for certain English track elementary schools within Woodstock and the north part of Oxford County. Boundary adjustments were developed to balance enrolment across schools and create an attendance boundary for the new north Woodstock elementary school. While these interventions are designed to balance facility utilizations in specific geographic areas, each proposed boundary adjustment considers the broader impacts on the community. For example, boundaries have been designed to follow major roads or other geographic features wherever possible and to avoid dividing neighbourhoods. Attention was also paid to modes of transportation, preferring boundary adjustments that reduce reliance on school bus transportation.

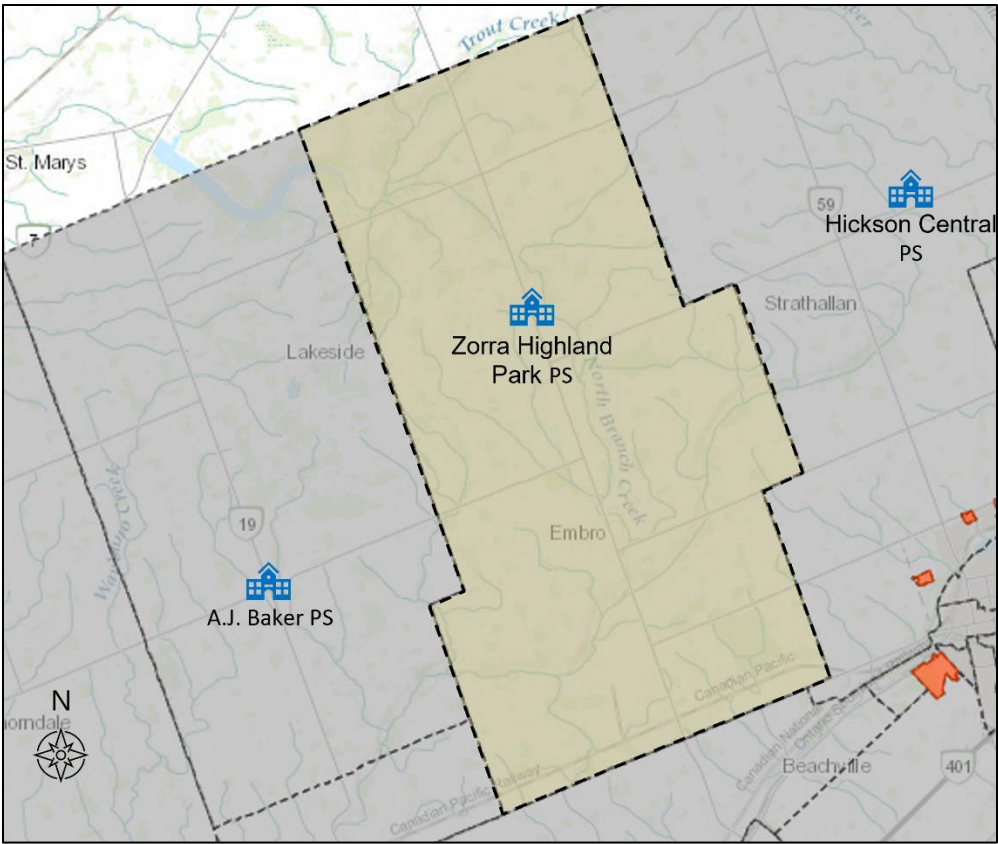
5.1 Zorra Highland Park PS

Zorra Highland Park PS became the new holding school for the north Woodstock holding zones at the start of the 2022-2023 school year due to capacity issues at Central PS. It will also become the interim accommodation school for new registrations within the Woodstock portion of the Hickson Central PS attendance area commencing in the 2023-2024 school year. This will create enrolment pressure at Zorra Highland Park PS in the future, but the pressure will be relieved when the new north Woodstock PS opens. No boundary adjustments are proposed for Zorra Highland Park PS, but it is included in this review as students attending the school will be moved as part of proposed boundary adjustments involving the north Woodstock holding zones and Hickson Central PS.

5.1.1 Proposed Changes

North Woodstock holding zone students and interim accommodation students from the Hickson Central PS attendance area will be moved through a permanent accommodation solution involving boundary changes for Hickson Central PS, the north Woodstock holding zones, Central PS, and the new north Woodstock PS.

Figure 4: Zorra Highland Park PS Boundary



Moving from	Students (22/23)	Receiving School
Zorra Highland Park PS (North Woodstock Holding Zone)	50	New North Woodstock PS / Central PS

5.1.2 Expected Outcomes

In a status quo scenario where holding zone and capped students from Hickson Central PS remain at Zorra Highland Park PS, utilization would continue to increase with a projected utilization of 144% by 2026 and 212% by 2031. However, when these students are permanently accommodated elsewhere, utilization would decrease to 79% in 2026 and increase to 100% by 2031. Given the projected utilization after the holding zone and additional students from north Woodstock are re-designated to other schools, further boundary adjustments are not proposed for this school. Factors contributing to future growth within the Zorra Highland Park PS attendance area include an increased birth rate in recent years and development activity in the village of Embro.

Table 3: Zorra Highland Park PS Projected Utilization

	Capacity		Portables			Enrolment			Utilization		
	OTG	Current Usage	2022	2026	2031	2022	2026	2031	2022	2026	2031
Zorra Highland Park PS											
Holding and Cap Students Remain	397	308	0	8	18	308	571	842	78%	144%	212%
Holding and Cap Students Returned	397	308	0	0	0	308	314	398	78%	79%	100%

5.2 Hickson Central PS

Hickson Central PS has experienced significant enrolment pressure in recent years which has been caused by new residential development in the north part of the City of Woodstock. As a result of this growth, the portion of the Hickson Central PS attendance area within the City of Woodstock was capped to new registrations in 2022. All new students within this area are now designated to Zorra Highland Park PS. This will result in stabilized enrolment at Hickson Central PS, which currently has a utilization of 139% and nine portables on site.

