



Finance Committee Meeting

Monday, November 10, 2025

6:30 p.m.

Boardroom - Education Centre

AGENDA

A - 1 **Opening Call to Order**

- (a) Roll Call
- (b) Declaration of Conflict of Interest
- (c) Welcome/Land Acknowledgement

The Grand Erie District School Board recognizes Six Nations of the Grand River and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, as the longstanding peoples of this territory. We honour, recognize, and respect these communities as well as all First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples who reside within the Grand Erie District School Board. We are all stewards of these lands and waters where we now gather, learn and play, and commit to working together in the spirit of Reconciliation.

B - 1 **Approval of the Agenda**

Recommended Motion:

"THAT the Finance Committee agenda be approved."

C - 1 **Recommended Motion:**

- * *"THAT the Finance Committee accept the November 10, 2025 Consent Agenda and the recommendations contained therein."*

- (a) Approve the minutes of:

- (i) Finance Committee meeting dated September 8, 2025

D - 1 **Business Arising from Minutes and/or Previous Meetings**

E - 1 **New Business**

- * (a) Major Construction Project Report (R. Wyszynski) (I)
- * (b) Rural and Northern Education Funding (RNEF) Spending Report (R. Wyszynski) (I)
- * (c) Boundary Review: Blanche E. Williams Public School (L. Thompson, R. Wyszynski)

Recommended Motion:

"THAT the amended school boundaries for Agnes G. Hodge Public School, Edith Monture Elementary School, Walter Gretzky Elementary School, and the new school boundary for Blanche E. Williams Public School, as outlined in Figure 1, effective September 1, 2026 be forwarded to the November 24, 2025 Regular Board meeting for approval."

- * (d) Facility Renewal Plan Report 2025-26 (R. Wyszynski) (I)

F - 1 **Other Business**

G - 1 **Adjournment**

"THAT the Finance Committee meeting be adjourned."

H - 1 **Next Meeting Date: February 9, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.**



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Finance Committee Meeting

Monday, September 8, 2025

6:30 p.m.

Norfolk Room, Education Centre

MINUTES

Present: Acting Committee Chair: S. Gibson, Trustees: G. Anderson, J. Bradford, R. Collver, L. Passmore, E. Thomas, T. Waldschmidt

Administration: Director: J. Roberto, Associate Director: L. Munro, Superintendents: D. Atanas K. Graham, L. Thompson, J. Tozer, R. Vankerbroeck, J. White, R. Wyszynski, Senior Executive Assistant: C. Dero, Recording Secretary: K. Ireland-Aitken

Guests: Trustees: C.A. Sloat, L. Whiton, Planning Supervisor: N. Hercanuck

A - 1 Opening

(a) Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Acting Committee Chair S. Gibson at 6:30 p.m. and roll call was confirmed.

(b) Declaration of Conflict of Interest - Nil

(c) Welcome to Open Session/Land Acknowledgment Statement

The Land Acknowledgement Statement was read by Chair Gibson.

B - 1 Approval of the Agenda

Moved by: J. Bradford

Seconded by: E. Thomas

THAT the Finance Committee agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

C - 1 Consent Agenda

Moved by: E. Thomas

Seconded by: R. Collver

THAT the Finance Committee accept the September 8, 2025 Consent Agenda and the recommendations contained therein.

(a) Approve the minutes of:

(i) Finance Committee meeting dated June 9, 2025

Carried

D - 1 Business Arising from Minutes/Previous Meetings – Nil

E - 1 New Business

(a) Long-Term Accommodation Plan (LTAP)

Presented as published.

(b) Special Approvals Report – Cobblestone Elementary School

Presented as printed.



C-1-a-i

Finance Committee Meeting

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Norfolk Room, Education Centre

MINUTES

(c) **Capital Priorities Project Funding Submission 2025-26**

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: J. Bradford

THAT the Capital Priorities Project Funding Submission 2025-26 to the Ministry of Education be forwarded to the September 22, 2025 Regular Board meeting for approval.

Carried

(d) **Major Construction Project Report**

Presented as printed.

F - 1 **Other Business** – Nil

G - 1 **Adjournment**

Moved by: G. Anderson

Seconded by: J. Bradford

THAT the Finance Committee meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The Finance Committee meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

H - 1 **Next Meeting Date:** November 10, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.



