


Town of Aurora Secondary School Accommodation Options

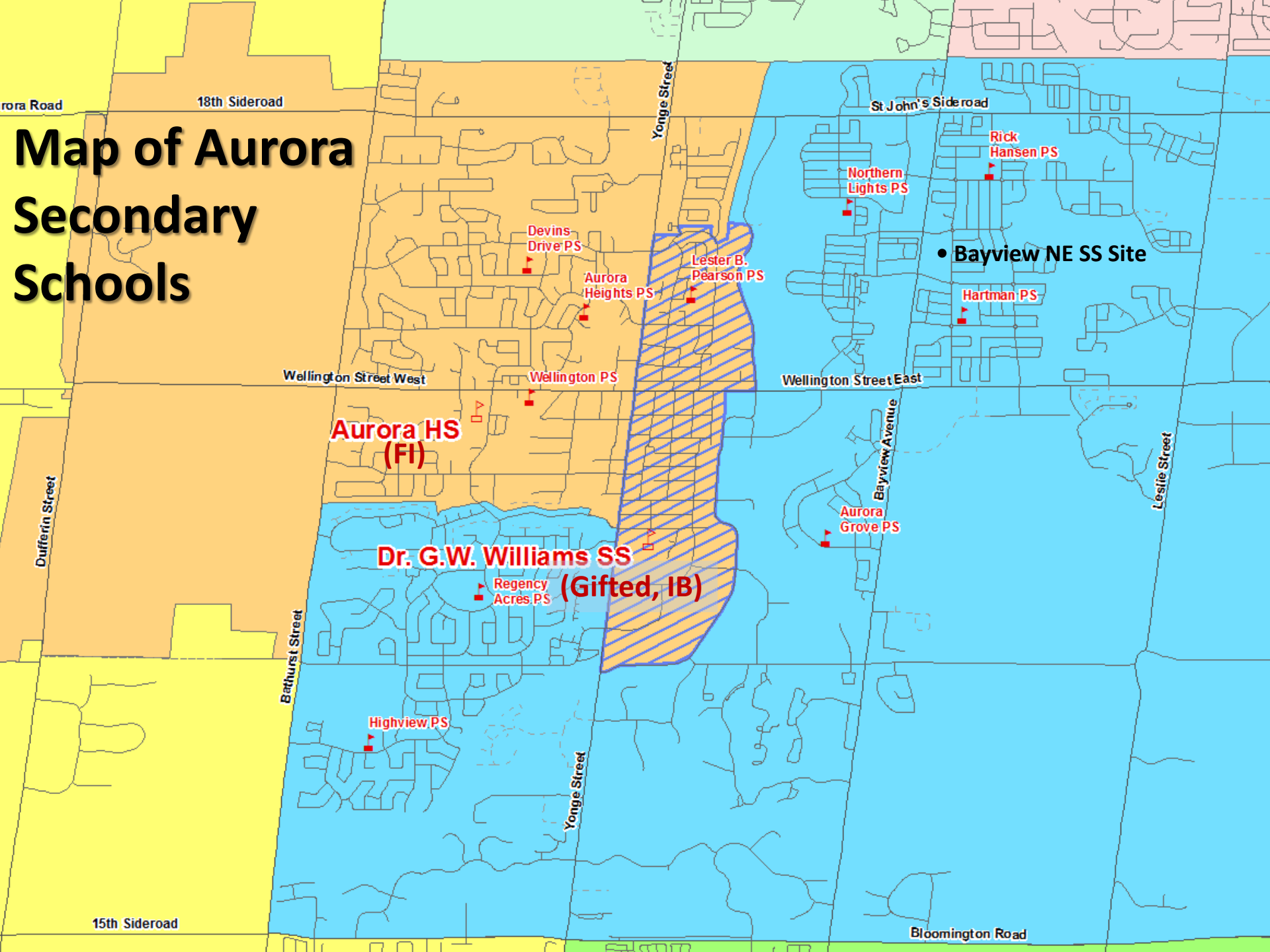
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Meeting Purpose

- To discuss and obtain feedback regarding future student accommodation at Aurora HS and Dr. G.W. Williams SS
 - The accommodation options presented tonight are for discussion
 - We welcome your thoughts and ideas
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Map of Aurora Secondary Schools



Trends

- Dr. G.W. Williams SS enrolment has been declining
 - Participation rates of Grade 8 students to Dr. G.W. Williams SS has been declining from all feeders
 - The majority of residential units have been built in northeast Aurora
 - Aurora HS enrolment has begun to grow
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Aurora HS