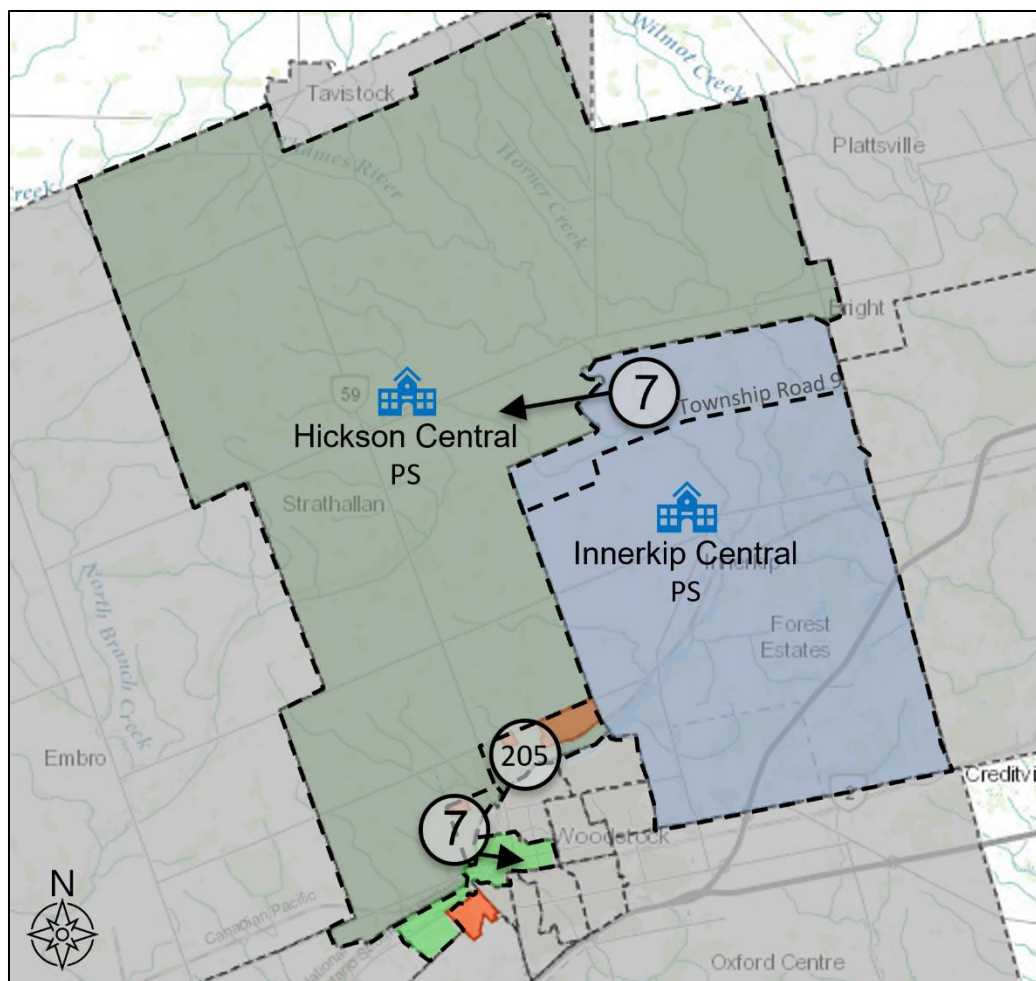
5.2.1 Proposed Changes

There are two proposed options for Hickson Central PS after the new north Woodstock elementary school opens.

Option 1

The portion of the attendance area within the north part of the City of Woodstock bound by Oxford Road 17 to the north, Thames River/Pittock Lake to the south, and Vansittart Avenue to the west would be redesignated to the new north Woodstock elementary school. An additional portion of the attendance area in Woodstock bound by 11th Line to the west, Golfview Drive to the north, and the Thames River to the east would be designated to Central PS, with the portion of the existing attendance area in the northwestern quadrant of the City of Woodstock retained at Hickson Central PS. In addition, the north portion of the Innerkip Central PS attendance area, north of Township Road 9, would also be designated to Hickson Central PS. The proposed changes are illustrated in Figure 5.

Figure 5: Hickson Central PS Proposed Changes Option 1



Moving from	Students (22/23)	Receiving School
Innerkip Central PS	7	Hickson Central PS
Hickson Central PS	205	New North Woodstock PS
Hickson Central PS	7	Central PS

