

New North Transition Committee

Tuesday, March 27th, 2018 Delta Secondary School





A Reminder...

Guiding Principles of Cultural Proficiency

- Culture is a predominant force in the lives of people and organizations
- People are served in varying degrees by the dominant culture
- People have both group identities and individual identities
- Diversity within cultures is vast and significant
- Each cultural group has unique cultural needs

The experiences of our Newcomers are not the same.

Every family has had their own experiences and will adjust to life in Canada in their own way.

HWDSB

"English language learners (ELLs) are students in provincially funded English language schools whose first language is a language other than English, or is a variety of English that is significantly different from the variety used for instruction in Ontario's schools, and who may require focused educational supports to assist them in attaining proficiency in English.

These students may be Canadian born or recently arrived from other countries. They come from diverse backgrounds and school experiences, and have a wide variety of strengths and needs.

http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/document/esleldprograms/esleldprograms.pdf

Who are the learners?

There are typically two distinct profiles of English Language Learners:

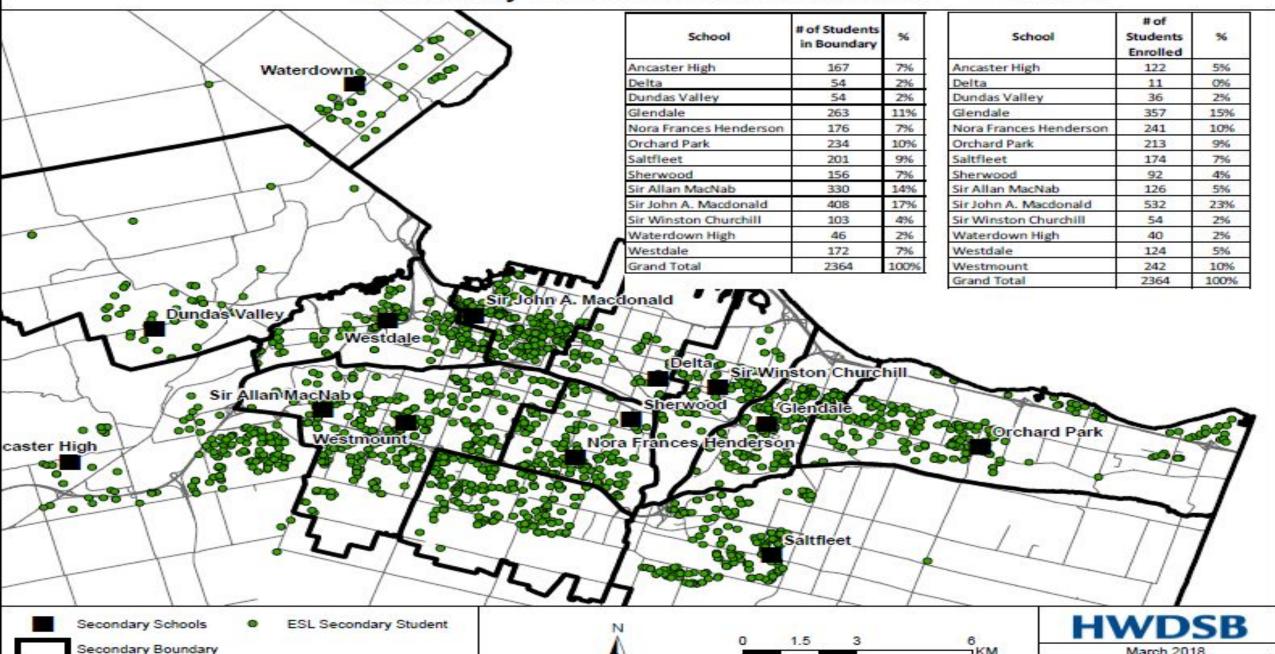
- Students from Grades 1-12 who need English as a Second Language (ESL) programming because they have age appropriate literacy in the first language and age appropriate schooling in their first language;
- Students from Grades 4 to 12 who need English Literacy Development (ELD) programming because they do not have age appropriate first language literacy and have limited prior school experience.