Grand Erie District School Board

TO: JoAnna Roberto, Ph. D., Director of Education, CEO & Secretary of the Board
FROM: Rafal Wyszynski, Superintendent of Business & Treasurer
RE: **Major Construction Project Report**
DATE: November 10, 2025

Background

As per Grand Erie District School Board's (Grand Erie's) Major Construction Policy (FA-01), the status of all active major capital projects will be provided at each Finance Committee meeting. As per policy, this report shall include budgeted and actual costs to date, details of project progress and schedule for completion. A funding strategy will be recommended should forecasted expenditures for a project exceed the budget established.

Status

Grand River Public School

The new school, and now the childcare centre are both open and operational. The contractor continues to address a few outstanding items.

Cobblestone Elementary School

The scope of this project is to construct a 4-room childcare addition to the east side of the existing building while constructing a 184-pupil place addition onto the west side of the building. Construction is currently in progress and remains on schedule in accordance with established timelines.

New Paris Elementary School

This scope of the project is to construct a new 536-pupil-place elementary school in Paris, Ontario to address accommodation pressure in the community. The project is currently in the early stages of design.

All active project details are listed in Appendix A.

Other Capital Projects:

As per Major Construction Policy (FA-01), Appendix B summarizes the scope, cost, and status of all other capital projects for the prior fiscal year which were not subject to this policy's bi-monthly reporting.

Grand Erie Multi-Year Plan

This report is connected to all priorities: Learning, Well-being, and Belonging.

Respectfully submitted,

Rafal Wyszynski
Superintendent of Business & Treasurer

Appendix A

Project	Type	Phase	Ministry Approval	Target Opening Date	Architect	Site Acquisition	Site Plan Approval (SPA)	Tender Awarded	General Contractor	Budget	Actual	Cost Forecast
Elgin Avenue Public School (Simcoe)	Addition / Renovation	Construction in Progress	Aug 04, 2017	Aug 31, 2026	Salter Pilon Architecture	N/A	Conditional Approval.	Yes	Reid & DeLeye Contractors Ltd	\$ 18,695,928	\$ 2,109,460	\$ 18,695,928
Blanche E. Williams Public School (Brantford)	New School	Construction in Progress	Oct 20, 2020	Sep 01, 2026	ZAS Architects	In Progress	Approved.	Yes	Aquicon	\$ 37,276,746	\$ 16,949,078	\$ 37,276,746
Grand River Public School (Caledonia)	New School	Substantially Complete	Nov 23, 2021	Aug 25, 2025	Svedas Architects	Completed	Approved.	Yes	Tambro	\$ 18,935,580	\$ 15,276,433	\$ 18,935,580
Cobblestone Elementary School + Child Care (Paris)	Addition / Renovation	Construction in Progress	Mar 25, 2021 Mar 27, 2024	Aug 31, 2026	Grguric Architects Inc.	Completed	Approved.	Yes	Elgin Contracting and Restoration Ltd.	\$ 8,460,083	\$ 913,459	\$ 8,460,083
Banbury Heights School Child Care (Brantford)	Addition	Substantially Complete	Mar 25, 2021	Aug 18, 2025	Grguric Architects Inc.	N/A	Approved.	Yes	TRP Construction	\$ 3,109,266	\$ 2,937,452	\$ 3,109,266
New Paris Elementary School (Paris)	New School	Pre-Design	Jan 27, 2025	Sep 01, 2027	Snyder Architects	In Progress	Not Initiated	No	TBD	\$ 26,518,283	\$ 63,714	\$ 26,518,283