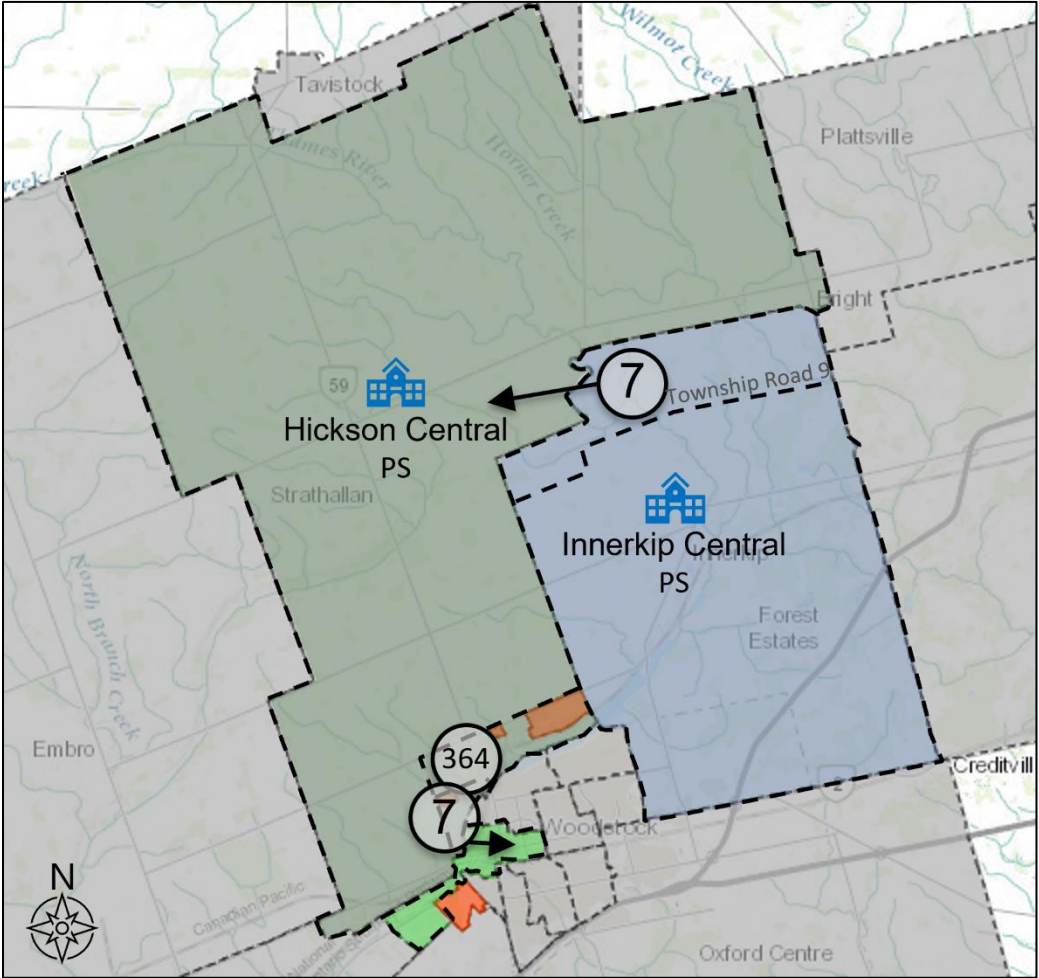
Option 2

The same changes as proposed for Option 1 are included in Option 2; however, the portion of the existing attendance area in the northwestern quadrant of the City of Woodstock would become part of the attendance area for the new north Woodstock elementary school.

The new north Woodstock elementary school was approved for an OTG capacity of 660 pupil places. Given the growth pressure from new development in north Woodstock and the increased number of development applications in this area since the approval of the new school, a scope change request has been submitted to the Ministry of Education to increase the OTG to 856. Option 2 is only recommended if this scope change request is approved because the new north Woodstock elementary school would not be able to accommodate all of the students from the proposed attendance area resulting from Option 2

without an increased OTG. Additional details about the new north Woodstock elementary school attendance area are provided below. Figure 6 shows Option 2 for Hickson Central PS.

Figure 6: Hickson Central PS Proposed Changes Option 2



Moving from	Students (22/23)	Receiving School
Innerkip Central PS	7	Hickson Central PS
Hickson Central PS	364	New North Woodstock PS
Hickson Central PS	7	Central PS

5.2.2 Expected Outcomes

Under Option 1, Hickson Central PS would decline to 112% by 2026, and increase slightly to 121% by 2031, as shown in Table 4.

Table 4: Hickson Central PS Option 1 Projected Utilization

	Capacity		Portables			Enrolment			Utilization		
	OTG	Current Usage	2022	2026	2031	2022	2026	2031	2022	2026	2031
Hickson Central PS											
Status Quo	481	667	9	9	10	667	695	714	139%	144%	148%
After Changes	481	667	9	3	4	667	540	580	139%	112%	121%

Under Option 2, Hickson Central PS would send a greater number of students to the new north Woodstock elementary school. Table 5 below shows that the projected utilization would fall to 67% by 2026 and reach 72% by 2031. However, this option would eliminate busing from the north part of Woodstock to Hickson Central PS.

Table 5: Hickson Central PS Option 2 Projected Utilization

	Capacity		Portables			Enrolment			Utilization		
	OTG	Current Usage	2022	2026	2031	2022	2026	2031	2022	2026	2031
Hickson Central PS											
Status Quo	481	667	9	9	10	667	695	714	139%	144%	148%
After Changes	481	667	9	0	0	667	322	347	139%	67%	72%

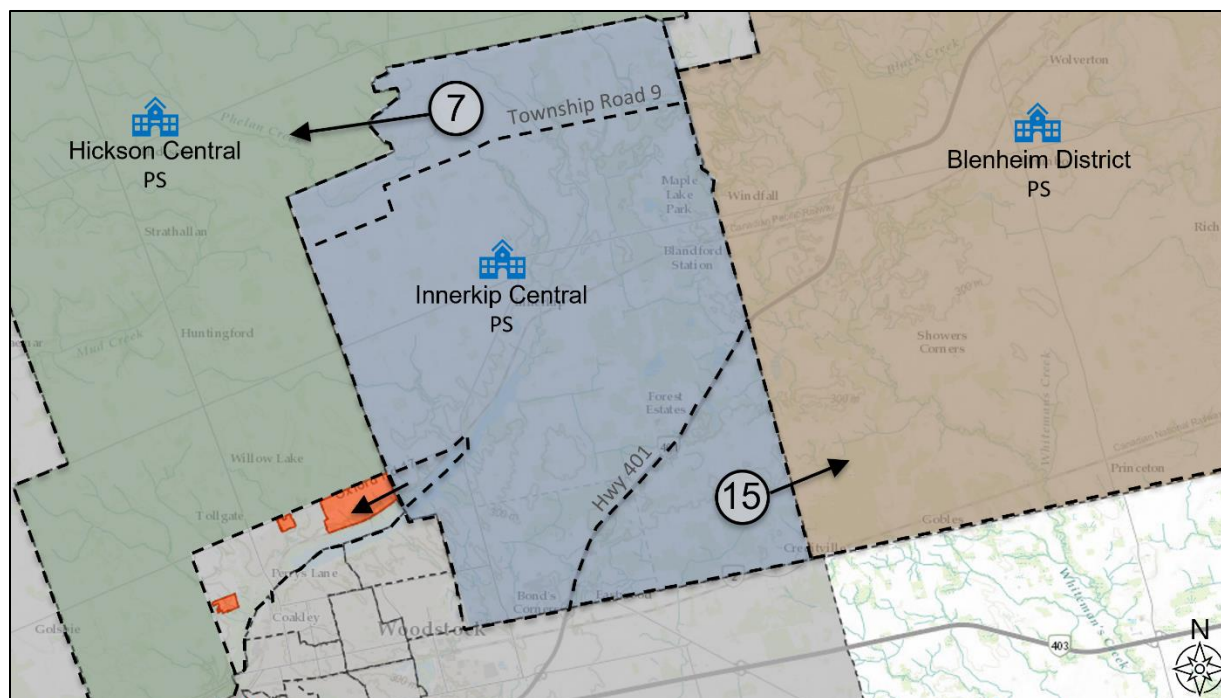
5.3 Innerkip Central PS and Blenheim District PS

