



# **Accommodation Strategy for Secondary French Immersion in Newmarket and East Gwillimbury**

Public Meeting

April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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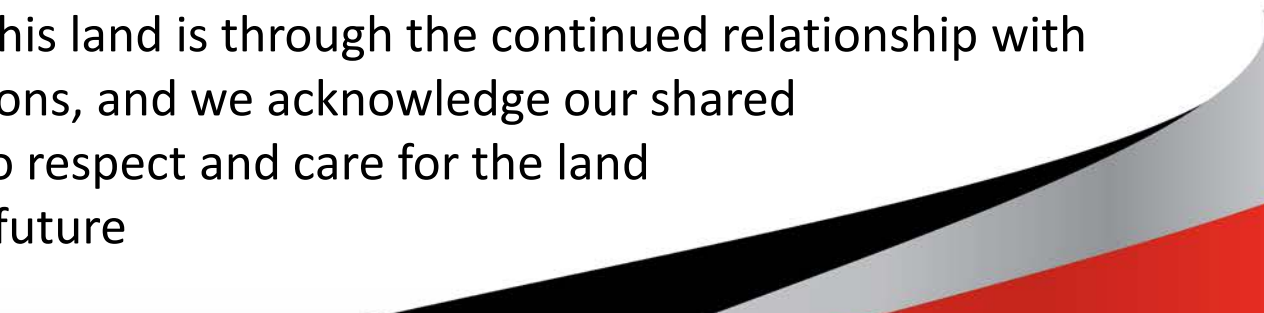
# Land Acknowledgement

We affirm that we are all [treaty people](#) and acknowledge that the York Region District School Board is located on the lands of two treaties.

These treaties have been signed with the [Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation](#) and the [First Nations of the Williams Treaties](#) who are: the Mississaugas of Alderville, Curve Lake, Hiawatha, Scugog Island; and the Chippewas of Beausoleil, Rama, and Georgina Island who is our closest neighbour and partner in education.

To honour this agreement we will take up our responsibility to be respectful of their traditions, knowledge and inherent rights as sovereign nations.

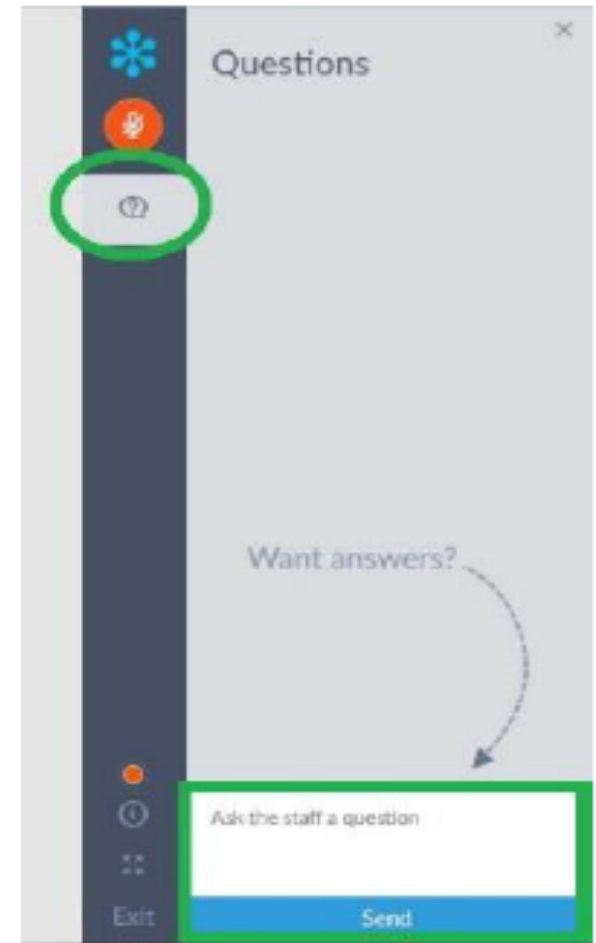
We will respect their relationship with these lands and recognize that our connection to this land is through the continued relationship with these First Nations, and we acknowledge our shared responsibility to respect and care for the land and waters for future generations.




# How to ask questions:

- Using a web browser

Click the **?** symbol, type your question and press Send.