Category	Site	Scope	Cost	Status Update
Accessibility	Echo Place Public School	Gym Lift	\$33,880	100% complete
Accessibility	West Lynn Public School	Accessible Washroom	\$60,964	100% complete
Asbestos Abatement	West Elgin Public School	Asbestos Removal for Renovation	\$133,393	100% complete
Electrical	Cayuga Secondary School	Electrical Branch Panel 2nd Phase	\$63,222	100% complete
Electrical	Delhi District Secondary School	Electrical Service Upgrade	\$108,847	30% complete
Electrical	Delhi Public School	Electrical Service Upgrade	\$185,423	75% complete
Electrical	Dunnville Secondary School	Electrical Branch Panel 2nd Phase	\$129,008	80% complete
Electrical	Hagersville Secondary School	Electrical Branch Panel 2nd Phase	\$53,716	100% complete
Electrical	North Park Collegiate & Vocational School	Electrical Branch Panel 2nd Phase	\$65,867	100% complete
Electrical	Pauline Johnson Collegiate and Vocational School	Electrical Branch Panel 2nd Phase	\$67,739	100% complete
Electrical	Seneca Central Public School	Electrical Service Upgrade	\$156,419	100% complete
Electrical	Teeterville Elementary School	Electrical Service Upgrade	\$140,243	98% complete
HVAC	Bloomsburg Public School	Boiler Replacement (carryover)	\$160,383	100% complete
HVAC	Brantford Collegiate Institute and Vocational School	Geothermal Repair & Upgrade	\$541,249	100% complete
HVAC	Burford District Elementary School	Heating Line Replacement	\$144,816	95% complete
HVAC	Central Brantford Public School	Duct Sealing + New Spacekeeper Unit	\$37,422	100% complete
HVAC	Courtland Public School	Boiler Replacement	\$180,949	100% complete
HVAC	Courtland Public School	ERV Replacement	\$19,609	15% complete
HVAC	Delhi District Secondary School	UV Replacement	\$1,061,092	100% complete
HVAC	Delhi District Secondary School	UV Replacement (Phase 2)	\$809,017	75% complete
HVAC	Delhi Public School	Upgrades	\$217,288	100% complete
HVAC	Dunnville Secondary School	Boiler/Pump Replacement (carryover)	\$395,880	99% complete
HVAC	Dunnville Secondary School	REME Installations/Duct Sealing	\$129,514	100% complete
HVAC	GELA Rawdon	Boiler Replacement	\$123,670	100% complete
HVAC	Grandview Public School	REME Installations/Duct Sealing	\$56,153	100% complete
HVAC	Hagersville Secondary School	AHU Rework	\$101,078	95% complete
HVAC	Hagersville Secondary School	Boiler/Pump/AHU Replacement (carryover)	\$695,892	100% complete
HVAC	Houghton Public School	Boiler Plant Upgrade (carryover)	\$227,946	100% complete
HVAC	James Hillier Public School	Boiler Replacement (carryover)	\$55,484	100% complete
HVAC	McKinnon Park Secondary School	Cooling Tower (Phase 3)	\$220,480	100% complete
HVAC	McKinnon Park Secondary School	Heat Pumps/Fan (Phase 4)	\$695,255	75% complete
HVAC	Paris District High School	Boiler/Pump Replacement (carryover)	\$567,655	100% complete
HVAC	Simcoe Composite School	Boiler Plant Upgrade (carryover)	\$346,486	100% complete
HVAC	Simcoe Composite School	REME Installations/Duct Sealing	\$136,019	100% complete
HVAC	Thompson Creek Elementary School	Boiler Replacement	\$205,324	100% complete
HVAC	Walsh Public School	Boiler Plant Upgrade (carryover)	\$138,437	100% complete
Learning Commons	Brantford Collegiate Institute and Vocational School	Renovation	\$240,450	100% complete
Learning Commons	Cedarland Public School	Renovation	\$272,427	100% complete
Learning Commons	Glen Morris Central Public School	Renovation	\$163,982	100% complete
Learning Commons	Mount Pleasant Public School	Renovation	\$136,560	100% complete
Learning Commons	Onondaga-Brant Public School	Renovation	\$97,446	100% complete
Learning Commons	Walsh Public School	Renovation	\$168,891	100% complete
Masonry	Caledonia Centennial Public School	Repointing/Cladding Repairs	\$1,811,384	100% complete
Masonry	Grandview Public School	Retaining Wall	\$107,803	100% complete
Masonry	Hagersville Secondary School	Chimney Removal	\$43,247	100% complete
Masonry	King George School	Repointing and Block Foundation Repair	\$849,367	100% complete
Masonry	Oneida Central Public School	Repointing and Block Foundation Repair	\$171,912	65% complete
Plumbing	Burford District Elementary School	Septic System Upgrade (carryover)	\$254,875	100% complete
Potable Water Systems	Thompson Creek Elementary School	Main Water Line Replacement	\$64,972	100% complete
Potable Water Systems	Valley Heights Secondary School	Water System Renewal (carryover)	\$114,193	100% complete
Renovations/Additions	Brantford Collegiate Institute and Vocational School	Hospitality Kitchen Renovation	\$372,838	100% complete
Renovations/Additions	Brier Park Public School	Enclosing Open Concept (Final Stage)	\$866,226	90% complete
Renovations/Additions	Delhi District Secondary School	Machine Shop Renovation	\$376,253	100% complete
Renovations/Additions	Dunnville Secondary School	Washroom Addition	\$80,585	100% complete
Renovations/Additions	Houghton Public School	Front entrance / office renovation	\$1,473,602	100% complete