Innerkip Central PS has a current utilization of 100% but is facing substantial pressure from ongoing and planned development activity in the village of Innerkip. Under a status quo scenario without intervention, the utilization of this school is projected to reach 148% by 2026 and 192% by 2031. Blenheim District PS is currently underutilized at 83% but is projected to grow to a utilization of 91% by 2026 and 101% by 2031.

5.3.1 Proposed Changes

To relieve enrolment pressure at Innerkip Central PS caused by residential development in the community, the following option is proposed. The north portion of the attendance area, north of Township Road 9, would be designated to Hickson Central PS. The southeastern corner of the attendance area, south of Highway 401, would be designated to Blenheim District PS. Finally, a portion along the western boundary, immediately north of the Thames River within the City of Woodstock would be designated to the new north Woodstock elementary school. There are currently no students within this area but there is an active development application on these lands that is expected to produce approximately 79 students after full build-out. Figure 7 shows the proposed changes.

Figure 7: Innerkip Central PS Proposed Changes



Moving from	Students (22/23)	Receiving School
Innerkip Central PS	7	Hickson Central PS
Innerkip Central PS	15	Blenheim District PS
Innerkip Central PS	Future Development (~79)	New North Woodstock PS

5.3.2 Expected Outcomes

As a result of the proposed changes, Innerkip Central PS would decrease from 148% utilization in 2026 and 192% in 2031 to 137% and 161%, respectively. This would reduce projected portable needs from approximately six to five in 2026 and from approximately 11 to seven in 2031. With respect to Blenheim District PS, the proposed changes would slightly increase utilization from 91% to 96% in 2026, and from 101% to 106% in 2031. The projected changes are illustrated below in Table 6.

Table 6: Innerkip Central PS Projected Utilization

	Capacity		Portables			Enrolment			Utilization		
	OTG	Current Usage	2022	2026	2031	2022	2026	2031	2022	2026	2031
Innerkip Central PS											
Status Quo	279	279	2	6	11	279	413	536	100%	148%	192%
After Changes	279	279	2	5	7	279	381	448	100%	137%	161%

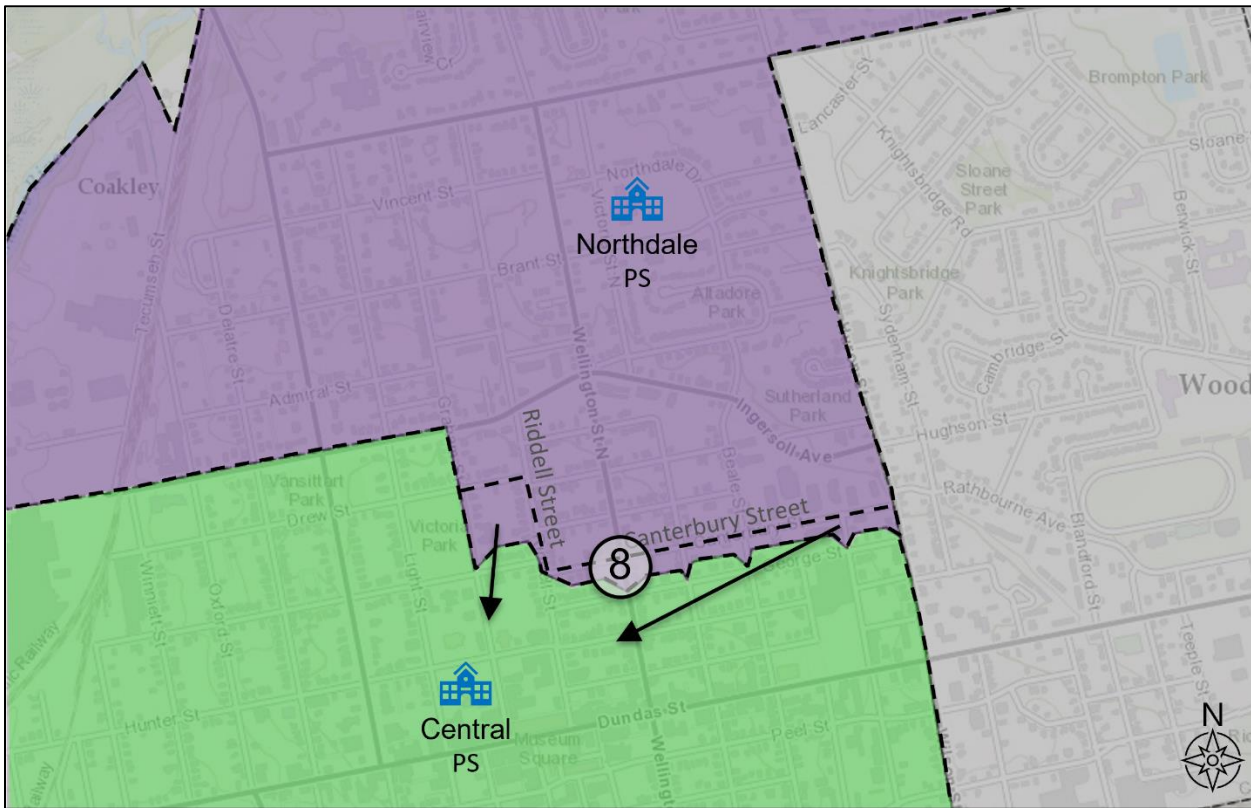
5.4 Northdale PS

Northdale PS is currently above capacity at 120% but utilization is projected to decline to 108% by 2026 and 102% by 2031. It is included in this review to adjust a portion of the southern boundary that borders the Central PS boundary. The attendance area here is irregularly shaped and does not follow a road.