March 2017 Enrolment	Utilization	Regional Programs	Future
1,239 (458 FI)	117%	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• French Immersion	Growth due to FI, projected to grow to 800

2+ Regular track feeders:

- Aurora Heights PS (portion)
- Devins Drive PS
- Wellington PS

3 French Immersion feeders:

- Lester B. Pearson PS
- Beynon Fields PS
- Windham Ridge PS

Dr. G. W. Williams SS

March 2017 Enrolment	Utilization	Regional Programs	Future
672	57%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gifted • IB (September 2017) 	Potential growth due to IB program

6+ Regular track feeders:

West Elementary Schools:

Aurora Heights PS (portion)

Highview PS

Regency Acres PS

East Elementary Schools:

Aurora Grove PS

Hartman PS

Northern Lights PS

Rick Hansen PS

Rural:

Whitchurch Highlands PS (portion)

1 Gifted

feeder:

Wellington PS

IB Program:

Aurora

East Gwillimbury

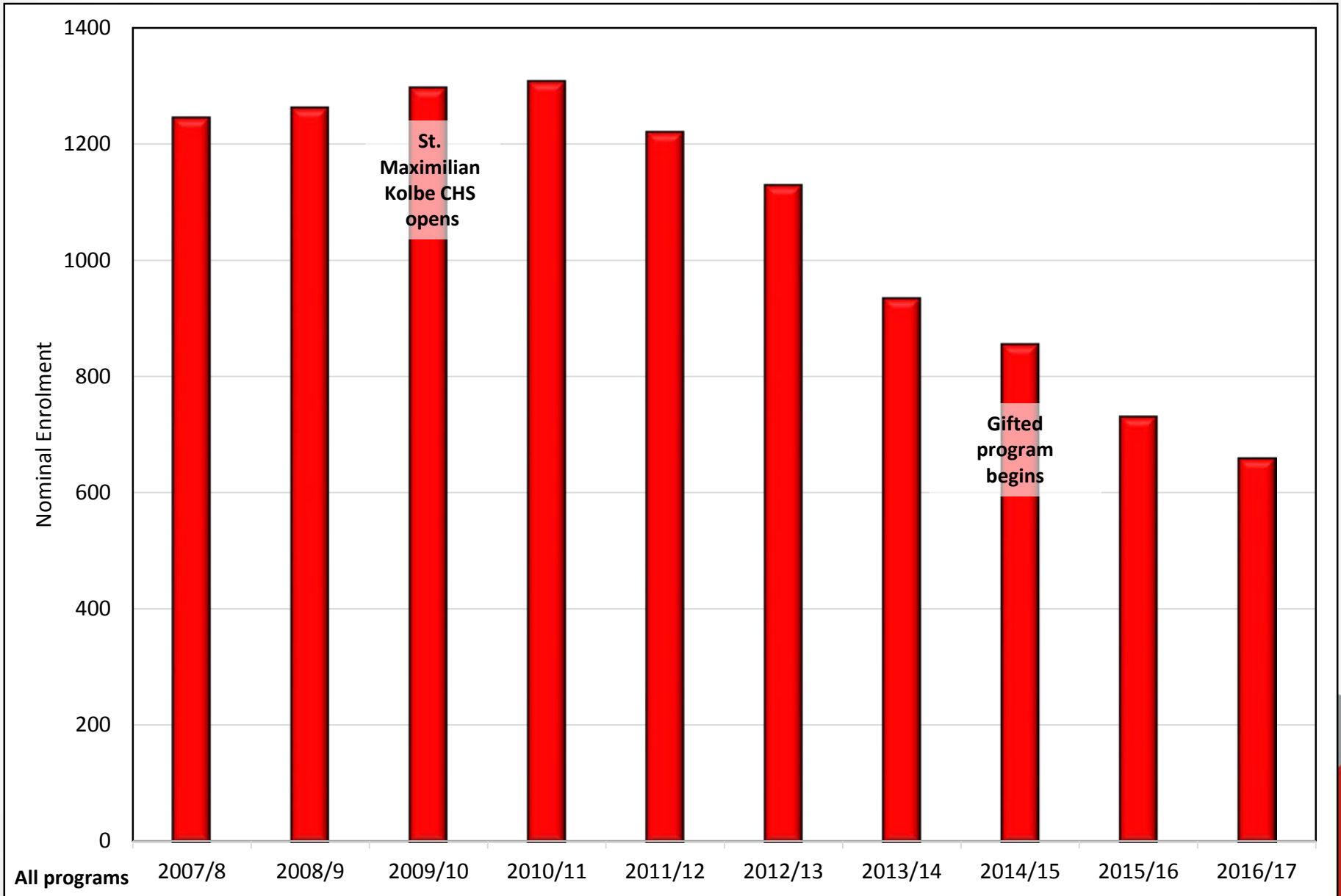
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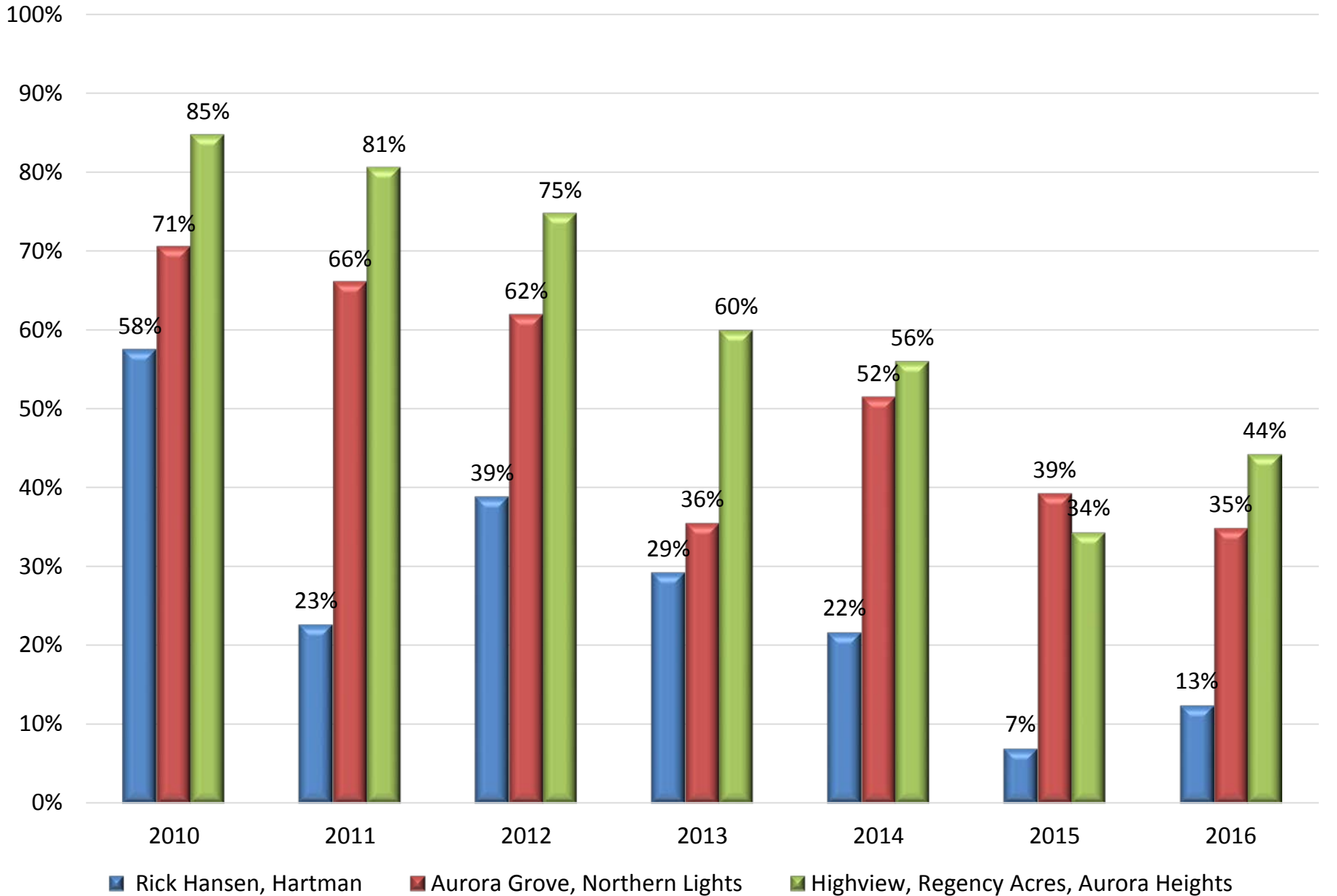
Newmarket