Category	Site	Scope	Cost	Status Update
Renovations/Additions	Mount Pleasant Public School	School Entrance	\$193,573	100% complete
Renovations/Additions	North Park Collegiate & Vocational School	Foods Classroom Renovation	\$757,583	100% complete
Renovations/Additions	Paris District High School	Cafeteria Kitchen Renovation	\$934,688	98% complete
Renovations/Additions	Rainham Central School	Entrance / Office Renovation	\$87,549	100% complete
Renovations/Additions	Waterford District High School	Grade 7/8 Renovation (carryover)	\$385,217	100% complete
Renovations/Additions	West Elgin Public School	Existing Building Renovation	\$260,235	5% complete
Roofing	JL Mitchener Public School	Roofing Section 105	\$158,009	100% complete
Roofing	Lynndale Heights Public School	Roofing Section 101, 201-205, 301 (carryover)	\$162,791	100% complete
Roofing	Paris District High School	Roofing Section 101, 105, 107, 108, 112, 204-206, 208	\$780,697	90% complete
Roofing	River Heights Schools	Roofing Section 106	\$386,774	100% complete
Roofing	St George-German Public School	Roofing Section 101, 102, 103, 105, 201, 202, 204, 205	\$993,040	100% complete
Roofing	Walsh Public School	Roofing All	\$1,410,681	90% complete
Security Systems	Various	Security Panel Upgrades	\$156,808	100% complete
Site-Work	Brantford Collegiate Institute and Vocational School	Storm sewer addition	\$62,512	100% complete
Site-Work	Hagersville Elementary School	Kinderpen	\$59,565	100% complete
Site-Work	Thompson Creek Elementary School	Kinderpen	\$71,512	100% complete
Windows - Doors	Boston Public School	Door Replacement	\$2,860	5% complete
Windows - Doors	Branlyn Public School	Window Replacement	\$164,988	95% complete
Windows - Doors	Burford District Elementary School	Door Replacement	\$43,815	100% complete
Windows - Doors	Cayuga Secondary School	Door Replacement	\$9,952	100% complete
Windows - Doors	Central Brantford Public School	Door Replacement	\$84,106	100% complete
Windows - Doors	Ecole Dufferin	Entry Door Replacement	\$3,269	3% complete
Windows - Doors	GELA Rawdon	Door/Window Replacement	\$52,644	100% complete
Windows - Doors	Grandview Public School	Window Replacement	\$4,597	3% complete
Windows - Doors	Jarvis Public School	Door Replacement	\$2,505	5% complete
Windows - Doors	Joseph Brant Learning Centre	Door/Window Replacement	\$94,988	100% complete
Windows - Doors	King George Public School	Door/Window Replacement	\$79,320	100% complete
Windows - Doors	Major Ballachey Public School	Door Replacement	\$93,008	100% complete
Windows - Doors	McKinnon Park Secondary School	Door Replacement	\$94,447	100% complete
Windows - Doors	North Park Collegiate & Vocational School	Window Replacement - Phase 1	\$54,947	100% complete
Windows - Doors	North Park Collegiate & Vocational School	Window Replacement - Phase 2	\$2,452	3% complete
Windows - Doors	Paris District High School	Door Replacement	\$86,303	100% complete
Windows - Doors	Rainham Central School	Door Replacement	\$87,549	100% complete
Windows - Doors	River Heights Public School	Window Replacement	\$72,067	100% complete
Windows - Doors	Seneca Central Public School	Door Replacement	\$80,725	100% complete
Windows - Doors	Woodman-Cainsville Public School	Door Replacement	\$37,654	100% complete



Grand Erie District School Board

TO: JoAnna Roberto, Ph. D., Director of Education, CEO & Secretary of the Board
FROM: Rafal Wyszynski, Superintendent of Business & Treasurer
RE: **Rural and Northern Education Fund (RNEF) Spending Report**
DATE: November 10, 2025

Background

The Ministry of Education provides an allocation to school boards through its Core Education Funding that is dedicated to further improve educational opportunities for students from rural communities. Funding is allocated to school boards based on the number of rural students and two (2) factors measuring the density of rural student enrolment in the board.

School boards must use the funding for rural education based on local needs and report publicly on how the funding is used, such as:

- Improving programming and support services in rural schools
- Continuing the operation of rural schools; or
- Enhancing student transportation options such as late bus runs and mobile e-learning through tablets or Wi-Fi.

School boards must utilize the funding allocated using a preliminary school list from the Ministry of Education. The list is comprised of schools in which at least half of their students are from rural communities. School boards are required to publicly post details of RNEF expenditures as well as those schools in which RNEF funding was spent. The report that will be posted is attached as Appendix A.