# Agenda

- Introductions
  - Background
  - Proposed French Immersion Secondary School Boundaries
  - Timing & Students Impacted
  - Projected Enrolment Impact to Secondary Schools
  - Bell Times & Student Transportation
  - Timelines/Next Steps
  - Share Responses to FAQs
  - Questions & Answers
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# Welcome and Introductions

	Huron Heights SS	Newmarket HS	Poplar Bank PS	Mazo de la Roche PS
Superintendent	Farooq Shabbar	Farooq Shabbar	Farooq Shabbar	Elizabeth Davis
Principal	Erik Gordon	Michelle Godfrey	Melanie Chamberland	Katherine Gousis
Vice Principal	Corey McArthur & Alexandra Wright	Bradley Clayden & Carolyn Cyarto-Rogers	Amber Kilpatrick	Pamela Cytrynbaum
Trustee	Carolyn Butterworth & Pamela McCarthy	Pamela McCarthy	Pamela McCarthy	Pamela McCarthy

## Planning Services Staff:

Planner	Senior Planner	Manager, Accommodation Planning	Senior Manager, Planning & Property Development Services
Jordan Cook	Kathryn Shaw-Edmond	Trina Sprayson	Dawn Adams

**IT Support:** Chris McMurdo

# Background: Secondary French Immersion at Newmarket HS

- French Immersion program started at Newmarket HS in 2007
  - Originated from Aurora HS due to growth in French Immersion program
  - Currently only location serving Newmarket, East Gwillimbury and Georgina
  - October 31, 2023 French Immersion Enrolment:

Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12	Total
188	164	179	166	697

- Newmarket High School
  - Current utilization is 126% including 8 portables on site (or 147% excluding portables)
  - No additional portables may be added to the site
- An additional French Immersion secondary program is required due to:
  - Residential development
  - Growing enrolment from the elementary panel

# Background: French Immersion Boundary



**Newmarket HS, Town of Newmarket  
(French Immersion)**



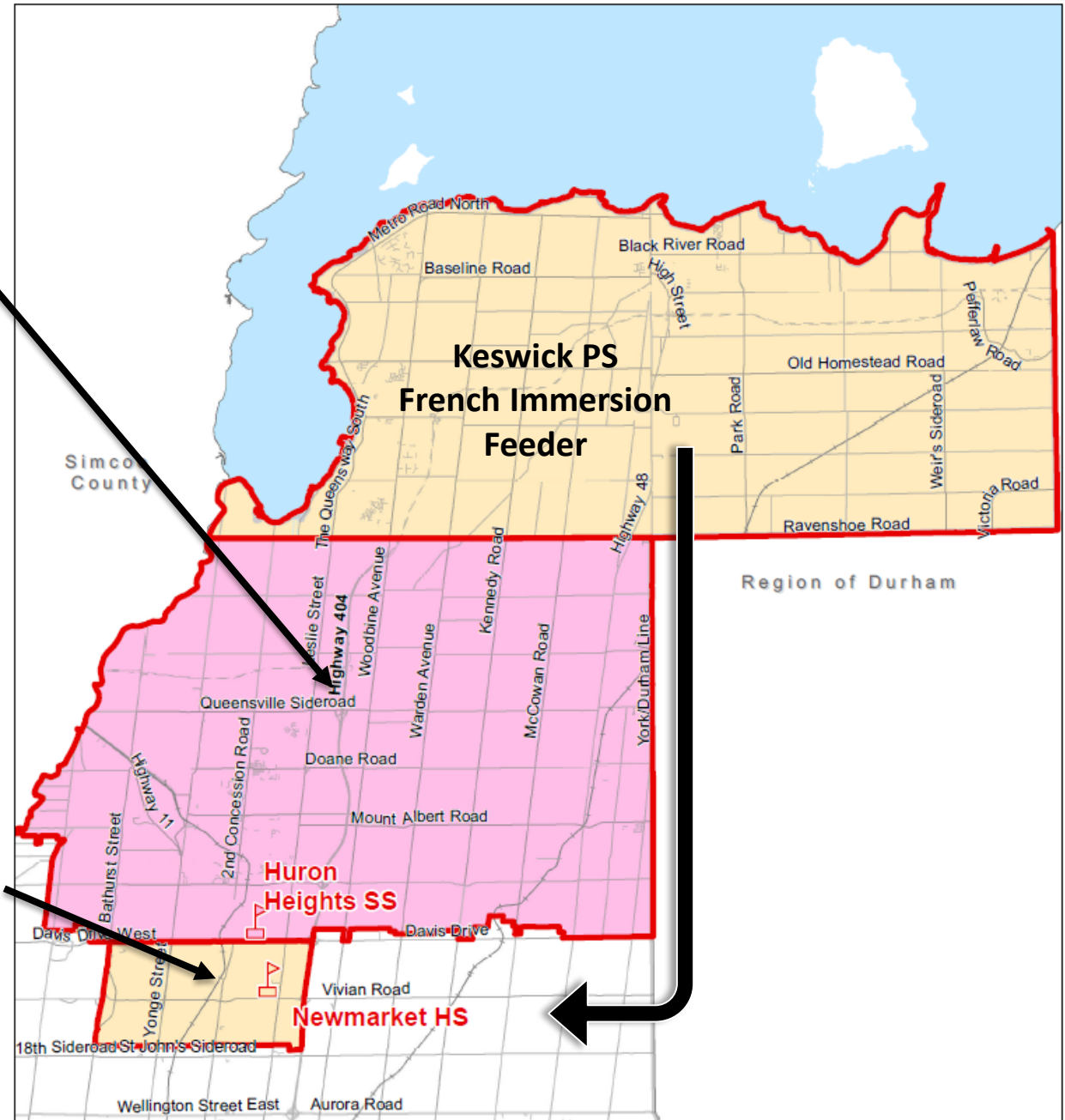
# Proposed Secondary School French Immersion Boundaries