5.4.1 Proposed Changes

To create a more natural border between Northdale PS and Central PS, it is proposed that the boundary be adjusted to the north to follow Canterbury Street, Riddell Street, and Drew Street. This would move a small number of students from Northdale PS to Central PS, which is more proximal. Accordingly, this change would create a more natural boundary line that follows existing roads and would designate students to a more proximal school. The proposed change is shown below in Figure 8.

Figure 8: Northdale PS Proposed Change



Moving from	Students (22/23)	Receiving School
Northdale PS	8	Central PS

5.4.2 Expected Outcomes

As a result of the proposed changes, Northdale PS would decrease from 108% to 107% in 2026 and from 102% to 101% in 2031. The projected utilizations are shown below in Table 7.

Table 7: Northdale PS Projected Utilization

	Capacity		Portables			Enrolment			Utilization		
	OTG	Current Usage	2022	2026	2031	2022	2026	2031	2022	2026	2031
Northdale PS											
Status Quo	328	392	4	1	0	392	354	334	120%	108%	102%
After Change	328	392	4	1	0	392	350	332	120%	107%	101%

5.5 Central PS and Eastdale PS

Central PS is currently overutilized at 137%. This enrolment pressure is a result of Central PS being the holding school for the north Woodstock holding zones. To relieve this pressure, new students in the holding zones are now designated to Zorra Highland Park PS as of the start of the 2022-2023 school year. However, when the new north Woodstock elementary school opens, a large portion of the holding students at Central PS will attend that school. If all holding students are removed from Central PS, utilization would decrease to 78% in 2026 and increase to 85% in 2031.

Eastdale PS has a current utilization of 84%. Under a status quo scenario it is projected to grow to 94% by 2026 and 103% by 2031. Future development in the Southwest Woodstock Holding Zone is expected to contribute to this growth as Eastdale PS is the designated holding school for this area.

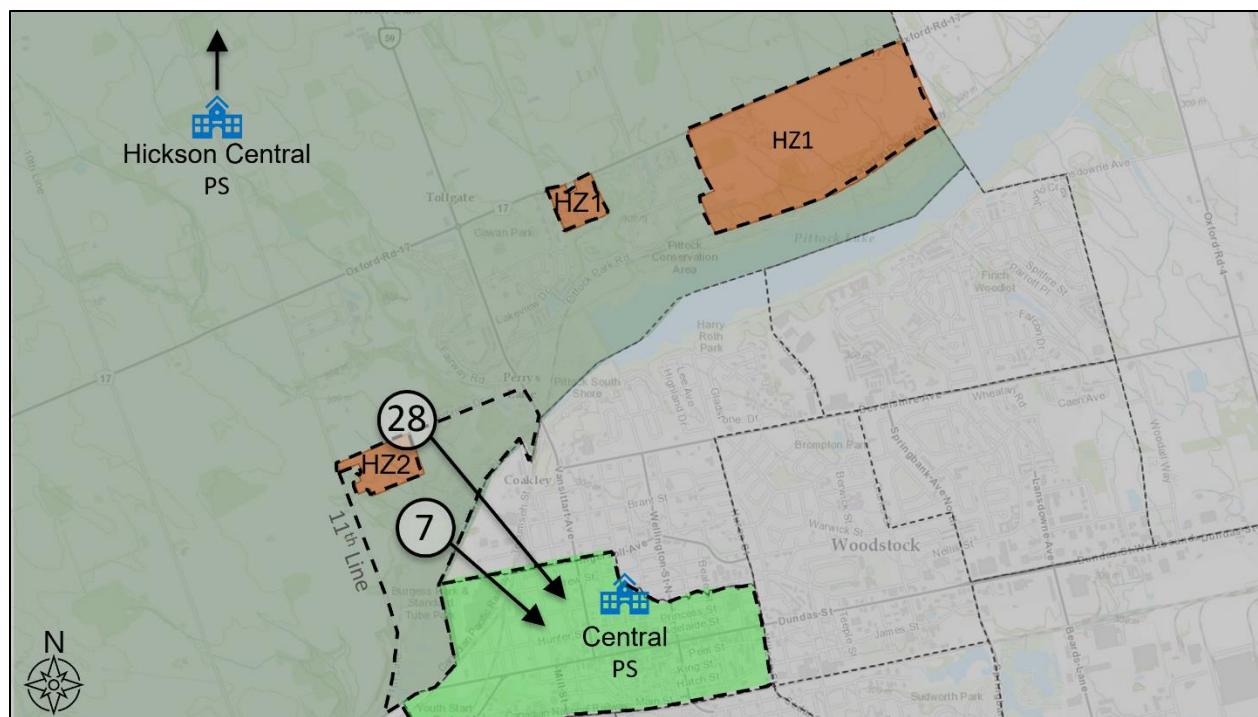
5.5.1 Proposed Changes

To ensure an appropriate utilization at Central PS when the new north Woodstock elementary school opens, two options are proposed.

Option 1

This option would redesignate a portion of the Hickson Central PS attendance area in the northwestern quadrant of the City of Woodstock bound by 11th Line to the west, Golfview Drive to the north, and the Thames River to the east, to Central PS. In addition, the western north Woodstock holding zone would also be designated to Central PS, whereas students currently attending Central PS from the two eastern north Woodstock holding zones would be designated to the new north Woodstock elementary school. Figure 9 shows the proposed changes.