Portions of Richmond Hill/
Stouffville

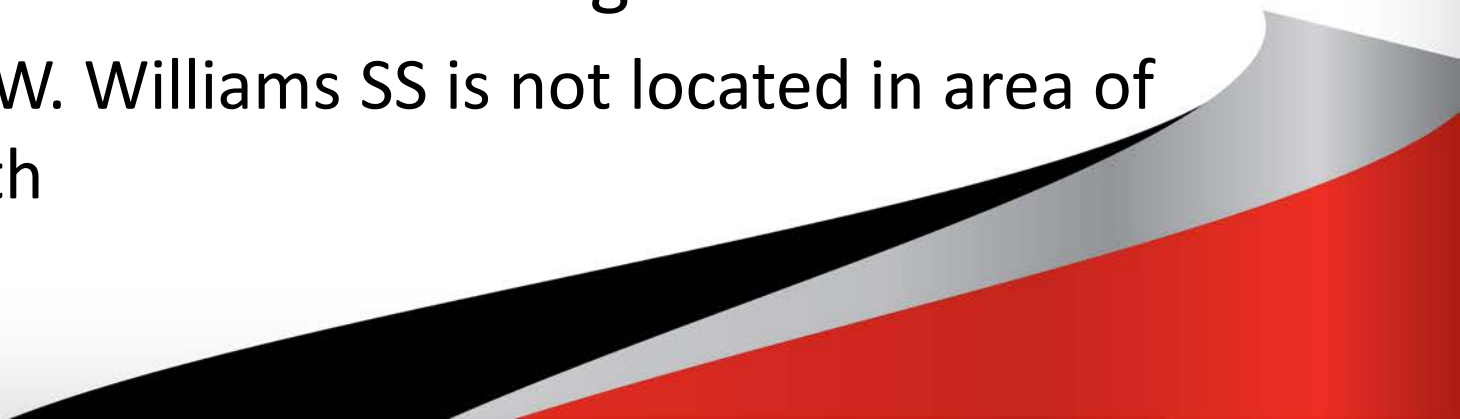
Dr. G.W. Williams SS Historical Enrolment



Dr. G.W. Williams SS Grade 8 Participation Rates



Summary of Issues in Aurora

- Aurora HS French Immersion program will continue to grow
 - Dr. G.W. Williams SS enrolment is declining
 - East Aurora not attending Dr. G.W. Williams SS
 - Dr. G.W. Williams SS is not located in area of growth
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Option A – Status Quo

- Dr. G.W. Williams SS:
 - Monitor enrolment (including new IB program)
 - Regular track participation rates from Aurora may not change
 - York Region Transit (YRT) service may remain the same
- Aurora HS:
 - Continued FI growth will create imbalance between regular track and FI enrolment

Option B – Boundary/Program Changes

- Dr. G.W. Williams SS:
 - Rebalance regular track enrolment between Aurora HS and Dr. G.W. Williams SS
 - Not enough feeders left at Aurora HS
 - Send east Aurora regular track to Newmarket HS
 - No space at Newmarket HS
 - Further reduces enrolment at Dr. G.W. Williams SS
 - Send east Oak Ridges regular track to Dr. G.W. Williams SS
 - Short term solution as a new secondary school is required to serve the community of Oak Ridges

Option B – Boundary/Program Changes

- Dr. G.W. Williams SS:
 - Explore adding more programs to Dr. G. W. Williams SS in addition to Gifted and IB
 - French Immersion
 - Arts
 - No more than 2 Regional programs to ensure balance between regular track and program enrolment

Option B – Boundary/Program Changes

- Aurora HS:
 - Due to French Immersion growth from Oak Ridges feeders, explore alternatives, to be determined under a separate boundary change process

Option C – Build a 3rd Secondary School

- Build a 3rd secondary school in northeast Aurora on the Board owned site
- Issue:
 - Long term projections for Aurora HS and Dr. G.W. Williams SS show the need for only 2 public secondary schools in the Town of Aurora

Option C – Build a 3rd Secondary School

- Population will increase from 56,000 to 80,000 over a 25 year time frame *(2016 census, York Region 2041 Preferred Growth Scenario)*
- Secondary schools typically need 4 - 6 elementary feeders to support enrolment
 - The growth to 2041 would not require 4 – 6 additional elementary schools
- This growth can be accommodated in existing secondary schools within the Town of Aurora
 - Dr. G.W. Williams is at 57% utilization

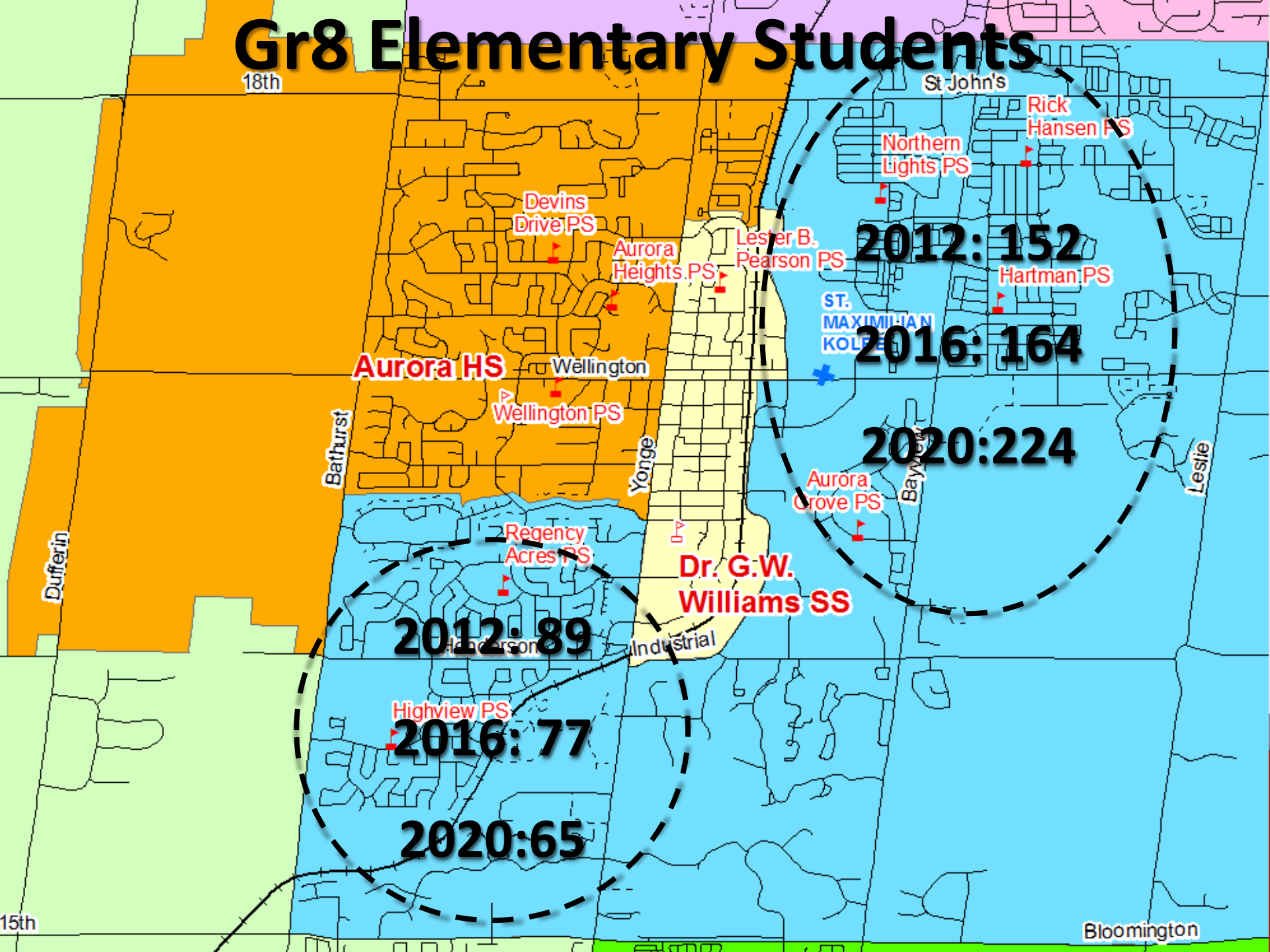
Option D – Relocate Dr. G. W. Williams SS

- Explore relocating Dr. G. W. Williams SS to the Board owned site located in northeast Aurora
- Potentially include project on the 2017 Capital Strategy Project List scheduled for June 13, 2017 Property Management Committee
- The Board could apply for funding in Summer 2017 from the Ministry of Education to relocate the school

Option D – Relocate Dr. G. W. Williams SS

- Enrolment continues to shift from west to east (of Industrial Parkway)
- There will be challenges obtaining Ministry funding
- If approved:
 - the potential opening of a relocated secondary school would not occur for a number of years,
 - proposing to retain the Dr. G. W. Williams SS building,
 - undertake a boundary review process to address the southwestern portion of the school boundary

Gr8 Elementary Students



Feedback

- Seeking your feedback on options
- Staff available to answer your questions and receive input (same content at each station)
- Fill out feedback form and return tonight OR a feedback form will also be available on:
Schools>Find a School>Boundaries that can be emailed to planning.services@yrdsb.ca
- Feedback will be accepted until **June 4, 2017**
- This presentation will be posted on our website after the meeting date

Deadline extended
to June 8, 2017

ANY
QUESTIONS
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