



# West Waterloo Elementary Boundary Study - Phase 2

Public Consultation Meeting

February 13, 2019

# AGENDA

- **Introductions**
- **Brief Presentation**
  - **Boundary Study Process**
  - **Background – Boundary Study Phase 1**
  - **Review of Scenarios**
  - **Next Steps**
- **Questions**
- **Open House**

# BOUNDARY STUDY

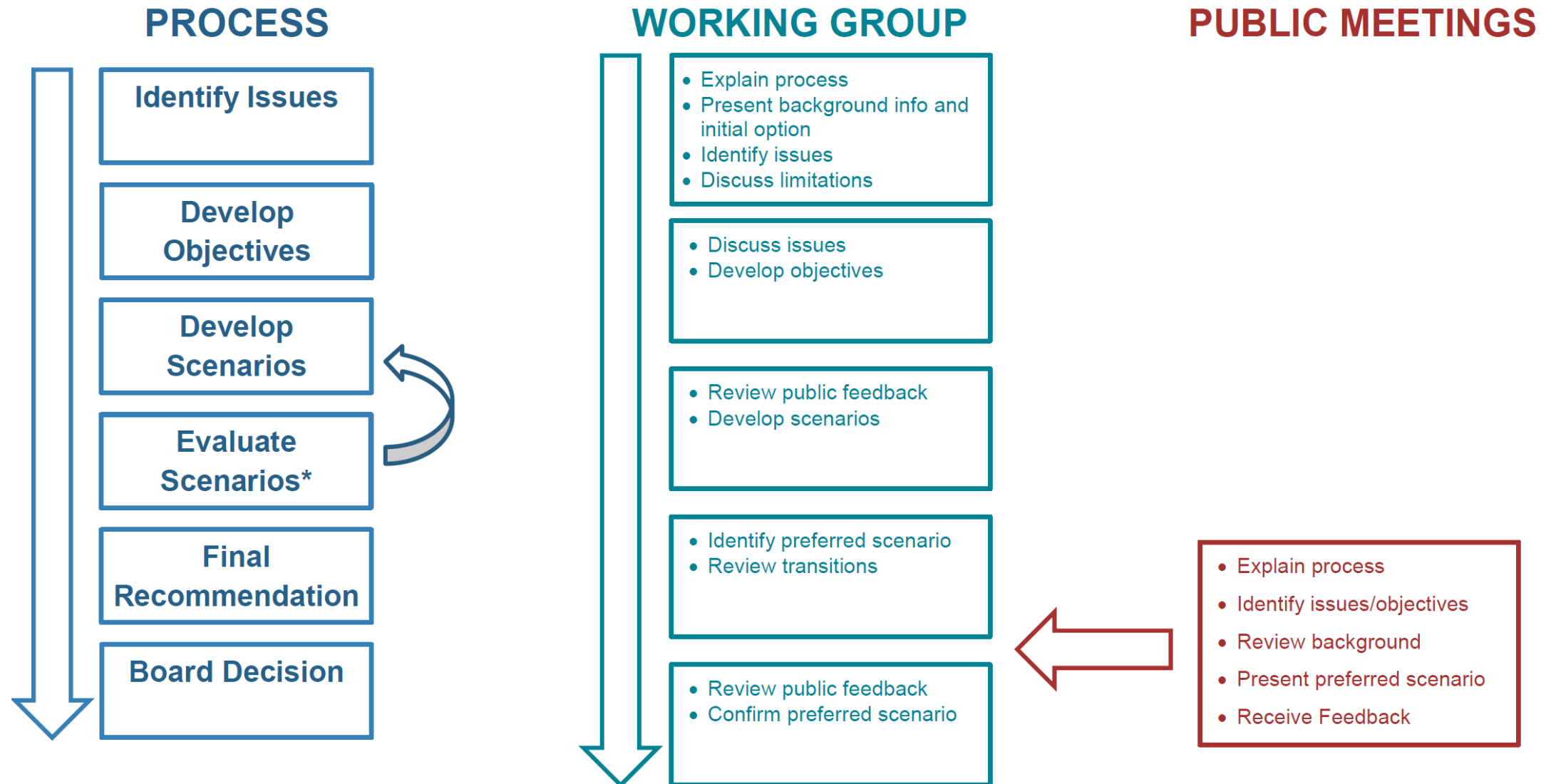
## What is a Boundary Study?