Figure 9: Central PS Option 1 Proposed Changes

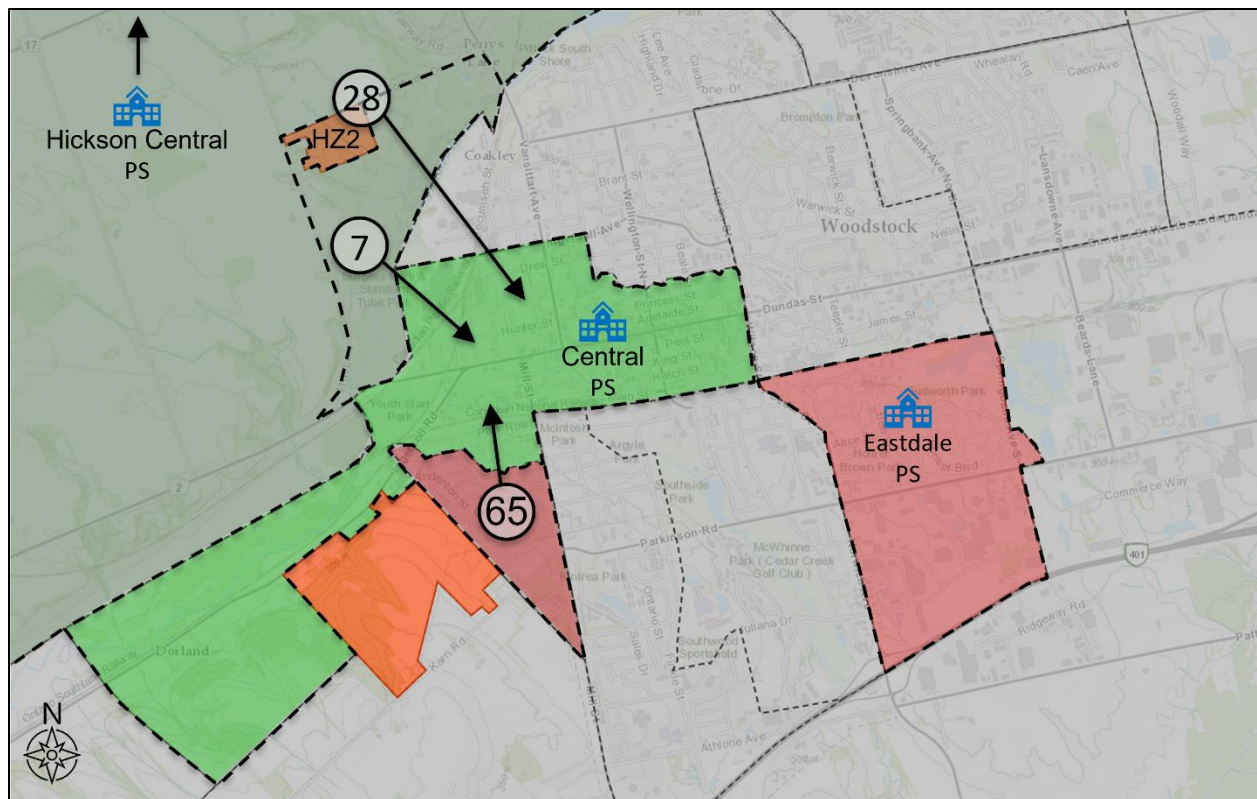


Moving from	Students (22/23)	Receiving School
North Woodstock Holding Zone 1 (HZ1)	265 (210 attending Central PS)	New North Woodstock PS
North Woodstock Holding Zone 2 (HZ2)	28	Central PS
Hickson Central PS	7	Central PS

Option 2

The same changes as proposed for Option 1 are included in Option 2 with the addition of the satellite attendance area that is currently designated to Eastdale PS. This satellite area was designated from Oliver Stephens PS to Eastdale PS at the start of the 2022-2023 school year as a result of the Oxford County French Immersion and City of Woodstock Elementary Panel Attendance Area Review that was completed in 2021. Given the projected growth at Eastdale PS from the Southwest Woodstock holding zone, this option is proposed in order to help keep Central PS fully utilized and to accommodate the students in the satellite area at a more proximal school. Figure 10 illustrates the proposed changes for Option 2.

Figure 10: Central PS Option 2 Proposed Changes



Moving from	Students (22/23)	Receiving School
North Woodstock Holding Zone 2 (HZ2)	28	Central PS
Hickson Central PS	7	Central PS
Eastdale PS	65	Central PS

5.5.2 Expected Outcomes

Option 1 would result in Central PS being well-utilized after the opening of the new north Woodstock elementary school. As shown in Table 8, if all holding zone students were removed from Central PS, utilization would decrease from 145% to 78% in 2026 and from 144% to 85% in 2031. Under Option 1, projected utilization would be 87% in 2026 and 91% in 2031.

Table 8: Central PS Option 1 Projected Utilization

	Capacity		Portables			Enrolment			Utilization		
Central PS	OTG	Current Usage	2022	2026	2031	2022	2026	2031	2022	2026	2031
Status Quo (Holding Students Remain)	377	518	7	7	7	518	546	542	137%	145%	144%
Status Quo (Holding Students Re-Directed)	377	518	7	0	0	518	293	322	137%	78%	85%
After Change	377	518	7	0	0	518	327	342	137%	87%	91%

Option 2 would further increase utilization at Central PS to 110% in 2026 and 104% in 2031. However, it would decrease the utilization of Eastdale PS from 94% to 74% in 2026 and from 103% to 87% in 2031. These projections are shown below in Tables 9 and 10.