## Proposed Huron Heights SS FI Program

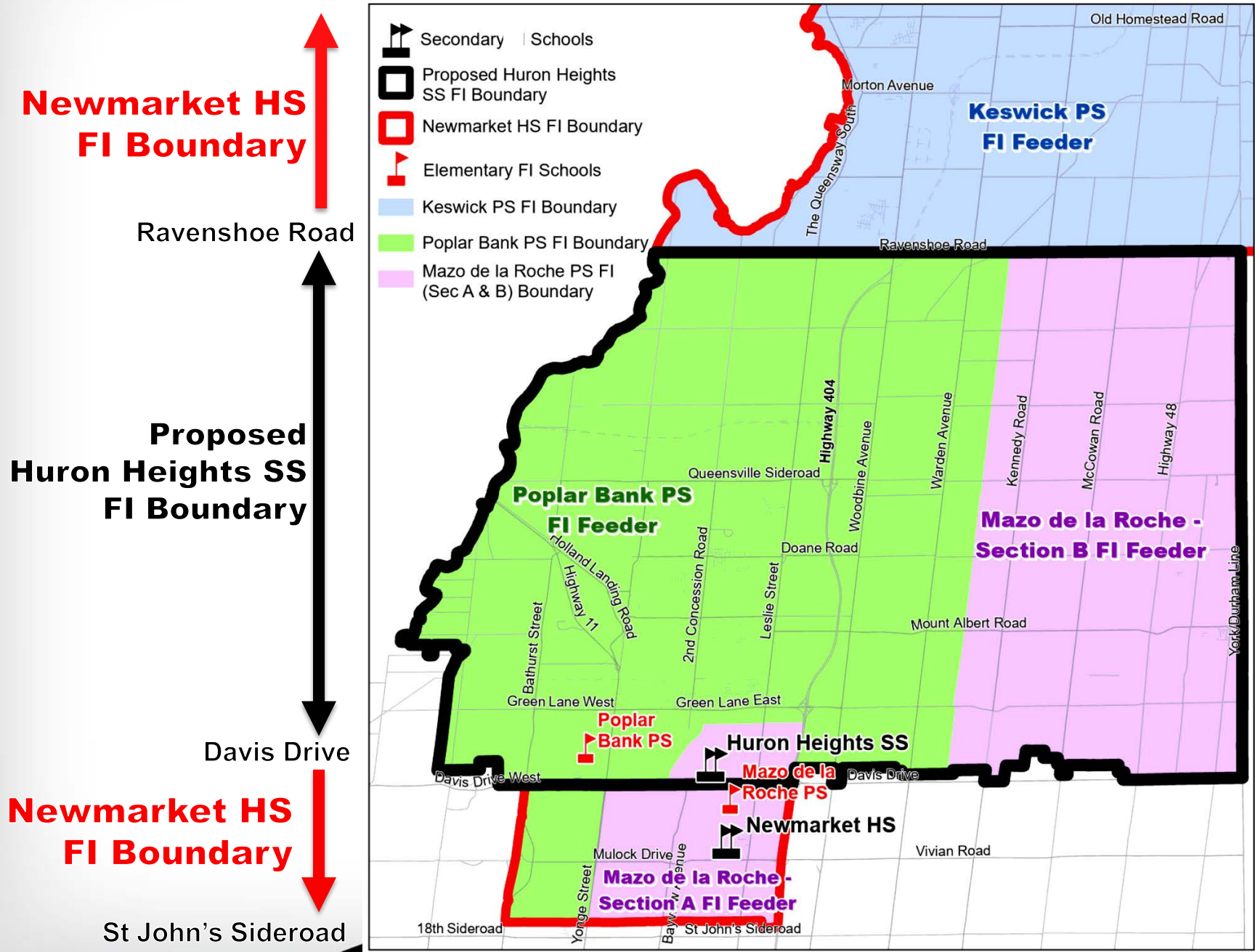
- Mazo de la Roche PS  
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- Poplar Bank PS  
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## Newmarket HS FI Program


