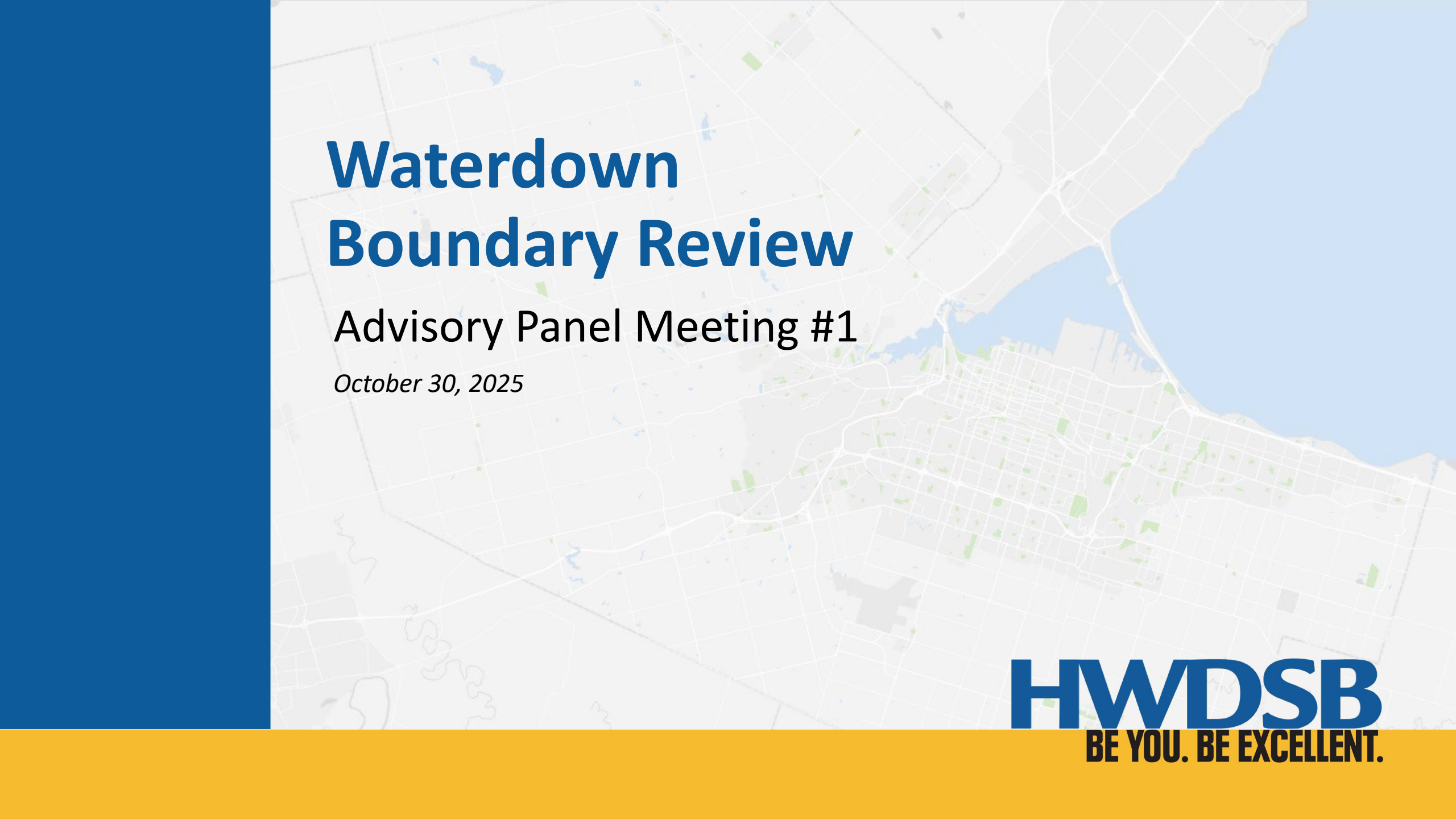


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Waterdown Boundary Review

Advisory Panel Meeting #1

October 30, 2025

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The Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board acknowledges our presence on ancestral Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Confederacy land as determined by the Dish with One Spoon treaty.

The intent of this agreement is for all nations sharing this territory to do so responsibly, respectfully and sustainably in perpetuity.

We respect the longstanding relationships with the local Indigenous communities, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the Six Nations of the Grand River.

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Agenda

Part 1

- Welcome and Introductions
- Housekeeping Items
- Boundary Review Process and Timeline
- Communication Update

Part 2

- School Information Review
- Evaluation Criteria Matrix
- Presentation of Option(s)

PART 1

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Welcome and Introductions

Advisory Panel Resource Team

- Graeme Noble- *Trustee, Ward 15*
- Nicole Lee- *Superintendent of Equity and Student Achievement*
- Matthew Gerard- *Associate Director of Business Services & Treasurer of the Board*
- David Anderson- *Senior Manager, Facility Services*
- Ellen Warling- *Manager, Accommodation, Planning & Rentals*
- Allison Reynolds- *Manager, Corporate Communications*
- Sally Landon- *Manager, Research and Analytics*
- Lisa Kiriakopoulos- *Manager, Parent Engagement & Early Years*
- Lorraine Valmadrid- *Research Officer*
- Carly Holmstead- *Public Relations Officer*
- Nicole Thibeault- *Senior Planner*
- Colleen Uhler- *Principal, Allan A. Greenleaf*
- Marianne Lancaster- *Vice Principal, Allan A. Greenleaf*
- Christopher Blunsdon- *Principal, Guy B. Brown*
- Laura Kelly- *Vice Principal, Guy B. Brown*
- Maggie Thomson- *Principal, Mary Hopkins*
- Paula Thomas- *Vice Principal, Mary Hopkins*
- Nancy Kucic- *Principal, Flamborough Centre*
- Anna Ricci- *Principal, Balaclava*

