

Transition Public Meeting

*West Hamilton City
Bennetto French Immersion*

February 27, 2018

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1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Background
3. Transition Activities to Support Students
4. Question and Answer
5. Facilitated Group Feedback

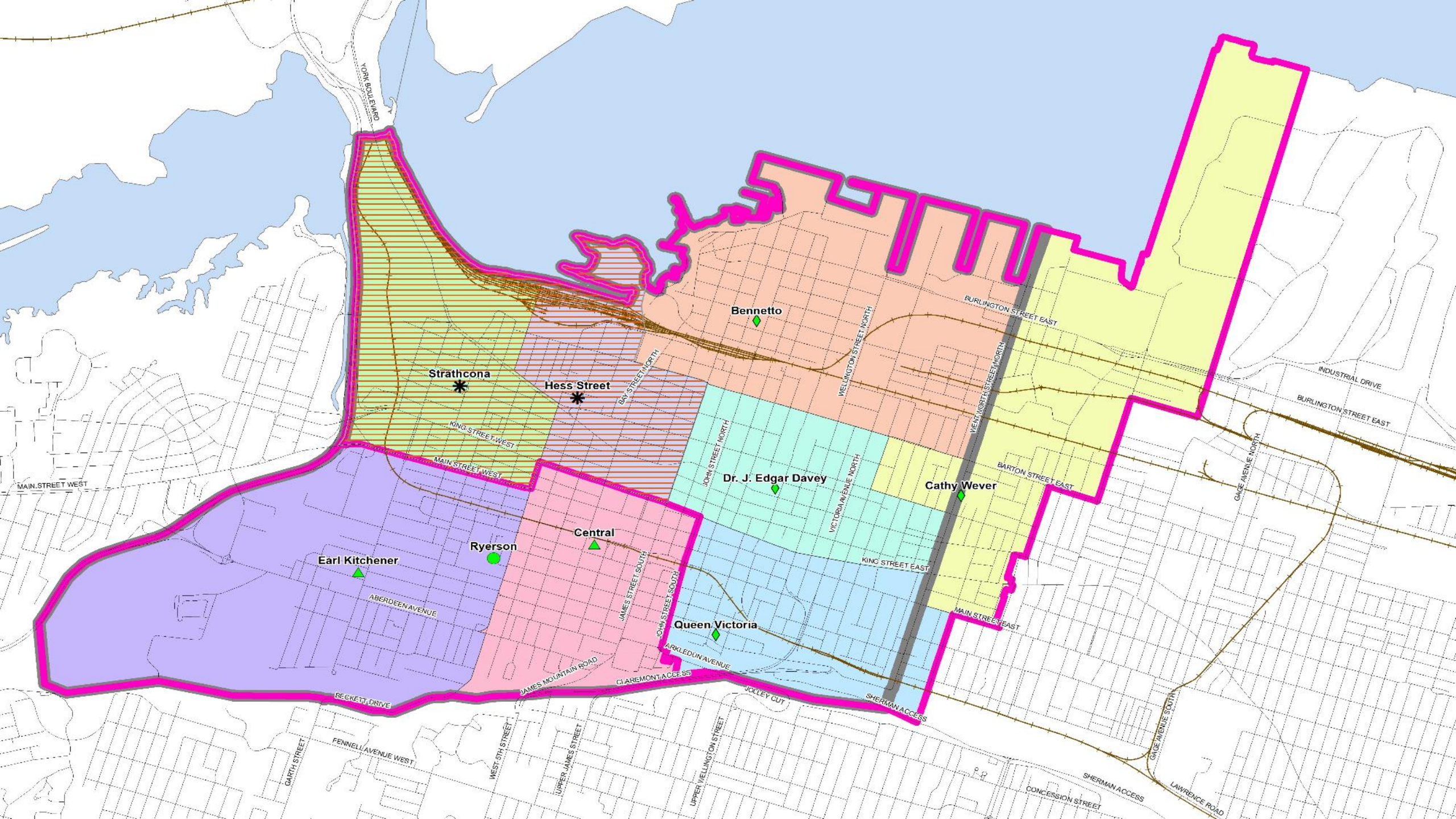
The Transition Committee will be familiar with and consider:

- French Immersion boundaries for the new program;
- Timelines and enrollment projections;
- Transition activities for students as they prepare to change schools and/or enter a new French Immersion program;
- Transportation information and potential issues;
- Accommodation and program issues providing any recommendations do not exceed the overall funding available to the school or contravene City, Board and/or Ministry requirements.