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*South of Davis Drive*
- Poplar Bank PS  
*South of Davis Drive*
- Keswick PS




# Proposed Secondary Boundaries and FI Feeders



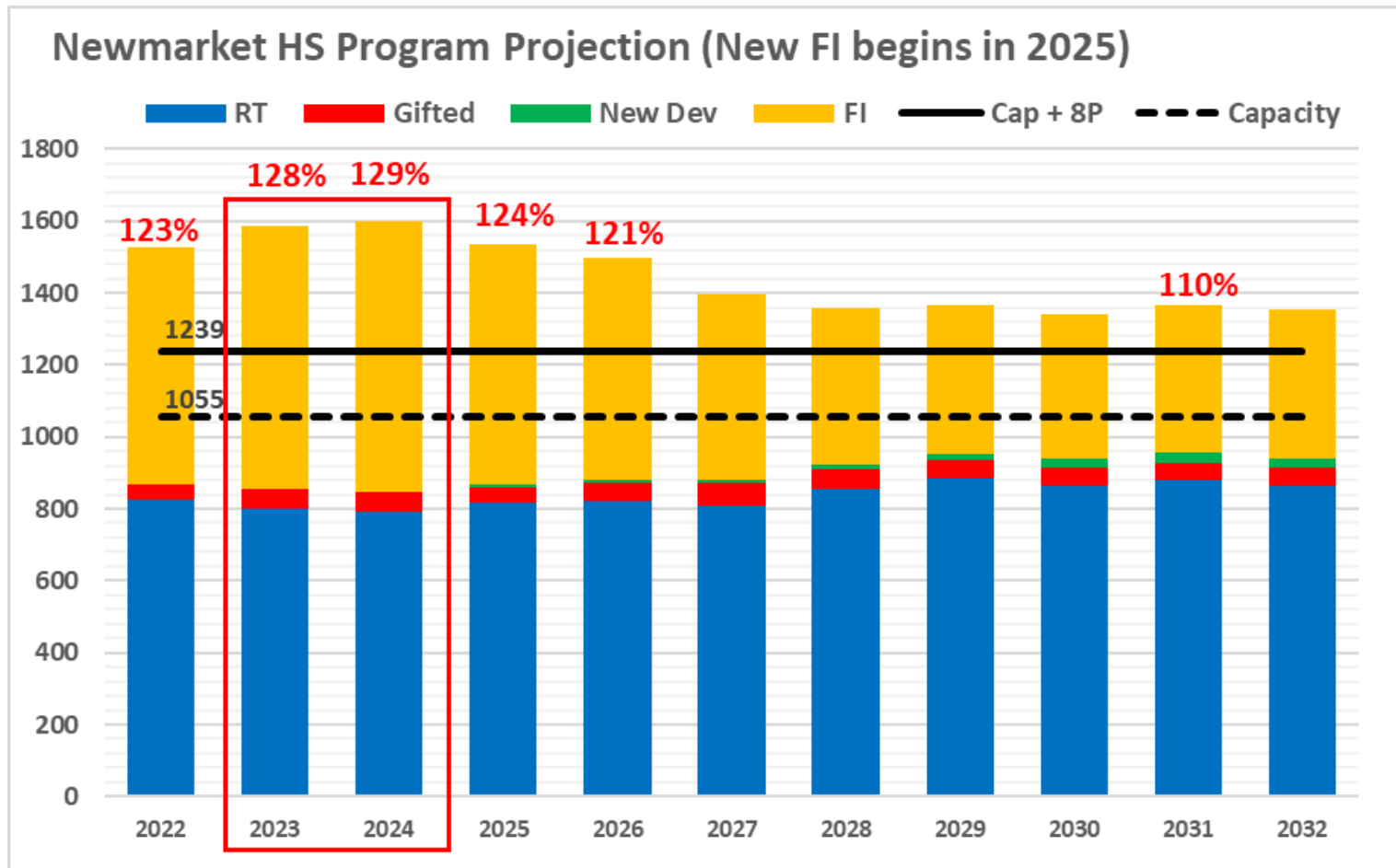
# Benefits of Additional French Immersion Program

