

Decision Report

Subject: 2025-26 Capital Priorities Program Submission

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Meeting Date: September 29, 2025

Recommendation

That the York Region District School Board approve the 2025-2026 Capital Priorities Program Submission List, Emerging Project Areas and Longer-term Growth Areas.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide information on the Ministry of Education's request for Boards to submit project requests to the 2025-26 Capital Priorities Program.

Background

Capital Priority Program Submission Lists identify the need for potential new schools, additions to schools and/or replacement schools.

In June 2024, the Board of Trustees approved the [2024-25 Capital Priorities Program Submission List](#) that included four new schools, additions to 2 schools and a replacement relocatable classroom module (RCM).

The Ministry of Education approved two of these projects as part of the 2024-25 Capital Priorities Program:

- Markville Secondary School Addition

- Unnamed Village Parkway ES

For the 2025-26 Capital Priorities Submission list, Board staff will be re-submitting projects from the 2024-25 Capital Priorities Submission List that meet the accommodation pressure metrics outlined by the Ministry of Education.

- Unnamed Markham Berczy Glen Secondary School
- Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School Addition
- Unionville High School Addition

The 2025-26 Capital Priorities Program Submission List (Appendix A) are the proposed projects that will be submitted to the Ministry of Education for funding approval. The location of these projects is referenced in Appendix B.

For the 2025-26 Capital Priorities submission, the Ministry of Education has provided detail on the accommodation pressures required for projects as well as reiterating that priority would be given to projects that are 'shovel ready' for submission:

- Current school year utilization including nearby schools must be equal to or greater than 95% and at least 100% utilization by year 5 after the project is completed.
- Projects must provide a detailed schedule for milestones and deliverables including a Class D cost estimate.

In addition to the submission list for capital funding, information on areas of longer-term growth needs is identified in the Emerging Project Areas and Longer-term Growth Areas in Appendix A. Emerging Project Areas or Longer-term Growth Areas are based on current residential growth assumptions. These will continue to be reviewed and updated as required when additional data becomes available.

Connection to Multi-Year Strategic Plan and the District Action Plan



PRIORITY: Build Collaborative Relationships and Foster Well-Being and Mental Health

GOAL: This report demonstrates the Board's ongoing commitment to build trust and collaborative relationships with students, families, staff and the community through respectful and responsive communication to support safe, healthy and inclusive learning and working environments.

Budget Impact

This section is available for staff to identify how resources are being allocated to support the Board priority with direct connections to the Board budget.

Timelines

Executive Council:	September 17, 2025
Finance and Property Standing Committee:	September 29, 2025
Board:	October 7, 2025

Additional Resources

Appendix A: 2025-26 Capital Priorities Program Submission List, Emerging Project Areas and Longer-term Growth Areas

Appendix B: Location of Projects for the Capital Priorities Submission

The Ministry of Education's Capital Priorities Program (CPP) is an opportunity for School Boards to identify their most urgent pupil accommodation needs.

***New school construction is subject to Ministry of Education funding approval.**

*Proposed opening dates are contingent on timing of Ministry of Education approval.

For Submission to the Ministry of Education Capital Priorities Program

Panel	* Proposed Opening	Project Name	Municipality	Project Type	Proposed Capacity
Sec	2029	Dr. G.W. Williams SS Addition	Aurora	Growth	207
Sec	2029	Unionville HS Addition	Markham	Replacement/Growth	TBD
Sec	2030	Markham Berczy Glen SS	Markham	Growth	1301

Emerging Project Areas: Potential in 5-10 Years

Panel	Area Descriptor	Municipality	Project Type	Proposed Capacity
Elem	Cornell South #5 ES	Markham	Growth	TBD
Elem	Leitchcroft ES	Markham	Growth	TBD
Elem	Markham Elem Additions - Central Markham/Hwy 7 Corridor	Markham	Growth	TBD
Elem	North Markham Berczy ES	Markham	Growth	TBD
Elem	North Leslie East ES	Richmond Hill	Growth	TBD
Sec	Block 11 SS	Vaughan	Growth	TBD