A boundary study is a public process undertaken to change the attendance area (boundary) of one or more schools. The study is undertaken with the support of a Working Group.

## Working Group Membership

- Parents/Guardians
- Administrators
- Superintendent of Student Achievement and Well-Being
- Planning/ Other Board Staff

# BOUNDARY STUDY PROCESS



# BACKGROUND

- November 23, 2015  
WRDSB approved recommendations of the West Waterloo Elementary School Boundary Study (Phase 1)  
  
Established a boundary for Vista Hills PS  
(opened September 2016)

# BACKGROUND

## Phase 2 Boundary Study

- Recommendation for a *second phase* of study to consider redirecting Abraham Erb PS to Laurelwood PS for Grades 7-8
- Report was brought to Trustees in November 2018 for approval to initiate Phase 2 Study

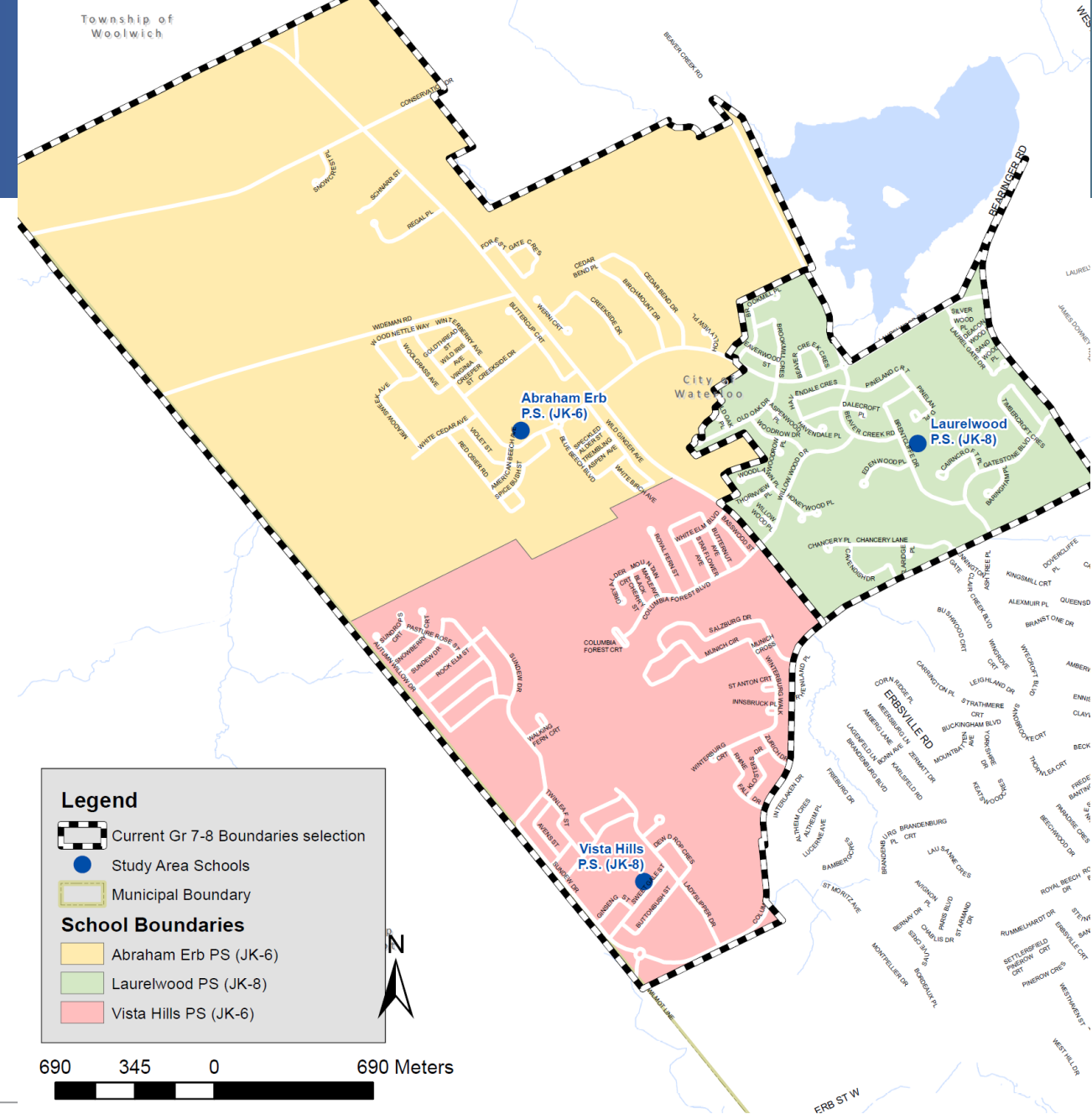
# STATUS QUO ENROLMENT PROJECTIONS

## Status Quo (No Change) Enrolment Projections

School	Capacity	Current Portables	2018 (Oct.31)	2019	2020	2022	2024	2026	2028
Abraham Erb Public School	487	1	473	452	459	443	406	404	399
Laurelwood Public School	504*	6	562	522	514	474	456	465	466
Vista Hills Public School	643	5	758	905	987	1144	1142	1105	1107

\*The capacity of Laurelwood Public School includes a semi-permanent 6 room portapak

