West Waterloo Elementary Boundary Review (2026)

Review Objectives

- Establish sustainable long-term attendance boundaries for the schools in the review area
- Improve the balance of enrolment and permanent school capacity (utilization)
- Address identified enrolment pressure
- Incorporate North Waterloo and North Waterloo II Development Areas (DAs) into long-term attendance boundaries

Scenario Evaluation Criteria

- Balancing utilization between schools
- Improving walkability for students
- Reducing reliance on transportation
- Creating contiguous attendance boundaries
- Replacing Development Area temporary assignments with sustainable long-term attendance boundaries

REVIEW AREA INFORMATION

School	Year of Construction	On-the-Ground Capacity*	Site Area (acres)	Gross Floor Area (m^2)	Child Care and Extended Day	Programs	Morning Bell	Afternoon Bell
Abraham Erb PS	2005	487	5.99	4795.8	Extended Day (WRDSB)	FI	9:10 AM	3:30 PM
Edna Staebler PS	2008	720	5.86	4201.6	Child Care and Extended Day (YMCA)	FI	8:35 AM	2:55 PM
Laurelwood PS	1998 2024 (addition)	550	8.04	5844.17	Extended Day (WRDSB)	FI	8:40 AM	3:00 PM
Vista Hills PS	2016	643	6.02	6365.75	Extended Day (WRDSB)	FI	8:35 AM	2:55 PM

*On-the-Ground Capacity (OTG) is a Ministry-rated number that does not include portable classrooms

STATUS QUO ENROLMENT PROJECTIONS

		ACTUAL		PROJECTED				*Utilization*		
School	**OTG**	**2025**	**2026**	**2027**	**2030**	**2033**	**2036**	***2027***	***2033***	***2036***
Abraham Erb Public School	487	400	400	370	330	380	390	*76%*	*78%*	*80%*
Edna Staebler Public School	720	550	535	550	480	440	425	*76%*	*61%*	*59%*
Laurelwood Public School	550	695	665	625	560	535	510	*114%*	*97%*	*93%*
Vista Hills Public School	643	775	785	775	740	715	720	*121%*	*111%*	*112%*

Notes:

1. OTG - On-the-Ground Capacity; A Ministry-rated number that does not include portable capacity
2. Utilization is calculated by dividing enrolment by on-the-ground capacity (OTG)

SCENARIO 1 ENROLMENT PROJECTIONS

		ACTUAL		PROJECTED				*Utilization*		
School	**OTG**	**2025**	**2026**	**2027**	**2030**	**2033**	**2036**	***2027***	***2033***	***2036***
Abraham Erb Public School	487	400	400	**450**	420	485	495	*92%*	*100%*	*102%*
Edna Staebler Public School	720	550	535	**480**	390	350	340	*67%*	*49%*	*47%*
Laurelwood Public School	550	695	665	**675**	590	560	540	*123%*	*102%*	*98%*
Vista Hills Public School	643	775	785	**725**	710	680	680	*113%*	*106%*	*106%*

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3. Legacy provision - Students entering Grade 8 in September 2027 may remain at their current school for the 2027-2028 school year. Eligible students will continue to receive transportation for that year if they remain eligible.

SCENARIO 2 ENROLMENT PROJECTIONS

		ACTUAL		PROJECTED				*Utilization*		
School	**OTG**	**2025**	**2026**	**2027**	**2030**	**2033**	**2036**	***2027***	***2033***	***2036***
Abraham Erb Public School	487	400	400	375	330	380	390	*77%*	*78%*	*80%*
Edna Staebler Public School	720	550	535	575	485	450	440	*80%*	*63%*	*61%*
Laurelwood Public School	550	695	665	625	560	535	510	*114%*	*97%*	*93%*
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BOUNDARY REVIEW NEXT STEPS



WHAT IS A DEVELOPMENT AREA?

A Development Area (DA) is an area defined by the board, typically inclusive of future or proposed growth and development, that is removed from an existing school boundary.

DAs are assigned to a temporary holding school as an interim measure for student accommodation.