- Balances French Immersion enrolment across multiple secondary schools
  - Allows for French Immersion growth
  - Supports the business case for a future East Gwillimbury Secondary School by utilizing existing capacity at Huron Heights SS
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# Timing and Students Impacted

- New Program at Huron Heights SS would commence September 2025 with incoming Grade 9s that will grow over time to Grade 12
    - By 2028 Grade 9 to Grade 12 French Immersion programming will be offered at Huron Heights SS
  - Current Grade 7 French Immersion students who will be Grade 9 in September 2025
    - Students living between Davis Drive in Newmarket and Ravenshoe Road in East Gwillimbury
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# Newmarket HS Projected Enrolment (incorporating FI change)

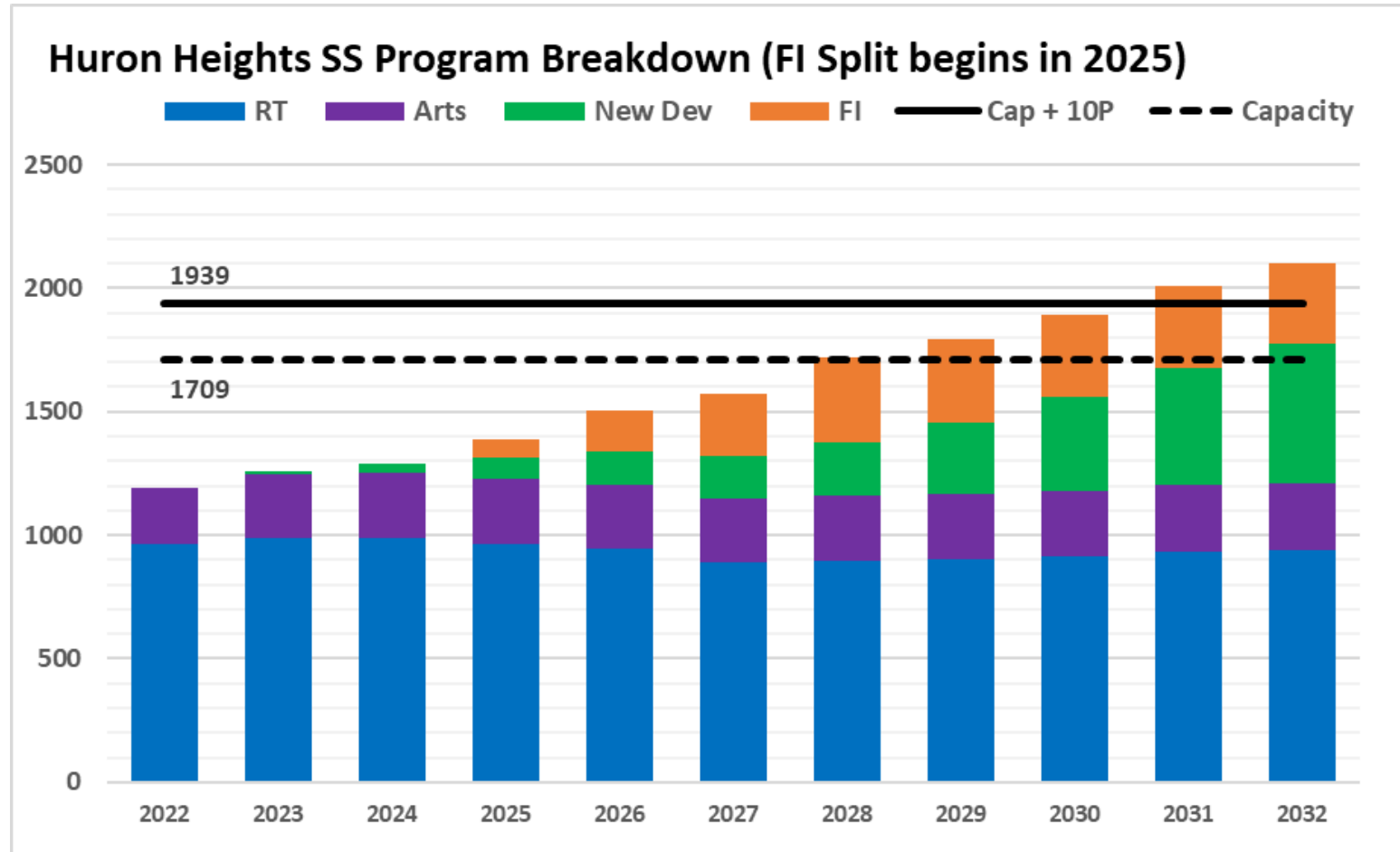


% Utilization with Portables

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# School Schedules and Bell Times

## Newmarket High School

Schedule	Start	End
Homeroom	8:05 AM	8:10 AM
Period 1	8:10 AM	9:25 AM
Period 2	9:30 AM	10:45 AM
Period 3	10:50 AM	12:05 PM
Period 4	12:10 PM	1:25 PM
Period 5	1:30 PM	2:45 PM

## Huron Heights Secondary School

Schedule	Start	End
Homeroom	9:10 AM	9:14 AM
Period 1	9:14 AM	10:29 AM
Period 2	10:33 AM	11:48 AM
Period 3	11:52 AM	1:07 PM
Period 4	1:11 PM	2:26 PM
Period 5	2:30 PM	3:45 PM

# Student Transfers

- Transfers are outlined in [Board Policy 108, Student Accommodations](#).
- Schools open/closed to transfers from students who reside outside the attendance area are reviewed on an annual basis and are listed on the Board's [Secondary Schools Open/Closed to Transfers](#) webpage.

2024-25 School Year

**A. The following schools will not be accepting new student transfer requests for the 2024-2025 school year:**

<b>CEC Central</b>	Aurora HS (for French Immersion), Bayview SS, Richmond Green SS, Richmond Hill HS
<b>CEC East</b>	Bill Hogarth SS (for Regular Track), Markville SS, Pierre Elliott Trudeau HS, Unionville HS
<b>CEC North</b>	Newmarket HS
<b>CEC West</b>	Hodan Nalayeh SS (for French Immersion), Stephen Lewis SS, Tommy Douglas SS

# Transportation ([Policy 680.0](#))

- Transportation provided as per policy 680
  - Grades 9 to 12 – a secondary school student living in an area served by public transit is not eligible for Board-provided transportation