Table 9: Central PS Option 2 Projected Utilization

	Capacity		Portables			Enrolment			Utilization		
Central PS	OTG	Current Usage	2022	2026	2031	2022	2026	2031	2022	2026	2031
Status Quo (Holding Students Remain)	377	518	7	7	7	518	546	542	137%	145%	144%
Status Quo (Holding Students Re-Directed)	377	518	7	0	0	518	293	322	137%	78%	85%
After Change	377	518	7	2	1	518	413	392	137%	110%	104%

Table 10: Eastdale PS Projected Utilization

	Capacity		Portables			Enrolment			Utilization		
Eastdale PS	OTG	Current Usage	2022	2026	2031	2022	2026	2031	2022	2026	2031
Status Quo	314	265	0	0	0	265	296	324	84%	94%	103%
After Change	314	265	0	0	0	265	232	273	84%	74%	87%

5.6 New North Woodstock Elementary School

A new elementary school for north Woodstock was approved by the Ministry of Education in 2021 with an OTG of 660 pupil places. However, given the significant amount of residential development occurring

in this part of the city that has caused substantial enrolment pressure at both Central PS and Hickson Central PS, a scope change request has been submitted to the Ministry in order to increase the new school's OTG to 856. Multiple large development applications were submitted to the City of Woodstock for this area subsequent to the initial Capital Priorities submission that requested funding for the new school. An increased OTG would allow for more students in north Woodstock to attend a proximal school.

5.6.1 Proposed Changes

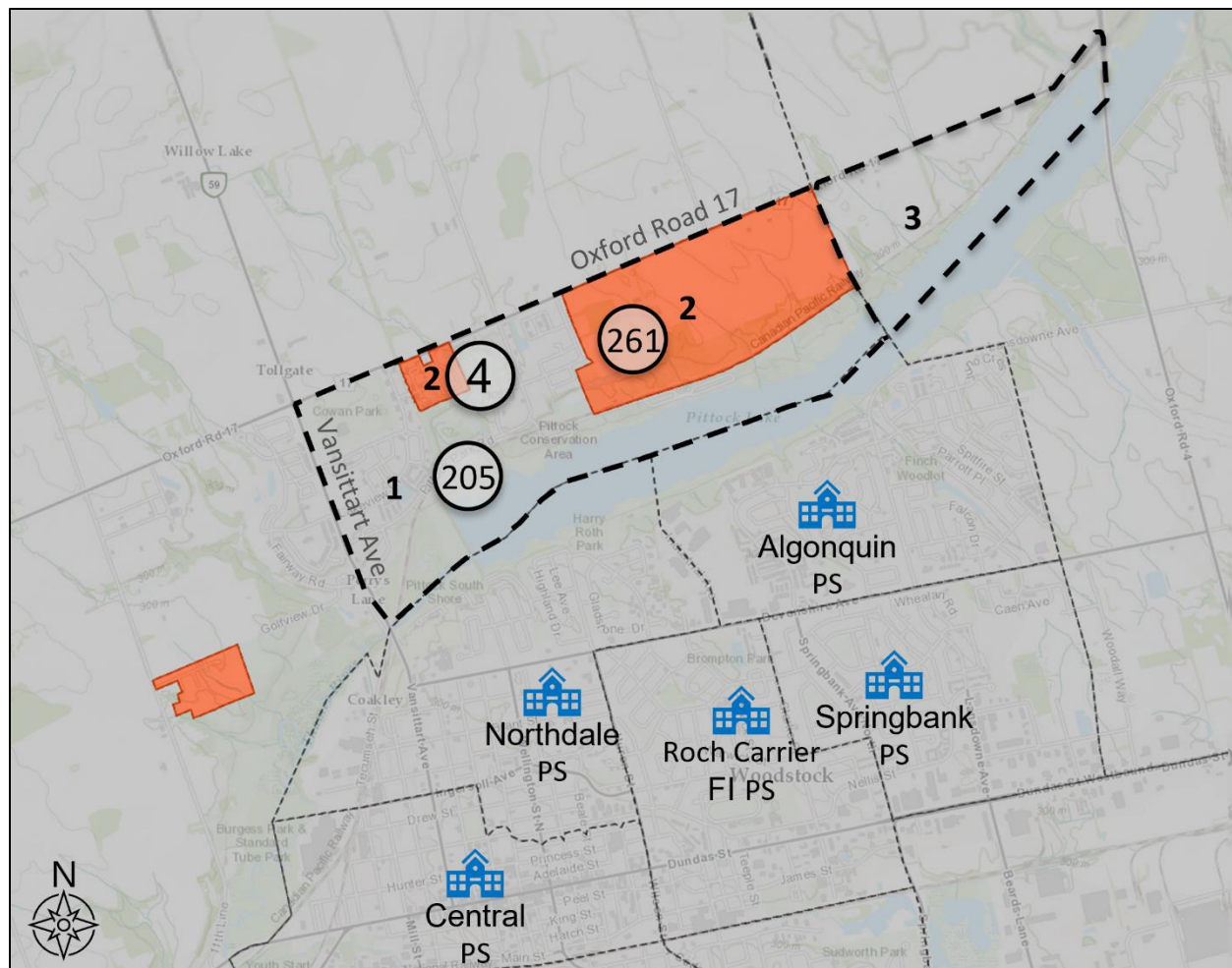
Two attendance area options are proposed for the new school based on different potential OTGs. Option 1 is recommended if the OTG increase is not approved by the Ministry and Option 2 is recommended if the scope change request is approved.

Option 1

This option is related to Option 1 for Hickson Central PS, the option for Innerkip Central PS, and the options for Central PS. Accordingly, the new attendance area boundary would incorporate a portion of the Hickson Central PS attendance area in north Woodstock bound by Oxford Road 17 to the north, Vansittart Avenue to the west, and the Thames River/Pittock Lake to the south. In addition, a portion of the Innerkip attendance area immediately to the east would also be incorporated as would the two eastern north Woodstock holding zones.

This is the smaller of the two proposed options and would only be recommended if a scope change request to increase the OTG of the new school from 660 pupil places to 856 is not approved as it would allow the school to open at full capacity rather than significantly overutilized. This option is shown in Figure 11.