- Bennetto principal
- Bennetto teacher rep
- Bennetto School Council rep
- Bennetto student rep
- Principal of each affected elementary school
- Parent representative from each affected elementary school.
- French as a Second Language Advisory Committee Chair
- French as a Second Language 1-12 Consultant
- Trustees: Christine Bingham, Larry Pattison

West Hamilton City Pupil Accommodation Review Board
Motion June 2017:

- That Bennetto introduces a French Immersion program (grade 1-8) in September 2018, commencing with grades 1-3. New French Immersion boundaries identified in the map titled Map #1-Revised.



YORK BOULEVARD

Strathcona *

Hess Street *

Bennetto

Dr. J. Edgar Davey

Cathy Wever

Earl Kitchener

Ryerson

Central

Queen Victoria

MAIN STREET WEST

KING STREET WEST

MAIN STREET WEST

ABERDEEN AVENUE

BECKETT DRIVE

GARTH STREET

FENNELL AVENUE WEST

WEST 5TH STREET

UPPER JAMES STREET

CLAREMONT ACCESS

UPPER WELINGTON STREET

JOLLEY CUT

CONCESSION STREET

SHERMAN ACCESS

LAWRENCE ROAD

5th STREET NORTH

JOHN STREET NORTH

WELINGTON STREET NORTH

VICTORIA AVENUE NORTH

BURLINGTON STREET EAST

BARTON STREET EAST

KING STREET EAST

MAIN STREET EAST

GAGE AVENUE NORTH

INDUSTRIAL DRIVE

BURLINGTON STREET EAST

GAGE AVENUE SOUTH

SHERMAN ACCESS

Schools Affected:

A.M. Cunningham

Bennetto

Cathy Wever

Central

Dr. Davey

Earl Kitchener

Hess Street

Queen Victoria

Ryerson

Strathcona

Guiding Principles

- Engaging program
- Balanced and healthy enrolment in both FI and Regular Track programs
- Reduced reliance on portable classrooms
- Preferred K-8 model for elementary schools*
- Equity of access, opportunity and distribution of programs

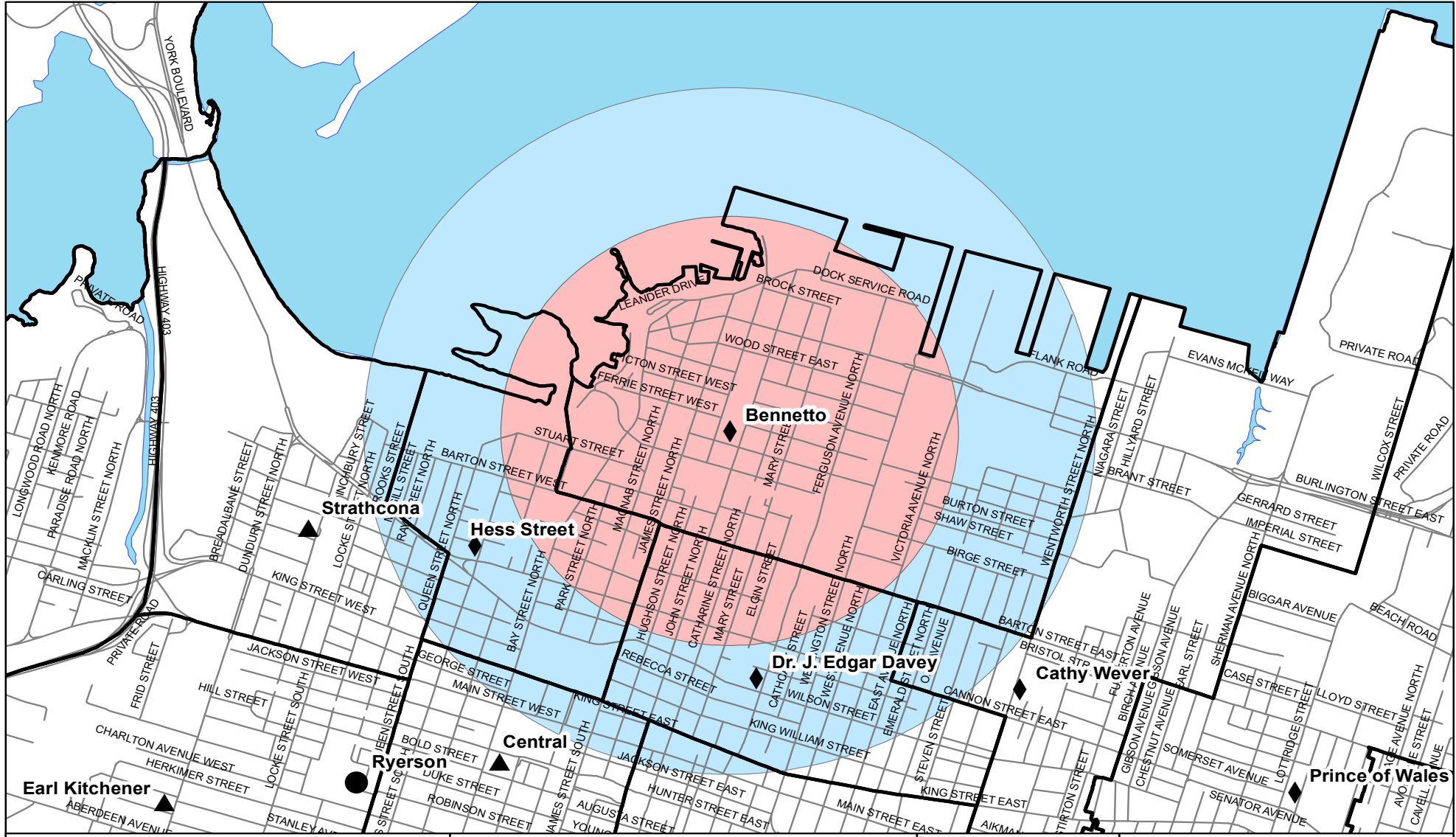
*While having fewer and more effective transitions for students in elementary schools is our goal, HWDSB facilities restrict our ability to implement the preferred K-8 model in all schools.