# STUDY AREA

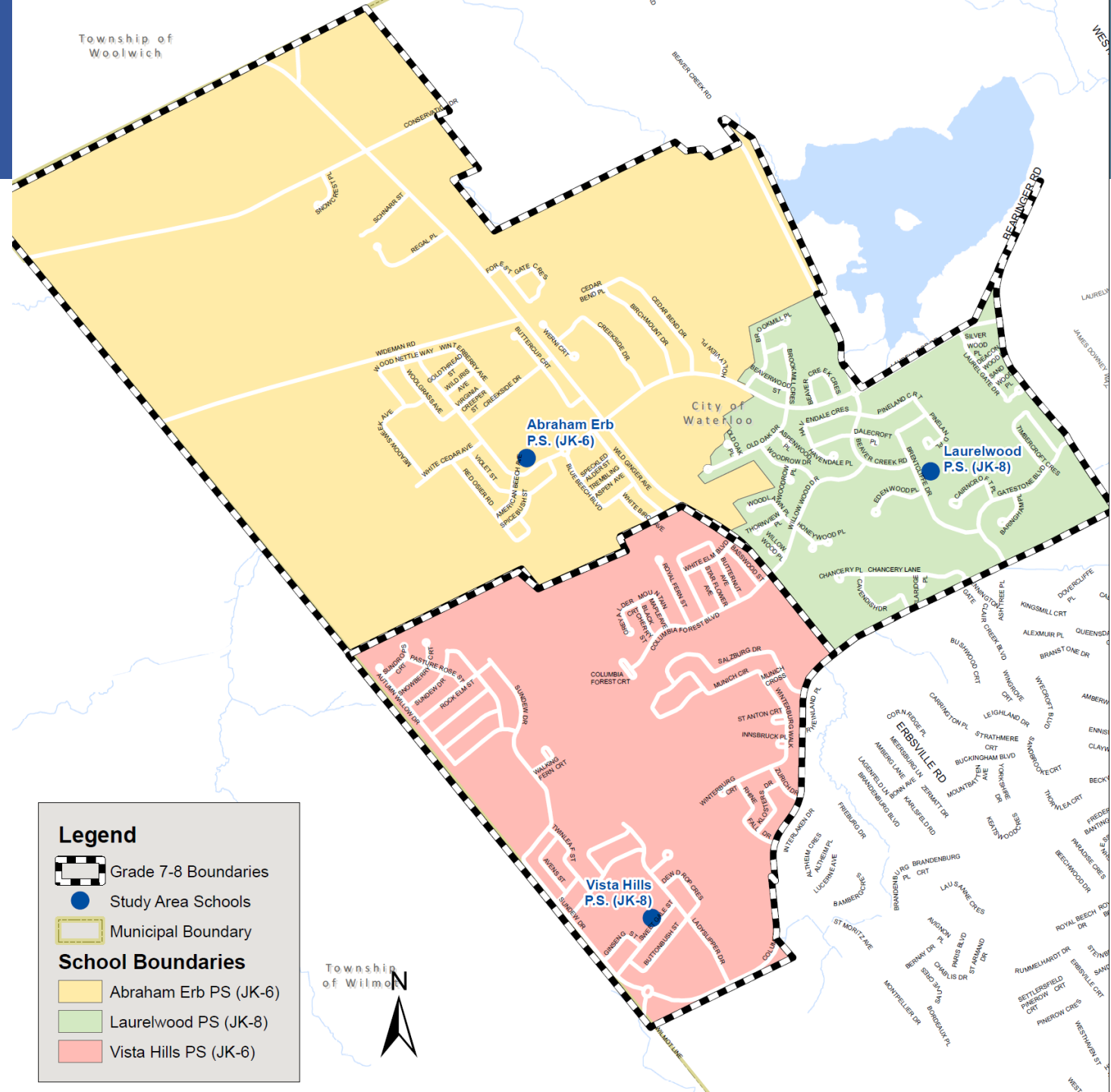




# DRAFT OBJECTIVES


- Reduce Enrolment Pressure at Vista Hills
- Accommodate Study Area Enrolment with Regard for School Capacities and Site Constraints.
- Walkability and Efficiency of Transportation
- No Junior to Intermediate Split Feeds
  - *(e.g. All Abraham Erb Grade 6 students proceed to same school for Grade 7-8)*
- Longer Term Solution
- Minimizing Impacts/Reducing Transitions where Changes Proposed

# SCENARIO 1 MAP



# SCENARIO 1 ENROLMENT PROJECTIONS

## Scenario 1 - Abraham Erb PS to Laurelwood PS for 7-8



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Abraham Erb Public School	487	1	473	452	459	443	406	404	399
Laurelwood Public School	504*	6	562	604	648	600	595	564	568
Vista Hills Public School	643	5	758	822	853	1018	1003	1006	1005

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# SCENARIO 1 IMPLICATIONS (vs Status Quo)

## Scenario 1 - Abraham Erb PS to Laurelwood PS for 7-8

### ENROLMENT

- Some relief at Vista Hills PS but continues to be overcrowded
- Enrolment increase at Laurelwood

### TRANSPORTATION

- One new bus required for Abraham Erb Gr 7-8 students to Laurelwood (\$42K/Annually)