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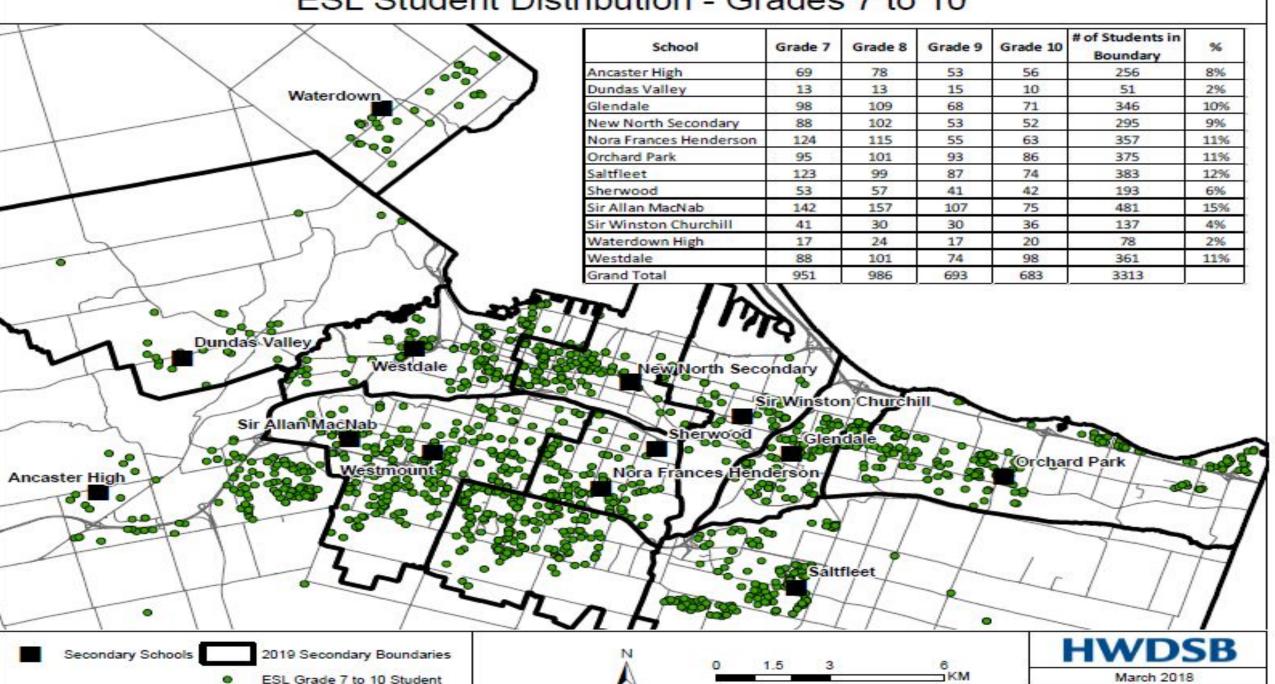


Secondary ESL Student Distribution - Oct 2017

March 2018
Planning and Accommodation



ESL Student Distribution - Grades 7 to 10

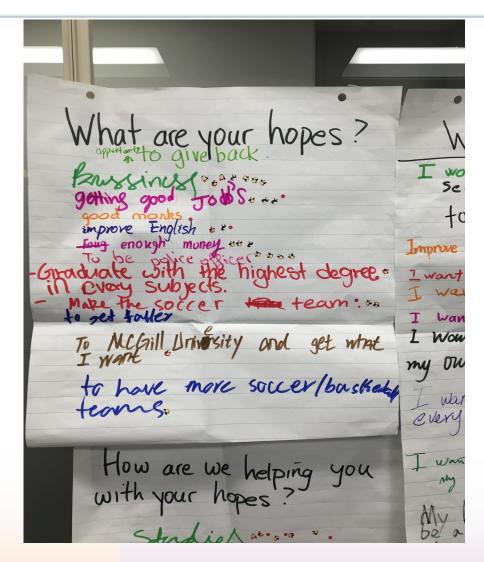




Effective Conditions for ELLs

Effective school conditions for ELLs include:

- High expectations for success and high quality instruction
- Access to all pathways
- Opportunities for student and parent voice to be heard and acted upon
- A school culture of inclusion and celebration of diversity
- Access to first languages as a resource for learning
- Learning materials that reflect differing perspectives, cultures, and that students can see themselves in
- Access to community supports





How do we support ELLs?

Academic Support

- Credit granting ESL and ELD classes to support English acquisition (three can substitute for English credits towards graduation)
- Specialized ALPHA programming for students with significant gaps in their education
- Focusing on inclusion

Well-being Support

- Partner with settlement service providers (i.e. YMCA SWIS and Wesley Urban Ministries) to support settlement and some well-being needs
- Partner with Thrive to access in-depth mental health support



How are we preparing 2019-20?

Work towards 2019-20 has begun:

- ALPHA programming is now available at Nora Frances Henderson
- Professional learning regarding ESL/ELD is being provided for non-ESL Teachers
- Improved digital tools for tracking and monitoring ELL progress have been implemented