	OTG	Program	2016	2017	2018	2022	2026
Bennetto JK-8	744	Eng (JK-8,SPED)	492	493	474	390	351
		FI (1-8)	0	0	64	155	189
		Total	492	493	537	545	540
		Utilization	66%	66%	72%	73%	73%
Earl Kitchener JK-5	548	Eng (JK-5)	198	195	195	202	203
		FI (1-5)	366	372	320	313	313
		Total	564	567	515	516	515
		Utilization	103%	103%	94%	94%	94%
Ryerson 6-8	343	Eng (6-8, SPED)	206	226	197	163	167
		FI (6-8)	161	173	179	163	167
		POC (6-8)	43	25	25	21	21
		Total	410	424	401	347	355
		Utilization	120%	124%	117%	101%	103%

- New French Immersion location at Bennetto (grades 1-8)
- Current FI grade ones & twos in new Bennetto FI boundary will attend Bennetto for FI grades 2 & 3 in September 2018
- New FI grade 1 entry are assigned to new FI boundaries each year, starting in 2018.
- Program will grow by a grade each subsequent year. Grade 8 projected by 2023.

- Students with older siblings in FI at Earl Kitchener or AM Cunningham living in new Bennetto FI boundary may stay until grade 5. After grade 5, they transition to Bennetto for grade 6 unless they have an older sibling in FI at Ryerson, Glen Brae (or eventually WH Ballard)
- Grade 1's entering FI may attend Earl Kitchener or AM Cunningham if they have an older sibling enrolled in FI at the school.

HWDSB Walking Distance Map Bennetto



▲	Jr Elementary School	□	Elementary Boundary
◆	Elementary School	■	JK/SK Walking Distance - 1 km
●	Middle School	■	Gr. 1-8 Walking Distance - 1.6 km

0 0.4 0.8 1.6 km

Note: Walking Distances shown are approximate. To determine exact eligibility for bussing, please contact Hamilton-Wentworth Student Transportation Services (HWSTS).



Planning & Accommodation

Hamilton- Wentworth District School Board
Planning and Accommodation 2017

- Eligible students in the new Bennetto FI boundary will receive transportation according to the Transportation Policy and Procedure.
- If families choose to keep younger students at Earl Kitchener, AM Cunningham, Ryerson or Glen Brae with the older sibling, no transportation will be provided for the younger sibling.
- Courtesy transportation *may* be available according to our Transportation Policy and Procedure.

- Personalized communication with families
- Preparation for Bennetto staff to welcome a new program and create English/French environment.
- Activities for current students in grades one and two as they move to Bennetto

Question and Answer

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Table Groups have one or two facilitators.

Questions to Consider:

- 1) What additional questions do you have about the French Immersion Transition to Bennetto?
- 2) Is there anything we should consider that we have not already considered to support students in the transition?

- Compile public feedback
- Share feedback at final Transition Advisory Committee Meeting:
 - Tuesday, April 10, 6:00 p.m. at Bennetto.
- Final update for Transition Advisory Committee