Longer-term Growth Areas

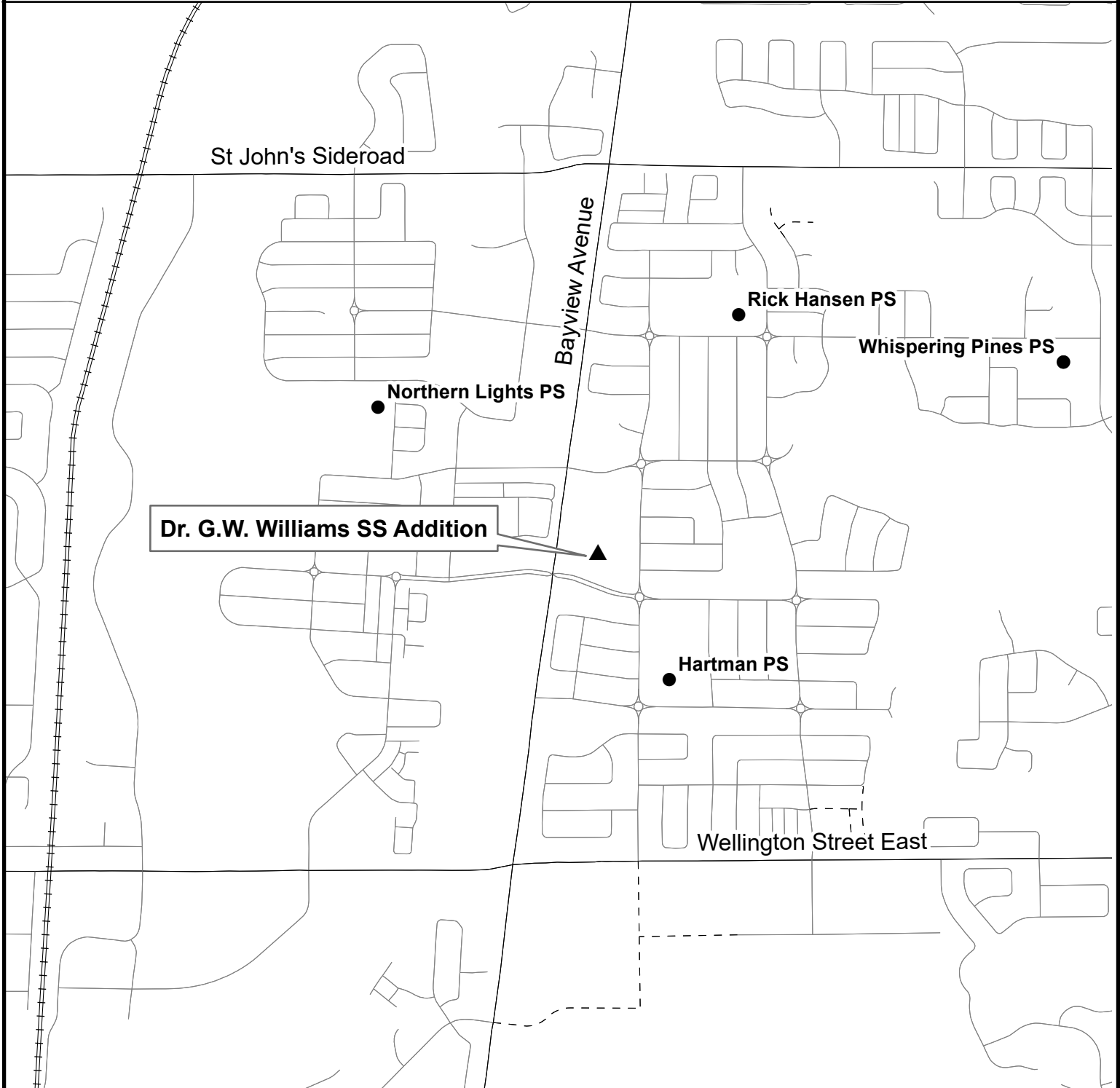
Panel	Area Descriptor	Municipality	Project Type	Proposed Capacity
Elem	Holland Landing/Queensville	East Gwillimbury	Growth	TBD
Elem	Keswick	Georgina	Growth	TBD
Elem	Sutton	Georgina	Growth	TBD
Elem	E.J. Sand PS Addition	Markham	Growth	TBD
Elem	Hwy 7 Intensification	Markham	Growth	TBD
Elem	Markham Centre	Markham	Growth	TBD
Elem	North Markham	Markham	Growth	TBD
Elem	Newmarket	Newmarket	Growth / Replacement	TBD
Elem	North Leslie/Oak Ridges	Richmond Hill	Growth	TBD
Elem	Stouffville	Stouffville	Growth	TBD
Elem	Block 40-41 ES	Vaughan	Growth	TBD
Elem	Maple	Vaughan	Growth	TBD
Elem	Woodbridge	Vaughan	Growth	TBD
Sec	East Gwill	East Gwillimbury	Growth	TBD
Sec	Markham	Markham	Growth	TBD
Sec	Vaughan	Vaughan	Growth	TBD

List as of Sept 2025

- Emerging Project Areas and Longer-term Growth Areas are listed by Panel and Municipality in alphabetical order
- Potential future Project Areas have been identified as an Emerging Project Area or Longer-term Growth Area based on current residential Growth assumptions and will continue to be reviewed and updated as required when additional data becomes available.