  - A secondary student living more than 3.2 kilometres from the nearest secondary school in an area not served by public transit is eligible for Board-provided transportation
- School bus transportation eligibility is reviewed annually as York Region Transit (YRT) adjusts and enhances service
- If eligible for Board-provided transportation, Student Transportation Services routes available August 2025 - [schoolbuscity.com](https://www.schoolbuscity.com) > Find Your Bus Stop

# Timelines

- School Councils February 2024
- Public Meeting April 2024
- Learning Equity & Well Being Standing Committee (LEWSC) May 14, 2024 (Delegation Opportunity)
- Board Meeting June 19, 2024
- Secondary School Course Selection & Staffing Process Oct 2024 to May 2025
- Implementation for September 2025

Delegation requests must be submitted by April 25th through the [citizen engagement page](#)

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#### Planning Services

For information on school boundaries, please contact Planning Services.  
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## School Boundary Information and Presentations

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School attendance boundaries are necessary to create school communities that are sized for the capacity of each school facility and to accommodate sustainable student enrolment. York Region schools offer a variety of school programs and school boundaries are selected to accommodate a school's long-term projected enrolment. Portable accommodation is used during a community's peak enrolment period or to accommodate students awaiting new schools or additions.

#### 2023 - 2024 School Boundary and Community Presentations

School Community	Presentation Type	Meeting Date(s)	Board Approved
Nellie McClung PS - <a href="#">Presentation (PDF)</a>	Primary Dual Track French Immersion Program	November 2, 2023	n/a
Viola Desmond PS - <a href="#">Presentation (PDF)</a>	Primary Dual Track French Immersion Program	November 2, 2023	n/a

<https://www2.yrdsb.ca/board-plans/school-boundary-information-and-presentations>



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## Feedback Form

Information collected from Feedback forms received up to May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 will be included in final report to Board