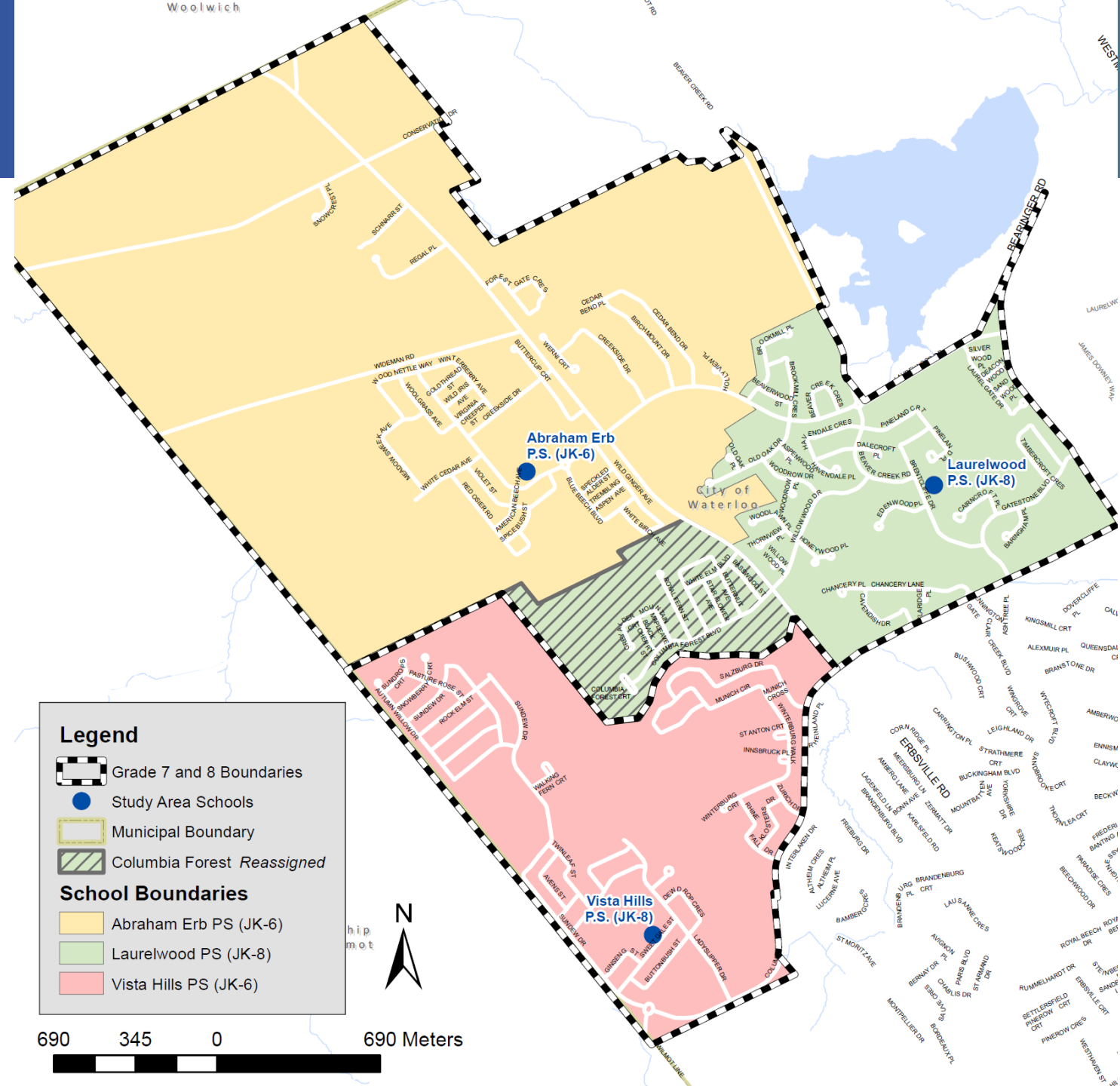
### PORTABLES

- More portables may be required at Laurelwood PS

### TRANSITIONS


- Abraham Erb students transition to Laurelwood for Grade 7-8 instead of Vista Hills

# SCENARIO 3 MAP



# SCENARIO 3 ENROLMENT PROJECTIONS

## Scenario 3 - Abraham Erb PS to Laurelwood PS for 7-8, Columbia Forest Neighbourhood to Laurelwood



School	Capacity	Current Portables	2018 (Oct.31)	2019	2020	2022	2024	2026	2028
Abraham Erb Public School	487	1	473	452	459	443	406	404	399
Laurelwood Public School	504*	6	562	769	810	763	738	701	705
Vista Hills Public School	643	5	758	658	691	855	860	869	869

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# SCENARIO 3 IMPLICATIONS

## Scenario 3 - Abraham Erb PS to Laurelwood PS for 7-8, Columbia Forest Neighbourhood to Laurelwood

### ENROLMENT

- Enrolment relief at Vista Hills PS
- Enrolment pressure shifted to Laurelwood

### TRANSPORTATION

- No net new transportation costs because fewer buses to Vista Hills PS
- Walkable to Laurelwood, apart from Kindergarten
- Bus required for Abraham Erb Gr 7-8