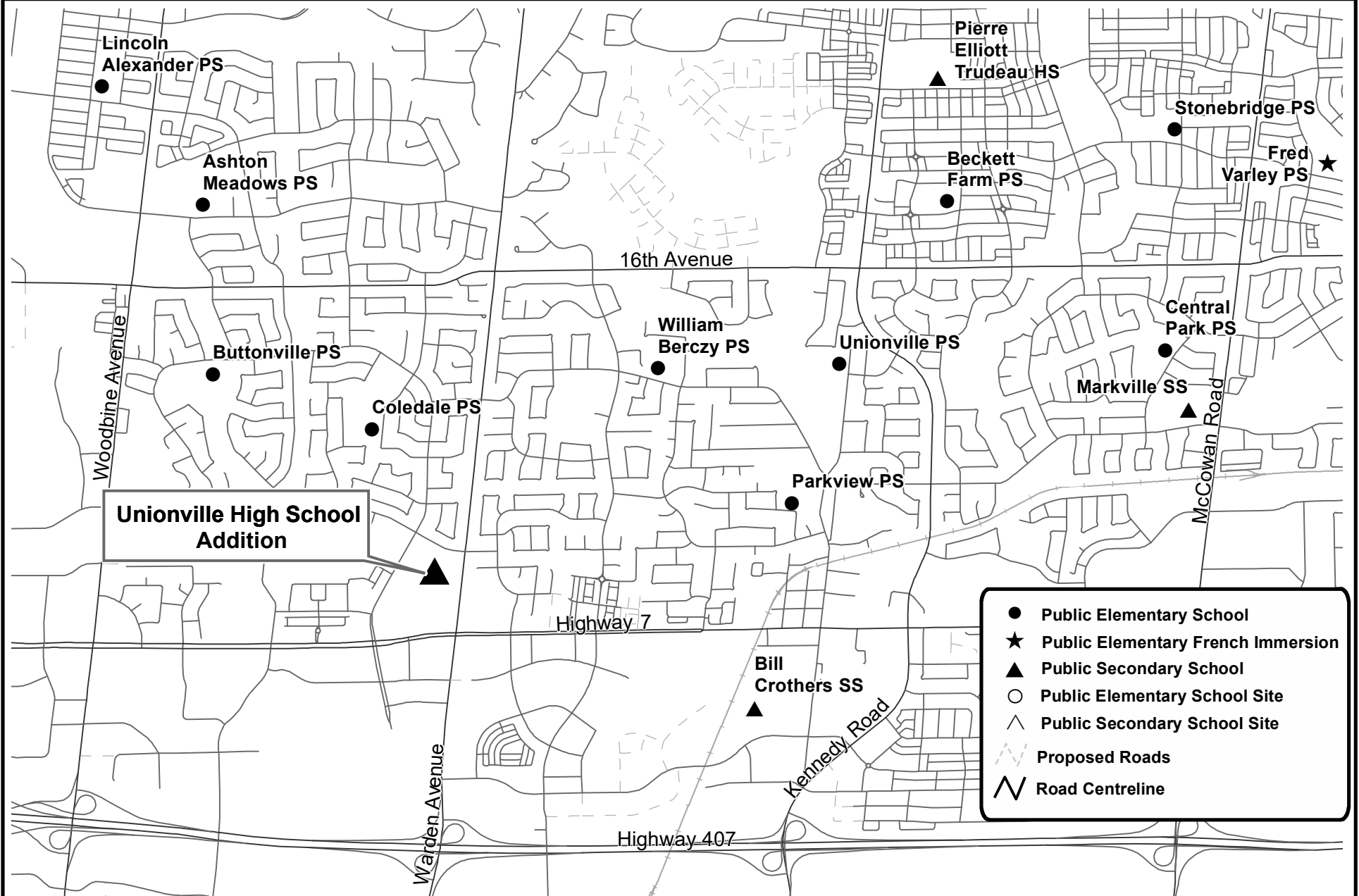
Appendix B
2025 - 2026 Capital Priorities List Locations
Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School Addition
Town of Aurora (Ward 5)



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| ● Public Elementary School | ○ Public Elementary School Site | --- Proposed Roads |
| ★ Public Elementary French Immersion | △ Public Secondary School Site | — Road Centreline |
| ▲ Public Secondary School | | |



Appendix B
2025 - 2026 Capital Priorities List Locations
Unionville High School Addition
City of Markham (Ward 2)



Appendix B

2025 - 2026 Capital Priorities List Locations

Unnamed Markham Berczy Glen Secondary School

Site City of Markham (Ward 2)

