



Grand Erie District School Board

TO: JoAnna Roberto, Ph. D., Director of Education, CEO & Secretary of the Board
FROM: Rafal Wyszynski, Superintendent of Business & Treasurer
RE: **Boundary Review: Blanche E. Williams Public School**
DATE: November 10, 2025

Recommended Motion: Moved by _____ Seconded by _____
THAT the amended school boundaries for Agnes G. Hodge Public School, Edith Monture Elementary School, Walter Gretzky Elementary School, and the new school boundary for Blanche E. Williams Public School, as outlined in Figure 1, effective September 1, 2026 be forwarded to the November 24, 2025 Regular Board meeting for approval.

Background

In 2020, Grand Erie received Ministry of Education approval and funding for a new 650 pupil place elementary school north of Shellard Lane as part of the 2020 Capital Priorities Program. It is anticipated that this facility will open for September 2026. The new school facility requires an attendance area boundary to be established via a boundary review process.

Prior to the approval of the new facility, residential development in the area was placing enrolment pressure on nearby Walter Gretzky Elementary School. As development in West Brantford advanced, it became necessary to accommodate area students at other nearby schools which acted as holding schools until the new facility opened. Currently, area students are accommodated at Agnes G. Hodge Public School, Bellview Public School, Edith Monture Elementary School, and Walter Gretzky Elementary School.

On May 26, 2025, the Board of Trustees approved the commencement of a boundary review to establish a school boundary for the new Blanche E. Williams Public School. This review would also include Agnes G. Hodge Public School, Bellview Public School, Edith Monture Elementary School, and Walter Gretzky Elementary School.

Process

Following the approval of this boundary review, and in accordance with the steps outlined in [Boundary Reviews Policy \(FA-08\)](#), a Boundary Review Working Committee was struck. The Boundary Review Working Committee met between September 2025 and October 2025 to review options and gather community feedback. A full list of meetings, agendas, presentations, and minutes from these meetings can be found on the Boundary Review website at:

<https://granderie.ca/board/departments/planning/west-brantford>

Feedback received at the boundary review meetings was positive. Supports will be put in place to ensure the facilitation of smooth transitions for students and their families.

Recommendation

As of September 2026, the new Blanche E. Williams Public School will offer Kindergarten to Grade 8 to families living in the area described in **Fig. 1**.

The new elementary boundary includes most of the existing holding area boundary except for two (2) small portions being directed to Agnes G. Hodge Public School and Walter Gretzky Elementary School. As a result of the new boundary, students living in the future Blanche E. Williams Public School boundary would be transferred from Agnes G. Hodge Public School, Bellview Public School, Edith Monture Elementary School, as well as Walter Gretzky Elementary School to the new Blanche E. Williams Public School. To ease the transition for students and families, a legacy option is proposed for students who will be in Grade 8 in the 2026-27 school year living 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 Public School. Students choosing the legacy option will be provided transportation should they meet the transportation eligibility criteria.

