

BADEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS BOUNDARY STUDY WORKING GROUP

Purpose

The purpose of the Working Group is to conduct a boundary study of the Baden area elementary schools to develop and confirm the recommendations that will be presented to the Board of Trustees who will make the final decision about the future of student accommodation in the Baden area in the Township of Wilmot.

Goals

- To address the capacity issues at the study area schools.
- To develop a strategy that is long-term (approximately 10 years), taking into consideration current and future population density and demographics.
- To minimize transitions for students where changes are proposed through grandfathering/phasing.
- To strengthen the Board's business case for additional capacity funding for current students and as residential development plans progress in the Township of Wilmot.
- To provide equitable learning opportunities for students and staff by moving towards the following criteria (*from Board Policy 3002*):
 - *JK-6 facilities between 350 and 400 students (approx. 2 classes/grade)*
 - *JK-8 facilities between 500 and 650 students (approx. 2 classes/grade JK-6, 2+ classes/grade 7-8)*
 - *Minimizing the potential for schools with enrolments over 650 students*

Objectives

- To reduce enrolment at Baden Public School beginning in the 2015/16 school year.
 - To increase the number of students housed in permanent capacity within the study area in a cost-effective way, recognizing that there can be no additional capacity built prior to the 2017/18 school year.
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