Grand Erie District School Board (Grand Erie) had unspent funds of \$365,800 from 2023-24 and received \$573,358 for the 2024-25 school year. Grand Erie utilized all \$939,158 of the available funds with no deferral into 2025-26. The table below summarizes how Grand Erie utilized this funding for the 2024-25 school year.

Description	Budget	Actual	Variance
To support maintenance and operation costs at Grand Erie's rural schools.	\$839,158	\$855,614	(\$16,456)
Distribution to all schools on Ministry of Education list • Support schools in: ○ Field trips (\$3,705) ○ Investment in Technology (\$11,235) ○ Programming (\$30,277) ○ Improving Support Services (\$891) ○ Transportation (\$37,435)	\$100,000	\$83,544	\$16,456
Total Allocated	\$939,158	\$939,158	\$0

Grand Erie Multi-Year Plan

This report is connected to all priorities: Learning, Well-being, and Belonging.

Respectfully submitted,

Rafal Wyszynski
Superintendent of Business & Treasurer

Appendix A

RNEF Report on Grand Erie Website

RURAL AND NORTHERN EDUCATION FUND (RNEF) SPENDING REPORT

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- \$855,614 was spent on supporting maintenance and operation costs at Grand Erie's rural schools.
- \$83,544 was spent by schools to support programming, transportation, and technology. A detailed list is provided in the tables on page 4 of the report.

RNEF Spending by School

ELEMENTARY		SECONDARY	
Bloomsburg Public School	\$ 2,481	Cayuga Secondary School	\$ 3,050
Boston Public School	\$ 2,219	Delhi District Secondary School	\$ 1,538
Burford District Elementary School	\$ 930	Dunnville Secondary School	\$ 3,547
Caledonia Centennial Public School	\$ 713	Hagersville Secondary School	\$ 3,615
Courtland Public School	\$ 2,417	McKinnon Park Secondary School	\$ 3,167
Delhi Public School	\$ 2,685	Simcoe Composite School	\$ 3,265
Glen Morris Central Public School	\$ 2,050	Valley Heights Secondary School	\$ 3,705
Hagersville Elementary School	\$ 2,586	Waterford District High School	\$ 3,444
Houghton Public School	\$ 2,465		
J.L. Mitchener Public School	\$ 1,791		
Jarvis Public School	\$ 2,548		
Langton Public School	\$ 1,600		
Mapleview Elementary School	\$ 2,712		
Mt. Pleasant School	\$ 2,456		
Oakland-Scotland Public School	\$ 2,401		
Oneida Central Public School	\$ 2,412		
Onondaga-Brant Public School	\$ 2,425		
Port Rowan Public School	\$ 889		
Rainham Central School	\$ 2,492		
River Heights School	\$ 2,241		
Seneca Central Public School	\$ 2,423		
St. George-German Public School	\$ 2,712		
Teeterville, Public School	\$ 2,381		
Thompson Creek Elementary School	\$ 1,974		
Walpole North Elementary School	\$ 2,448		
Walsh Public School	\$ 1,175		
Waterford Public School	\$ 2,586		
TOTAL	\$ 58,213	TOTAL	\$25,331



Grand Erie District School Board

TO: JoAnna Roberto, Ph. D., Director of Education, CEO & Secretary of the Board
FROM: Rafal Wyszynski, Superintendent of Business & Treasurer
RE: **Boundary Review: Blanche E. Williams Public School**
DATE: November 10, 2025

Recommended Motion: Moved by _____ Seconded by _____
THAT the amended school boundaries for Agnes G. Hodge Public School, Edith Monture Elementary School, Walter Gretzky Elementary School, and the new school boundary for Blanche E. Williams Public School, as outlined in Figure 1, effective September 1, 2026 be forwarded to the November 24, 2025 Regular Board meeting for approval.

Background

In 2020, Grand Erie received Ministry of Education approval and funding for a new 650 pupil place elementary school north of Shellard Lane as part of the 2020 Capital Priorities Program. It is anticipated that this facility will open for September 2026. The new school facility requires an attendance area boundary to be established via a boundary review process.

Prior to the approval of the new facility, residential development in the area was placing enrolment pressure on nearby Walter Gretzky Elementary School. As development in West Brantford advanced, it became necessary to accommodate area students at other nearby schools which acted as holding schools until the new facility opened. Currently, area students are accommodated at Agnes G. Hodge Public School, Bellview Public School, Edith Monture Elementary School, and Walter Gretzky Elementary School.