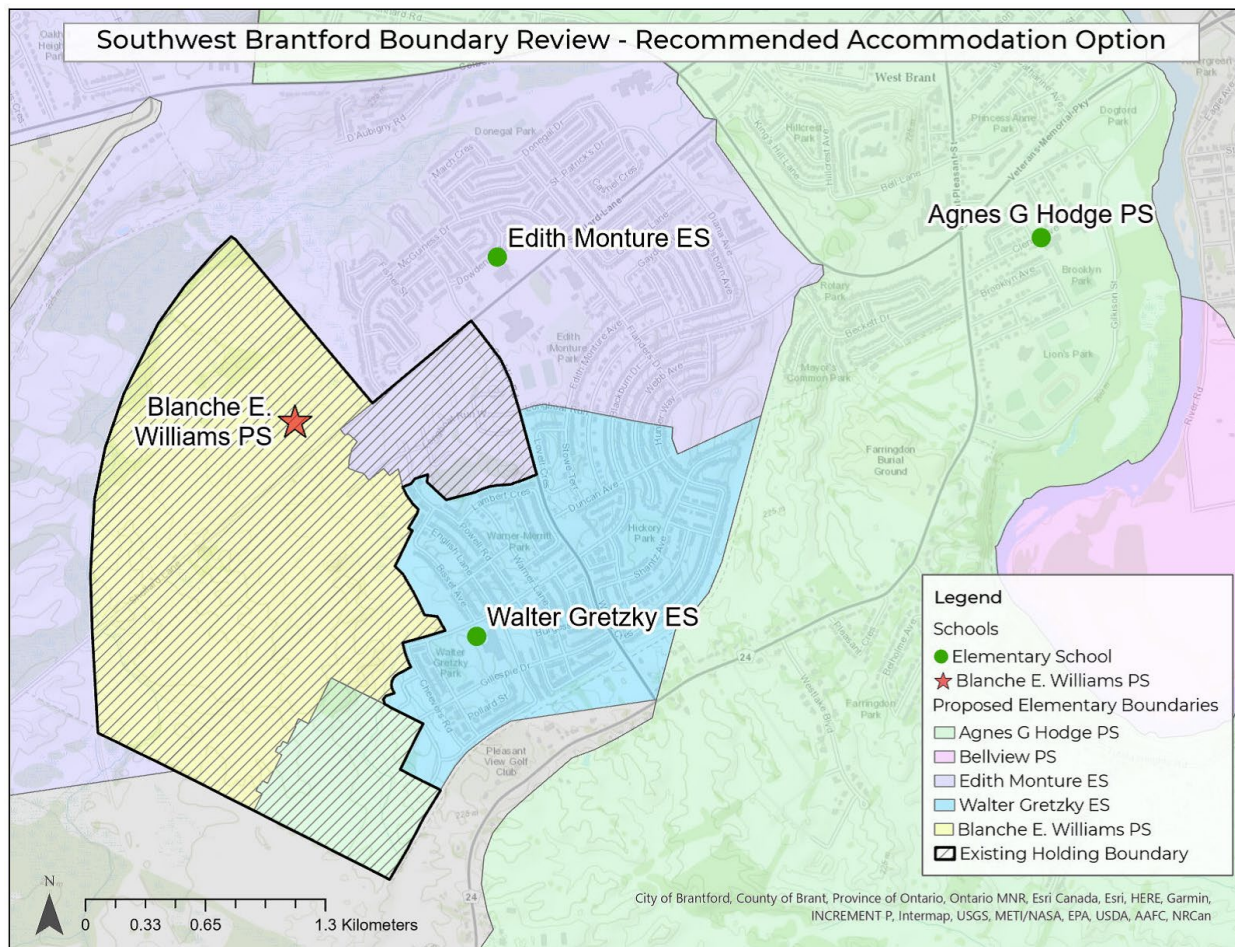


Fig. 1 – Proposed boundaries: Southwest Brantford Boundary Review

School	Capacity	Current Portables	Enrolment						
			2025	2026	2028	2030	2032	2034	2036
Agnes G. Hodge Public School	492	12	736	418	420	418	440	451	479
Bellview Public School	308	3	363	278	298	309	324	336	330
Edith Monture Elementary School	616	8	817	692	721	739	750	765	745
Walter Gretzky Elementary	498	9	717	637	631	601	594	590	576
Blanche E. Williams Public School	650	-	0	625	664	722	752	795	799
Total	2564	32	2633	2650	2734	2789	2860	2937	2929

School	Capacity	Current Portables	Capacity Utilization						
			2025	2026	2028	2030	2032	2034	2036
Agnes G. Hodge Public School	492	12	150%	85%	85%	85%	89%	92%	97%
Bellview Public School	308	3	118%	90%	97%	100%	105%	109%	107%
Edith Monture Elementary School	616	8	133%	112%	117%	120%	122%	124%	121%
Walter Gretzky Elementary	498	9	144%	128%	127%	121%	119%	118%	116%
Blanche E. Williams Public School	650	-	0%	96%	102%	111%	116%	122%	123%
Total	2564	32	138%	103%	107%	109%	112%	115%	114%

Table 1 – Projected enrolments and utilizations for proposed boundaries.

The proposed boundaries will see a significant reduction in the number of students transported by bus and related costs. Approximately 350 previously transported students will be within walking distance to Edith Monture Elementary School and the new Blanche E. Williams Public School.

Temporary accommodation needs (portables) will also be reduced. It is anticipated that all of the current portables at Agnes G. Hodge and Bellview Public Schools (12 and 3 respectively) will no longer be needed based on projected school capacity utilization (**See Table 1**).

Next Steps

Pursuant to the steps outlined in Boundary Reviews Policy ([FA-08](#)), based on Boundary Review Working Committee consultation, the recommendation establishes the amended school boundaries for Agnes G. Hodge Public School, Edith Monture Elementary School, Walter Gretzky Elementary School, and the new Blanche E. Williams Public School.

Grand Erie Multi-Year Plan

This report is connected to all priorities: Learning, Well-being, and Belonging.

Respectfully submitted,

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Superintendent of Business & Treasurer