Figure 11: Option 1 for New North Woodstock PS Attendance Area

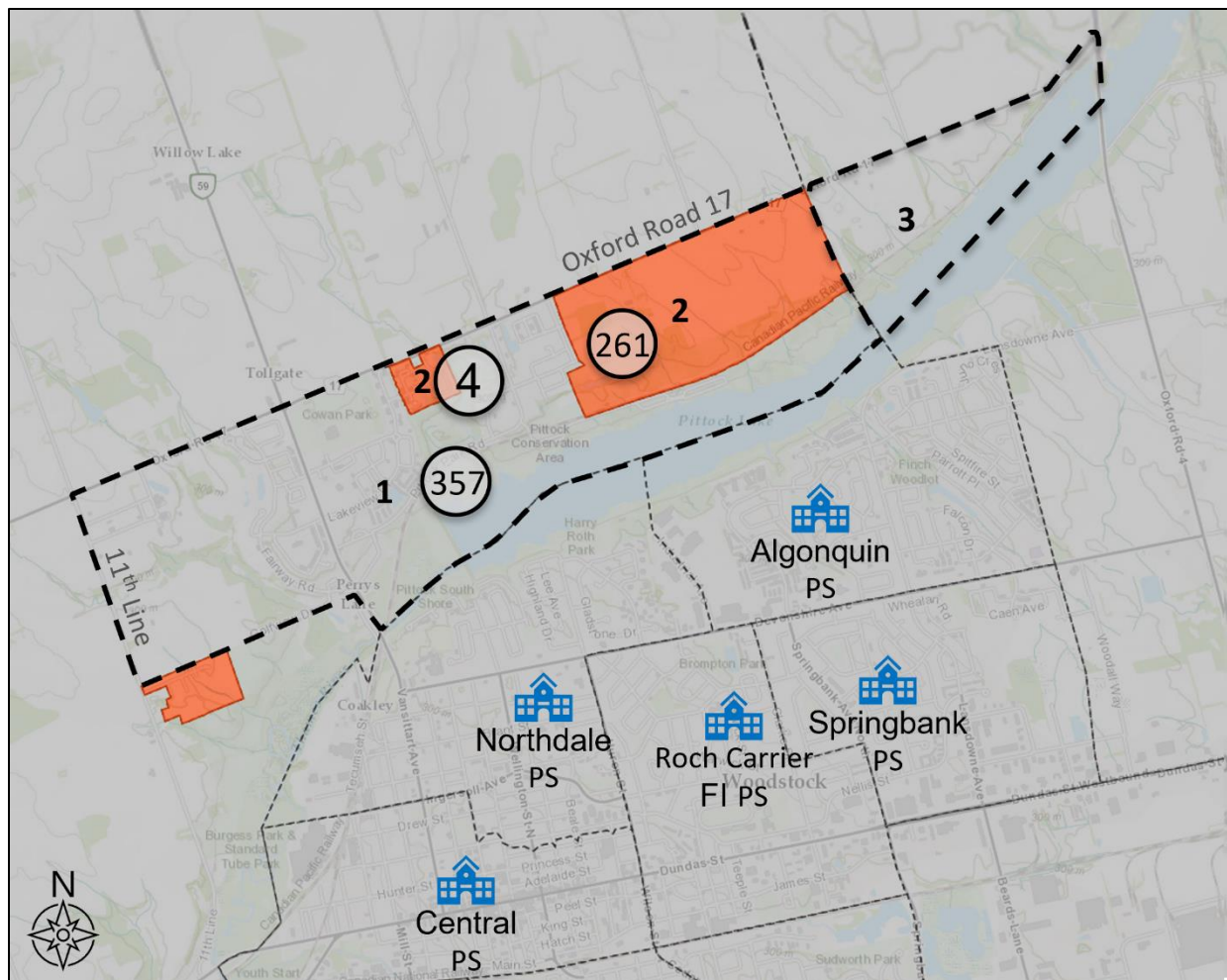


	Current Attendance Area	Students (22/23)
1	Hickson Central PS	205
2	North Woodstock Holding	265
3	Innerkip Central PS	0 (~79 projected from development by 2032)

Option 2

Option 2 would include the same areas as Option 1, but the portion currently designated to the Hickson Central PS attendance area would be extended to 11th Line to the west. This would result in a larger attendance area and therefore a higher projected enrolment. This option would allow more students in north Woodstock to attend a local school and would result in a lower utilization at Hickson Central PS. Given the impact of this option on future enrolment, it is only recommended if the scope change request to increase the OTG is approved.

Figure 12: Option 2 for New North Woodstock PS Attendance Area



	Current Attendance Area	Students (22/23)
1	Hickson Central PS	357
2	North Woodstock Holding	265
3	Innerkip Central PS	0 (~79 projected from development by 2032)

5.6.2 Expected Outcomes

Option 1 would result in a 99% utilization at the new school in 2026 which would increase to 139% in 2031. Hickson Central PS would have a utilization of 112% in 2026 and 121% in 2021 under this option. Table 11 illustrates the projected utilizations and portable needs for this option.

Table 11: New North Woodstock PS and Hickson Central PS Option 1 Projected Utilization

	Capacity		Portables			Enrolment			Utilization		
	OTG	Current Usage	2022	2026	2031	2022	2026	2031	2022	2026	2031
New North Woodstock PS	660	N/A	N/A	0	10	N/A	653	915	N/A	99%	139%
Hickson Central PS	481	667	9	3	4	667	540	580	139%	112%	121%

Option 2 would result in a 101% utilization at the new school in 2026, with an adjusted OTG of 856. This would increase to 134% in 2031. This option would decrease the utilization at Hickson Central PS to 67% in 2026 and 72% in 2031, but it would also significantly reduce bussing requirements from north Woodstock to this school. Table 12 illustrates the proposed utilizations and portable needs in Option 2.

Table 12: New North Woodstock PS and Hickson Central PS Option 2 Projected Utilization

	Capacity		Portables			Enrolment			Utilization		
	OTG	Current Usage	2022	2026	2031	2022	2026	2031	2022	2026	2031
New North Woodstock PS	660	N/A	N/A	9	21	N/A	865	1150	N/A	131%	174%
New North Woodstock PS	856 *	N/A	N/A	0	13	N/A	865	1150	N/A	101%	134%
Hickson Central PS	481	667	9	0	0	667	322	347	139%	67%	72%