On May 26, 2025, the Board of Trustees approved the commencement of a boundary review to establish a school boundary for the new Blanche E. Williams Public School. This review would also include Agnes G. Hodge Public School, Bellview Public School, Edith Monture Elementary School, and Walter Gretzky Elementary School.

Process

Following the approval of this boundary review, and in accordance with the steps outlined in [Boundary Reviews Policy \(FA-08\)](#), a Boundary Review Working Committee was struck. The Boundary Review Working Committee met between September 2025 and October 2025 to review options and gather community feedback. A full list of meetings, agendas, presentations, and minutes from these meetings can be found on the Boundary Review website at:

<https://granderie.ca/board/departments/planning/west-brantford>

Feedback received at the boundary review meetings was positive. Supports will be put in place to ensure the facilitation of smooth transitions for students and their families.

Recommendation

As of September 2026, the new Blanche E. Williams Public School will offer Kindergarten to Grade 8 to families living in the area described in **Fig. 1**.

The new elementary boundary includes most of the existing holding area boundary except for two (2) small portions being directed to Agnes G. Hodge Public School and Walter Gretzky Elementary School. As a result of the new boundary, students living in the future Blanche E. Williams Public School boundary would be transferred from Agnes G. Hodge Public School, Bellview Public School, Edith Monture Elementary School, as well as Walter Gretzky Elementary School to the new Blanche E. Williams Public School. To ease the transition for students and families, a legacy option is proposed for students who will be in Grade 8 in the 2026-27 school year living within the new boundary. These students would have the option of remaining at their current school for the 2026-27 school year or attend the new Blanche E. Williams Public School. Students choosing the legacy option will be provided transportation should they meet the transportation eligibility criteria.

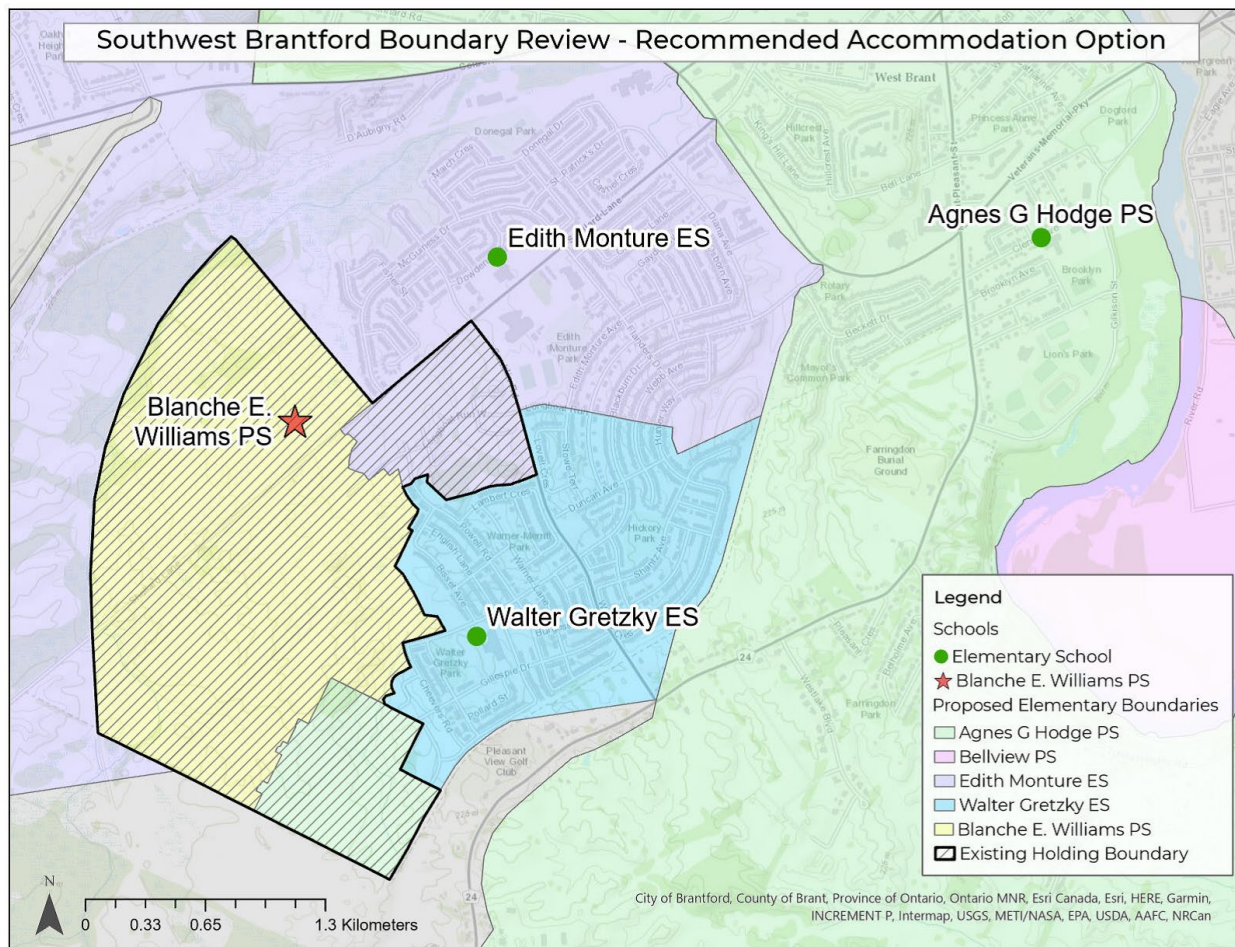


Fig. 1 – Proposed boundaries: Southwest Brantford Boundary Review

School	Capacity	Current Portables	Enrolment						
			2025	2026	2028	2030	2032	2034	2036
Agnes G. Hodge Public School	492	12	736	418	420	418	440	451	479
Bellview Public School	308	3	363	278	298	309	324	336	330
Edith Monture Elementary School	616	8	817	692	721	739	750	765	745
Walter Gretzky Elementary	498	9	717	637	631	601	594	590	576
Blanche E. Williams Public School	650	-	0	625	664	722	752	795	799
Total	2564	32	2633	2650	2734	2789	2860	2937	2929

School	Capacity	Current Portables	Capacity Utilization						
			2025	2026	2028	2030	2032	2034	2036
Agnes G. Hodge Public School	492	12	150%	85%	85%	85%	89%	92%	97%
Bellview Public School	308	3	118%	90%	97%	100%	105%	109%	107%
Edith Monture Elementary School	616	8	133%	112%	117%	120%	122%	124%	121%
Walter Gretzky Elementary	498	9	144%	128%	127%	121%	119%	118%	116%
Blanche E. Williams Public School	650	-	0%	96%	102%	111%	116%	122%	123%
Total	2564	32	138%	103%	107%	109%	112%	115%	114%

Table 1 – Projected enrolments and utilizations for proposed boundaries.

The proposed boundaries will see a significant reduction in the number of students transported by bus and related costs. Approximately 350 previously transported students will be within walking distance to Edith Monture Elementary School and the new Blanche E. Williams Public School.

Temporary accommodation needs (portables) will also be reduced. It is anticipated that all of the current portables at Agnes G. Hodge and Bellview Public Schools (12 and 3 respectively) will no longer be needed based on projected school capacity utilization (**See Table 1**).

Next Steps

Pursuant to the steps outlined in Boundary Reviews Policy ([FA-08](#)), based on Boundary Review Working Committee consultation, the recommendation establishes the amended school boundaries for Agnes G. Hodge Public School, Edith Monture Elementary School, Walter Gretzky Elementary School, and the new Blanche E. Williams Public School.

Grand Erie Multi-Year Plan

This report is connected to all priorities: Learning, Well-being, and Belonging.

Respectfully submitted,

Rafal Wyszynski
Superintendent of Business & Treasurer



Grand Erie District School Board

TO: JoAnna Roberto, Ph. D., Director of Education, CEO & Secretary of the Board
FROM: Rafal Wyszynski, Superintendent of Business & Treasurer
RE: **Facility Renewal Plan 2025-26**
DATE: November 10, 2025

Background

Facility Services maintains a building condition inventory that identifies building components that need repair or replacement. Facility Services reviews and prioritizes these needs as well as any priorities identified in the Multi-Year Strategic Plan. This report will summarize the capital components that will be addressed throughout the 2025-26 school year.

Renewal Plans for 2025-26

The following plan for capital related work has been developed by Facility Services to address high and urgent renewal needs and other commitments. The 2025-26 capital plans for the board have been summarized in **Table 1** below. Proposed 2025-26 Projects are funded by the School Renewal Allocation (SRA), the School Condition Improvement (SCI) and Accessibility allocations.

Table 1

2025-26 Capital Projects

Capital Project Category	2025-26	Funding Source		
		School Renewal Allocation	School Condition Improvement	Accessibility
Funding Available				
2025-26 Grants	\$ 24,358,901	\$ 6,032,936	\$ 14,150,017	\$ 4,175,948
Total Available	\$ 24,358,901	\$ 6,032,936	\$ 14,150,017	\$ 4,175,948
Planned Projects				
Principal Building and Grounds	\$ 135,000	\$ 135,000	\$ -	\$ -
Learning Commons Fund	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ 500,000	\$ -
Capital Projects Identified by Facilities	\$ 16,645,854	\$ 2,995,837	\$ 13,650,017	\$ -
Accessibility Upgrades	\$ 4,275,948	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 4,175,948
Committed Capital and Other	\$ 2,802,099	\$ 2,802,099	\$ -	\$ -
Total Allocated	\$ 24,358,901	\$ 6,032,936	\$ 14,150,017	\$ 4,175,948
Total Unallocated		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Learning Commons Fund

Grand Erie District School Board (Grand Erie) allocates funding from its School Condition Improvement funding to convert existing libraries into modernized learning commons spaces. The recommendation is to allocate \$500,000 for learning commons projects for 2025-26.

Not all the components required to complete the learning commons conversion qualify as capital expenditures, schools will need to augment the project with school budget funds (or other funding sources) to purchase durable goods such as furniture and equipment. Currently,

schools have submitted proposals based on capital requirements, design, and availability of supporting funding. Grand Erie has allocated \$25,000 in its 2025-26 operating budget to support schools with non-capital expenditures.

As of August 31, 2025, 67 elementary and secondary libraries have a Learning Commons space. There are three (3) elementary and two (2) secondary conversions slated for construction for 2025-26. After the 2025-26 construction cycle, it is anticipated that all elementary and secondary schools will have a modernized learning commons space.

Capital Projects Identified by Facilities

Proposed building renewal projects address renewal needs in these major categories:

- Major building components that are identified for replacement by the facility condition database and during annual facility audits. These components ensure that the learning environment is warm, dry, has appropriate lighting and comfortable for staff and students. Examples are roofing, windows and doors, ventilation, masonry, and electrical systems.
- Life Safety, Intercom, Building Automation and Security Systems are critical to keeping our buildings safe for occupants. Because failure of these systems would likely result in the closure of a building, they are tested and monitored on a regular basis and when appropriate, identified for upgrade or replacement.
- Accessibility Upgrades are considered any time a renovation or addition is made to a building as well as occupant requirements. An accessibility study has been completed, and projects are being identified in areas where accessibility investments would result in significant benefits to the system.

Projects recommended for approval are set out in Appendix A.

Committed Capital and Other

These commitments represent repayment of debt incurred in prior years for capital related projects.

Grand Erie Multi-Year Plan

This report is connected to all priorities: Learning, Well-Being and Belonging.

Respectfully submitted,

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Appendix A

Grand Erie District School Board - 2025-26 Capital Projects					
Project Category	Project Type	Projected Cost	Funding Source		
			Renewal	School Condition Improvement	Accessibility
Accessibility Upgrades	Accessibility Upgrades	\$ 4,275,948	100,000	-	4,175,948
Capital Projects Identified by Facilities	Asbestos Removal	\$ 300,000	-	300,000	-
Capital Projects Identified by Facilities	Electrical	\$ 925,000	-	925,000	-
Capital Projects Identified by Facilities	HVAC	\$ 2,100,000	-	2,100,000	-
Capital Projects Identified by Facilities	BAS & Energy Projects	\$ 100,000	100,000	-	-
Capital Projects Identified by Facilities	Masonry & Foundation	\$ 1,811,510	-	1,811,510	-
Capital Projects Identified by Facilities	Paving	\$ 70,000	-	70,000	-
Capital Projects Identified by Facilities	Potable Water Systems	\$ 100,000	-	100,000	-
Capital Projects Identified by Facilities	Beautifications/Renovations	\$ 8,942,844	2,895,837	6,047,007	-
Capital Projects Identified by Facilities	Roofing	\$ 1,230,000	-	1,230,000	-
Capital Projects Identified by Facilities	Security Systems	\$ 241,500	-	241,500	-
Capital Projects Identified by Facilities	Site Work	\$ 435,000	-	435,000	-
Capital Projects Identified by Facilities	Windows & Doors	\$ 390,000	-	390,000	-
Committed Capital and Other	Debt Repayment	\$ 2,548,499	2,548,499	-	-
Committed Capital and Other	Project Management	\$ 253,600	253,600	-	-
Learning Commons Fund	Learning Commons Fund	\$ 500,000	-	500,000	-
Principal Building and Grounds	Principal Building and Grounds	\$ 135,000	135,000	-	-
Grand Total		\$ 24,358,901	\$ 6,032,936	\$ 14,150,017	\$ 4,175,948