### PORTABLES

- Laurelwood PS projected to require 13 portable classrooms by 2020

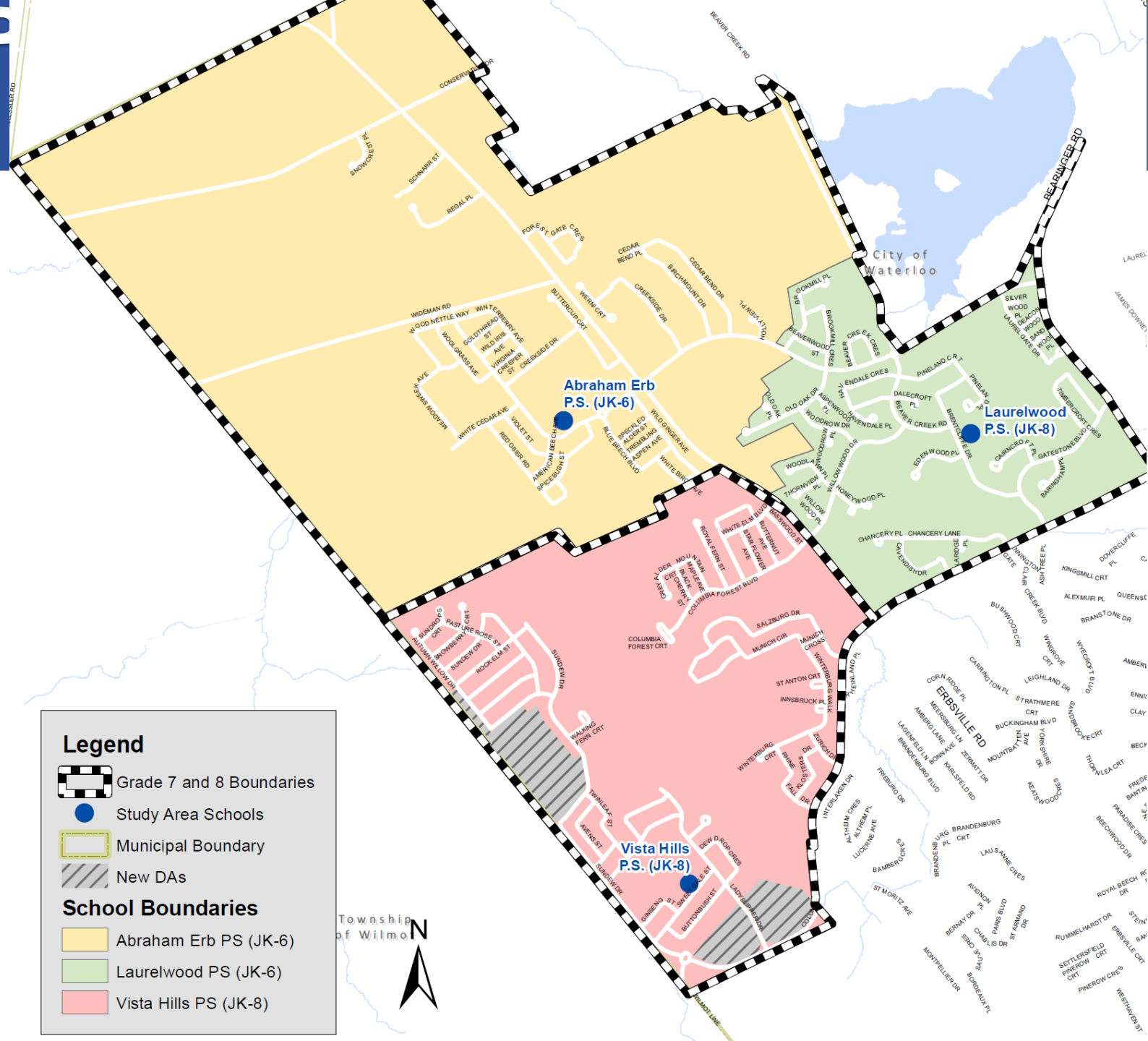
### TRANSITIONS

- Abraham Erb students transition to Laurelwood for Grade 7-8 instead of Vista Hills
- Additional transition for families impacted by the opening of Vista Hills, predominantly those who attended Edna Staebler PS in 2015.



# SCENARIO 5 MAP


*(Preferred)*





# SCENARIO 5 - ENROLMENT PROJECTIONS

## Scenario 5 - Abraham Erb 7-8 to Laurelwood + Create 2 New Development Areas



School	Capacity	Current Portables	2018 (Oct.31)	2019	2020	2022	2024	2026	2028
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Laurelwood Public School	504*	6	562	604	648	600	595	564	568
Vista Hills Public School	643	5	758	822	781	845	811	814	810

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# SCENARIO 5 IMPLICATIONS

## Scenario 5 - Abraham Erb PS to Laurelwood PS for 7-8 + Create 2 New DAs

### ENROLMENT

- Removes future students from the study area
- Enrolment relief at Vista Hills PS

### TRANSPORTATION

- One new bus required for Abraham Erb Gr 7-8 students to Laurelwood (\$42K/Annually)
- Additional buses required for DA students to holding school(s)

### PORTABLES

- Reduces portable requirements at Vista Hills

### TRANSITIONS

- Abraham Erb students transition to Laurelwood for Grade 7-8 instead of Vista Hills

# NEXT STEPS

- **February 26, 2019**  
Working Group Meeting #4
- **March/April 2019**  
Report to Board of Trustees
- **September 2019**  
Implementation

# COMMUNICATION

- [boundaryfeedback@wrdsb.ca](mailto:boundaryfeedback@wrdsb.ca)  
*Subject: West Waterloo Boundary Study*
- Web page posts directed to study area schools
- A boundary study webpage has been published  
<https://www.wrdsb.ca/planning/westwaterloophase2/>

# QUESTIONS

Please line up at the Microphone to ask your questions.

To ensure as many voices are heard as possible, you are limited to one question and one follow up.

Once you have received your answer please move to the back of the line if you would like to ask another question.

We would like to move to the Open House at 8pm. Please note staff can continue to receive feedback and answer questions during the Open House.





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