Welcome and Introductions

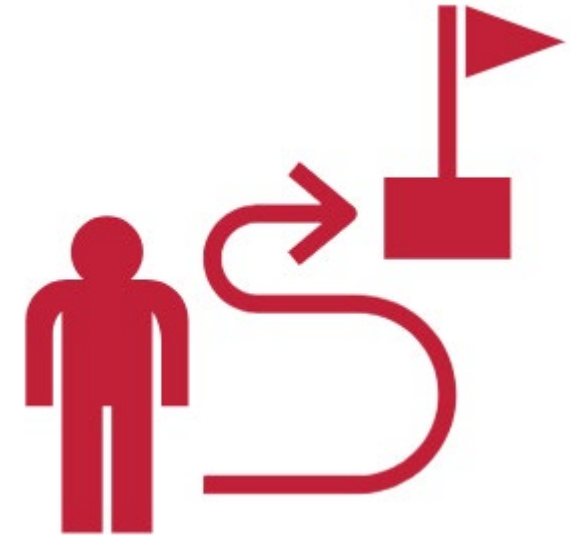
Roundtable Introduction

- Share your name and the school you represent
- Share something you believe the Committee ought to know about your school and / or community
- Share one opportunity and one challenge you foresee with this process



Housekeeping Items

- Advisory Panel Mandate
 - Provide feedback and advice, through the process of discussions and inquiries about HWDSB recommendations and/or information.
- Today's Goals
 - Understanding of the process
 - Roles and responsibilities of members
 - Review key dates and methods of communication
 - Understanding how to read options & materials
 - Understanding of the options to review
 - Preparation for the next meeting



Housekeeping Items Continued

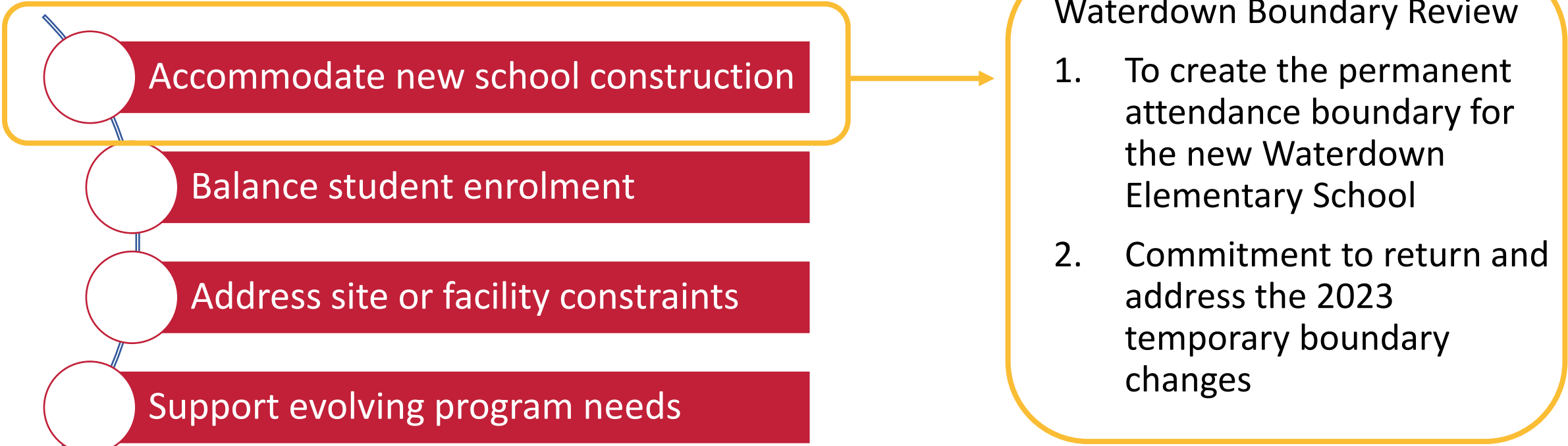
Meeting Etiquette

- Respect the consensus decision-making model
- Recognize individual views and beliefs
- Balance advocacy for a position while understanding another point of view
- Communicate ideas positively - be hard on the issue but soft on the people
- Trust the intentions and integrity of others
- Build a safe and inclusive “risk-free” environment
- No recording is permitted, minutes and slides will be shared following the meeting



Boundary Review Process

Boundary modifications should be considered to:



Accommodate new school construction

Balance student enrolment

Address site or facility constraints

Support evolving program needs

Waterdown Boundary Review

1. To create the permanent attendance boundary for the new Waterdown Elementary School
2. Commitment to return and address the 2023 temporary boundary changes

Timeline



Communication

- Initial communication shared with school communities on September 9, 2025. