

Northglen and Bowmanville Area School Boundary Accommodation Planning – Engagement Results

Overview of ThoughtExchange Results

Between October 16 and November 5, 2023 the Board gathered input from families through an online platform called ThoughtExchange. The following question was asked:

What are your thoughts and questions about the proposed boundaries for the new Northglen Neighbourhood school and boundary changes affecting other nearby schools?

334	164	3,765
Participants	Thoughts	Ratings

Participation by School

%		School
18%	(54)	Central Public School (PS)
19%	(59)	Charles Bowman PS
3%	(9)	Clarington Central Intermediate School
8%	(23)	Dr. Ross Tilley PS
5%	(16)	Enniskillen PS
6%	(19)	Hampton Jr PS
10%	(29)	Harold Longworth PS
1%	(4)	Lydia Trull PS
10%	(30)	M.J. Hobbs Senior PS
5%	(16)	Vincent Massey PS
6%	(18)	Waverley PS
9%	(26)	Other

Summary of Top Thoughts:

Top thoughts identified the need for early communication of temporary accommodation plans for next year. Participants emphasized the importance of maintaining established relationships and routines for students, to support mental health, and suggested that students should not be moved during their final year. Some people also expressed concerns about the potential for increased busing and the reliability of transportation services when students could walk to closer schools. Each school community had concerns directly related to their own school boundaries.

Specific Actions Identified

- Timely and clear communication about temporary plans.
- Provide as much notice as possible for families.
- Minimize change and disruption as much as possible and leave as many kids as possible where they are to support existing relationships and connections.
- Consider how this will affect childcare.
- Requests to not make changes when the enrolment impact is only 20-30 kids. Keep kids with their existing friends and peers instead.
- Members of Brookhill community identified they wanted to stay at Hampton Junior PS and M.J. Hobbs Senior PS.
- Central PS families and staff identified they wanted the school to remain JK-Grade 8.
- Some support was expressed for Enniskillen PS as JK-Grade 8.
- Some support was expressed for Charles Bowman PS returning to JK-Grade 8.
- Parents requested an option for their children to stay at their current school or move to the new one.

Overall, participants urged consideration of the best interests of each child and minimizing disruptions to their education and social development.

The top thoughts (rated 3.7 and higher) are included as an appendix.

ALL THOUGHTS - NORTHGLEN AND BOWMANVILLE

Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board

Q1 What are your thoughts and questions about the proposed boundaries for the new Northglen Neighbourhood school and boundary changes affecting other nearby schools?

The temporary plan for next year should be communicated asap Allow parents and kids time to adjust

4.5 ★★★★★ (31) 
Ranked #1 of 164



Taken way too long to get to this point. The overcrowding at CB is unsustainable Too many kids, not enough support. No yard to play in

4.2 ★★★★★ (31) 
Ranked #2 of 164



Concern about the boundiaries change affecting my kids, they have already establish great relationships within their current schools. I believe stability is important to growing children; the change should take into consideration least impact to all children.

4.2 ★★★★★ (17) 
Ranked #3 of 164



There should be room for parents to request the new school or to stay at their current school There has been so much disruption the past few years that factoring in what's in the best interest of each child is important

4.1 ★★★★★ (33) 
Ranked #4 of 164



Assuming Central 7/8s will be bused to Bowman how reliable will the buses be? Right now they are a disaster at best. Parents are already struggling with the bus inconsistency, this potentially adds more pressure to families as they struggle with busing

4.1 ★★★★★ (32) 
Ranked #5 of 164



My child has developed many friendships and if she has to move schools . She will not be with her friends as there school boundary will not be change Meeting new friends is wonderful but having lasting friendships since your child was little with their friends is beneficial.



When new schools are built, consider the potential attendees and build bigger Portables are not an answer



I think changing Enniskillen PS to include 7/8 would be great Then siblings and locals can stay together. However, not sure there is enough room to accommodate this change.



Makes sense for students in Northglen neighbourhood to go to the Northglen school. Will all students in new boundaries be redirected when the new school opens?



I don't want my kid bussed to a school at the other end of town. I would like central ps to continue grade 7 and 8. Least amount of change as possible.



Kids should not be transferred further from there house by going to a school further away from home. The distance is not good for kids. It is not enomical for parents. Disrupts already created daycare.who will find new daycare and pay cost difference?



Will students be allowed to remain at MJ Hobbs if they wish, to stay with current classmates It would be very disruptive socially and developmentally to remove a student from a comfortable, known environment



Children finishing their last year should not be moved regardless of the decision



I think that as a student I wouldn't like to go to a different school, I think that it's hard on a kid to move schools at least twice! my school is perfect just the way it is, it doesn't need changing. I hope that you can consider this and not make it hard for kids.



I'm the 7/8 teacher at Central, and I'd say simply: "leave us be." At the end of the day, it's only 35 kids we're talking about. This school is special and magical and to short-circuit/limit any kid's experience here is an answer in search of its question. Let them stay.



We would like central to continue their 7-8 grades. We don't want our kids to have to move schools more than once. They have created bonds and feel safe at central. We want them to stay there as long as possible.



I am concerned about my child being displaced Relationships and routines for my child is very important



very important to get the new school built as soon as possible without any more delays more room for students is better



Hampton Jr students are getting broken into three different schools in the proposals A small school broken into three likely means that students will be separated from important peer relationships they have been forming.



Please don't force our kids to leave their schools. They've been through enough in the last five years. It's really not a good situation for these particular students.



The proposals seem to continue to overutilize many schools while underutilizing others, even over ten years. Why isn't the goal to balance enrolment across all schools?



We like that our kids attend a smaller school that's at capacity (all classrooms are in use) and not put our school over capacity with portables.



Central Public School being changed to a k-6 school not beneficial to the students or parents/caregivers. Not having to bus my children and having them remain at a public school that feeds into BHS is very important to us. It's why we move here.



Kids should be given the choice to finish out their school years at the current school they're attending These particular grades have gone through the heaviest social setback due to Covid. Another change may put them in further disorder



When will the change happen It impacts my children socially, emotionally and most importantly academically.



Boundaries should be based on distance. Go to whatever school you're closest to. But I also don't want to switch my son to another school in grade 6 Distance matters particularly for walking. Relationships have already been formed and I don't want to break that at the end of elementary



I believe Central should stay K-8. Any student you ask would say they love Central and want to stay here as long as possible. By making Central K-6 you would be upsetting staff and kids



I'm concerned my child in grade 3 may need to change schools due to boundary changes
We love our school and find out daughter does very well in the smaller school atmosphere



Options the put Hampton and Hobbs very underutilized is not a good choice. Hampton and Hobbs should continue to be utilized and not immediately put the new school at capacity.



Please keep grades 7 and 8 at central public school Kids really like the school, small classes, it's very convenient for families in the area, and kids being able to walk to school when they're older



have grade 7 and 8 at Charles Bowman
easier/nicer to keep kids at the same school longer



Is there a new high-school in the forcast?



Allow the current MJ Hobbs kids to stay there. Grandfathering them in lessens the new school overcapacity and still has Hobbs under capacity. It only makes sense for balance and mental health



It appears projected population would hold steady should enniskillen become JK- grade 8. Perhaps invest small amt into expansion or portables to keep rural kids in town until grade 8 so they are not attending two schools before high school



Student capacity. Changing high school boundaries School is already at capacity. Don't want kids changing schools multiple times



One of the main reasons we bought our home in older Bowmanville was for the school. A short, safe walk to school for our children. We do not want to send our kids to an overpopulated school in a neighborhood we don't want to live in. How would they get to school? The unreliable buses?



Is the best interest of the students who already attend MJ Hobbs being considered? These students are moving when they already have friends. Also, it's a longer bus ride.



I don't want my kids to have to change schools They are comfortable, have made friends and doing very well



Changing of boundaries and disturbance to learning environment for children. Changing schools for a primary student can be a challenging issue. Going from a small school community like Hampton and switching to a large school.



How will the kids be affected to lose their friends that have to move



I strongly believe that central public schools should continue being K-8 I think this is important because there are so many kids including my younger sister who was super excited about graduating from central. Thank you.



If Central 7/8s move to Bowman which high school will they attend? Bowman currently goes to CCSS and Central to BHS. Central 7/8s need to attend a school that falls within their high school boundary



The new school should be for north glen subdivision and overflow from schools people should not be forced to move from my Hobbs school Children would be bussed further up a major highway to go to north glen keep the kids with their friends



We need to make sure there are enough and appropriate sidewalks in North bowmanville. And cross walks Keeping kids safe



Leave Central PS alone.



This is a government problem harming kids. The municipal govt planning dept makes housing with proposed school locations but school board doesn't see The governments don't talk for long term planning. Causes mental health issues for kids. Now you are treating mental health and not real problem



We would like our children to stay at mj Hobbs. BrookHill is a small, not busy area. We have connected with teachers, community and friends all of which are in Hampton. Mental health is important



i'm happy there is a new school coming avoid over crowding in our current schools



It would be nice to see a visual map of what this would look like



Will Grade 7/8 come back to Charles Bowman? As a parent, I don't feel it's right for 7/8 kids to share a school building with high school students.



school boundaries and transportation requirements Analyze school boundaries with transportation availability for better understanding (school bus and public transport availability)



The brookhill community is small and should stay at Hobbs. Our kids already move one school (hampton to hobbs) There needs to be consistency for these kids. They move schools after grade 2, then you forced them into virtual school, now they are finally back



These kids have been through enough transitions, covid, virtual learning, changing schools from Hampton to Hobbs after grade 2. To transition these kids, once again, separating them from their school, friends, teachers and community is detrimental to their mental health.



I don't like it at all. I think Central should stay grade 8 school. It's important cause Bowman is a big school and far from where a lot of us live and we don't want our kids in a big school atleast I don't



Where will the grade 7 and 8 students from Central PS attend high school if they go to Bowman? Still BHS? The 7/8 students will leave Central to make new friends at Bowman to leave them and go to BHS. Bowman feeds into CCSS.



I vote for accommodation 2 My neighbourhood is within walking distance to the high school and want my children to walk there instead of being bussed out of town



I want to keep my children close to home and not bus them to the next town over just to go to school. There needs to be an equitable solution where my young children can be together on the same bus and at the same school close to their home.



Keep Brookhill community kids together at Hampton and Hobbs they already have to transition three times in their educational journey Keep them together to build consistency and strong relationships



I don't want existing students to have to switch schools for a boundary adjustment Great to have a new school!



It is more efficient for my children to remain at their current schools. Moving to NorthGlen is farther distance/bus time. My child will be moving to MJ Hobbs in 2024. He is then expected 1 year later to move him again to the new school. This is too much at their age



Let the kids stay at Central Public School through to grade 8. Why uproot them, for the sake of 30 something students? The teachers, parents, and students love Central Public.



Option 2 is the option that makes the most sense. Option 2 keeps whole Brookhill community (on either side of Green Rd) together and continuing to go to Hobbs. makes sense for 10year growth projection



Hampton schools need some renovations but need to stay open. They are an important piece of this community. Massive schools are not always the key to success. I feel like you lose that personal touch and the kids are treated like a group and not individuals.



We choose a smaller school for a reason.



I think Central PS students should stay at Central for 7/8. It's less disruptive and the school seems able to accommodate the numbers at this time.



Keep the Brook Hill community as part of mj Hobbs It's silly to move them from the closest school when so many other parts of other boundaries can be adjusted



i think school board should continue with option#2 new school is projected to reach its maximum capacity within 10 years from the date it opens. town grows norht/east. no need to include south/west



Where will grade 7 students from CCIS of the 24-25 school year attend grade 8 in the 25-26 school year? Moving schools 4 years in a row is excessive (from 6 to 7 to 8 to 9)



Sending Central PS students to an overcrowded school for grade 7 and 8 instead of a barely fully utilized Vincent Mass. is not a good plan. Vincent Mas. is only a few blocks (1m) away from Central, vs. some 2.5 km and is less crowded. Less distance traveled, fewer bus(es), fewer students.



I agree that a solution needs to be had with the boundaries of the new school. I do not want to separate my children who are very young and bus them to separate schools that may not even be in the same town. Also my children can easily walk to Clarington CSS so why would they be bussed anywhere else



The children deserve to stay together until their graduating year. My child has attended school since SK with her friends and now you separate them?! Children deserve to be with their peers throughout their school career. It's not ok to break them up in senior years.



Will our school receive more funding due to an increase in students? For example, a vice principal. Our school's admin staff are very maxed. With an increase in more students, we will need an increase in staff and admin staff to accommodate.



I do not want any change to the central school boundary because I do not want my kids bused to school for grade 7 and 8. Buses are: 1) unsafe, 2) unreliable, 3) Make the day much longer and uncertain for kids that could otherwise walk to a school



Childcare Considerations There hasn't been information available regarding childcare. Proposed changes are going to leave Hampton Jr. underpopulated, will the daycare close?



I am happy that my child may potentially be able to attend K-8 now at Charles Bowman. My oldest child had to leave Charles Bowman in Grade 7 for CCIS, and while it worked out fine, it was an inconvenience, especially with bus shortages



I'm concerned that even with the new school Charles Bowman will still be so over crowded.



The new proposed boundaries are going to negatively affect the children who will be cut short of a family unit that is central public school. My child is thriving in her grade 7 class at central public, which would not be happening had she been shipped to a new environment.



Excited for it to open so Charles Bowman can go back to a K-Gr 8 school. I don't want my kids being bussed to the Intermediate highschool for gr 7 and 8 as we live 3 minutes away from Charles Bowman.



I strongly disagree that Brookhill subdivision students should be transferred to Northglen. With 700 + students expected at Northglen. The school will be overpopulated . It is passing burden between institutions. Not helping kids.



I strongly dislike Central losing the 7/8 grade, and those students being moved to Charles Bowman. The way my boundary is, she goes from being a 5 min drive away to 15 mins, and only for two years with a completely new staff who doesn't know her



i think that we should be able to stay at central for grade 7/8. it is important to stay were we are because if we have to move we would not fit in with the other students.



I am disappointed and saddened about one of the possible boundary options This will effect both of my children and they will have to move schools as we live in Brookhill



Moving an entire neighbourhood to an already going to be populated school is not appropriate Keep kids for mental health with their peers



Will Charles Bowman go to grade 8 once the new boundaries are set? I prefer my children to stay at Bowman until they graduate grade 8.



How are high schools preparing for influx of students?



This move to send our kids to Bowman and cut them off before high school from their friends and school family is ridiculous and smacks of money. Keep them at the school for the duration. It's just a handful of kids were talking about.



If Central PS 7/8 need to move to get access to better facilities, like washrooms and a gym, why not send them to Vincent Massey. Massey is not as crowded as CB, and it is far closer for Central students. It would minimize bussing, and is what us to happen prior to 2020.



Too much overcrowding Lack of assistance and proper teaching



there should be new construction of schools to accommodate the increase influx of communities to our neighborhood kids education wellbeing couldn't be taken well care off if classes are already extra strength as teachers are over burdened



How will it affect my child , will she need to be relocated consistency, stability, routine



Kids that are already in the schools and their siblings should be grandfathered in, and not have to switch schools Because school is hard enough for kids, especially dealing with new kids and new teachers



Option 3 doesn't make sense to move small community east of Green Rd to new school. Busing straight up Green Rd makes most sense to Hobbs Makes more sense to have 57 Boundary to new school. To move Brookhill community to new school with making busing more complicated and longe



Why move students at MJ Hobbs to a temporary school, then finally Northglen? Let the students who already attend MJ Hobbs stay there and be grandfathered in. Any new registrations go to the other schools.



I am concerned for my children. They have made friends and finally have consistency in their school routine after three years of Covid. Moving them is not a good option.



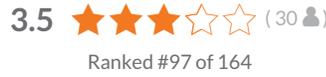
I'm not opposed to Central 7/8s going to a different school, it could be a good experience for them. Just please use a feeder school for BHS Central families live closest to BHS and it would be great for them to attend high school with new friends they make in 7/8



Enniskillen is an "open concept school", with very few classroom walls. Is it appropriate to have K-8's in such a unique learning environment? Enniskillen is underfunded as is, any grade additions would be portables only. Is it a good thing to have Ks in nearly the same room as 8's full time?



Kind of watching to see how this plays out, but want consistency for my kids.



I have been at this school for ten years. I could not imagine leaving for grade 7/8. Central Public Schools holds so many memories. Getting rid of 7/8 classes would mean getting rid of memories, past and present. I do not think Central should loose 7-8 classes for many reasons.



It is significantly closer for my children to attend MJ Hobbs and Northglen would be significantly out of the way I drive them to school and have grandparents pick them up - we live in Brookhill community and would be way out of the way to get to Northglen.



ENNISKILLEN PS should be extended to grade 8



Space is needed for all schools, they are at capacity



My child will be starting secondary school - Fall 2025. 1st is already attending CCSS, I worry that the revisions to the boundaries will effect us. Continuity & Family Support. Not having to switch schools or separate them



Please keep central a k to grade 8 The school for the purposed gr 7 and 8 students to go to is a ways away for those if us who live further south towards the lake



Excited to have Charles Bowman go from K-gr 8 instead of having grades 7/8 go to CCIS Having 10-12 yr olds go to a high school is not acceptable.



Grandfather in all existing kids Any new kids should go to new school. Existing kids should be able to stay where they currently are



Disappointed to hear this news We purchased in old bowmanville and was expecting our child to attend central for the term. Can walk to school



There is small area on the map that in all boundary options moves less than a total of 30 kids. The kids who live on Old Scugog, Green, and Nash Rd There are so few kids in this area with no population growth expected. Keep these kids where they are, there are so few of them anyways.



Leave the kids alone You are disrupting the kids education by uprooting them for the crucial two years before high school. These years make or break kids



Can't wait to have a new school close to home. It will be a two minute walk. There will be lots of childcare space but I hope the days are flexible for those of us who only need it part time



Will students be phased or moved to new schools immediately?



I think moving 7/8 back to Bowman in 2025 from CCIS will be confusing. Students in grade 6 this year will move to CCIS for grade 7 then move back to Bowman for grade 8. Then back to CCSS for high school.



I understand that it is necessary I don't want my child's school getting overcrowded



how current class sizes be effected already our school has kids at max cap which is affecting attention by teachers to them



I hear Charles Bowman feeds to Clarington Central Secondary School. There's no way my kids are going there nor Charles Bowman. We are within walking distance to Central Public School and BHS which are our schools of choice for many reasons. Wouldn't live hear otherwise.



Will Gr.8 students be removed from high schools as capacities ease at elementary schools once new school is built Will boundaries be enforced to ensure schools aren't super crowded and at capacity as there are less supports in classrooms with higher class sizes



Bad Because I don't want to switch schools



If they discontinue allowing out of boundary students attend BHS. My son is attending BHS as an OOBS. He would love to continue and finalize his high school career there and not be forced to change schools.



Enniskillen could house 7&8s but would likely be done with portables. Enniskillen would consistently be over capacity.



I agree with it Because there's too many children attending out of bounds and it creates a huge pressure on the teachers



Keeping Enniskillen school population low
Better learning environment for the kids



When will boundary changes take effect? To better plan for students who will be impacted.



too much traffic in our neighbourhoods more safety if less traffic



I'm intrigued about the option that affects me and children but do not feel strongly one way or another. Funding is concerning. Allocation of funding for the smaller schools that will be taking on more kids, how is a school as small as Enniskillen going to accept k-8 grades.



How are other schools impacted? There's just going to be more kids in our current school for 2 years?



How will bussing be affected? Ie forecasting driver availability since new Northglen school will negate need for busses to Charles Bowman & CCIS?



What will be the new high school boundaries?

Students at CCIS from BHS catchment have been grandfathered into CCSS currently.



What if I don't want my children to change schools and we end up outside the boundary? Do they have to go to Charles Bowman for grade 7 and 8



Grades 7 and 8 need to stay at Central! Too much change for our kids is not healthy. It's enough that they have to transition to high school along with dealing with other social stressors.



Stop out of voids for Clarke High School students. BHS and CCSS are crowded and busing is an issue. Clarke is pretty much empty. Put the students back into their home high school



How will this impact high school feeder schools? Planning and prep for students



Isn't there a shortage of bus drivers? Bus routes will be delayed or cancelled, making students miss school.



Just hoping this does not increase class sizes at our school. Keeping classes small allows for students to receive the support they need. I'm open to more kids attending our school if they create more classrooms



Save the old schools for the rural children and send the new subdivision kids to the new school



I think it makes sense to move grades 7-8 to Charles Bowman I think moving whole grades is a minimally disruptive way to ease capacity pressures



Really hope you consider grandfathering the closing of CCIS. Allow next year's grade 7 students to stay put for grade 8. grade 6 student will go to CCIS for 24/25 school year, back to Charles Bowman for grade 8 25/26, than another school change for grade 9. Too much



If Charles Bow is now 133% above capacity, and after Boundary changes the 10 year forecast is still to be 128% above, that is not much improved. Why move the 7&8 from Central to Charles Bowman when they could go to Northglen.



I believe it should be shifted to the north to cover the potential growth in the future Vincent Massey's west boundary should move to the west potentially to temperance and beech to encompass those students who are very close 2the school



I will be upset if my children are taken out of Hampton for school. The whole reason I bought a house here so that my kids could go to a small school I don't need my kids getting lost in the shuffle of a large school.



New school is better learning environment Bigger, brighter classrooms, cleaner, newer technology, books, and classroom learning material



Hi everyone.! As i dont have any means of transportation to reach my child school so it will be really good help if we have school in town In case of emergency we can easily reach out to school. Sometimes we can visit them during their breaks.



If Enniskillen keeps the 7/8s it would create a lot more portables and eliminate nostalgic feels of the small rural school. Being open concept the school is already very loud. The gym is smaller than other schools also and would run the same risk as Central has now.



Positive Will reduce overfilled classrooms



What is the capacity of the proposed new school?



I think it is a great plan. We need the schools to be balanced in the amount of students. Balance of students per school is important



Will Enniskillen students be split into two sections based on boundaries? If boundary created east/ west of HWY 57 Student population is small and would divide kids even more, then sending them to larger, more populated schools ie. Hobbs/ Northglen



My only concern is no longer allowing students from out of bounds to attend BHS. Particularly Newcastle kids that are limited with options at Clarke. Students have very limited options attending Clarke with programming the way it is.



The adjustments for schools adding 7&8s should be a phased approach. Add grade 7s in 2024 and 8s in 2025. With EPS and Hobbs, a phased approach, starting in 2024, would help alleviate hobb's numbers before the new school opens.



Is Enniskillen is expanded, has parking for staff been considered? Safety



Hi There, I missed being there for this discussion and I'm curious as to what this really means? I tried googling the topic with no luck. I would love to share my thoughts with a little more information, I apologize if I'm not looking in the right places!



Will there be grade level changes at Dr. Ross Tilley? Will my child have to change schools?



Impact on local schools



How many staff are going to be negatively affected Newer permanent staff could get bumped from their positions if enrolment goes down at their school



It doesn't seem my daughter, currently in JK at Waverley PS, will be affected by this new school. When, if at all, will this impact her? Because I'm not sure if there's any impact on my daughter.



I agree with the proposed boundaries



I think the new boundaries makes sense. Schools are over populated.



Should Northglen high school catchment be Clark High school? Closer for bussing, has capacity,



I hope the Newcastle kids get put here instead of my tiny school Because it is closer for them and a much bigger school



Happy The school is over populated



Will my children have to move schools?



N/a N/a



no comment



Not an issue



I hope my subdivision is included in the new boundary For ease of getting my child to school



It is required especially for residents of Northglen who are attending schools that are far.

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- 4 
- 3 
- 2 
- 1 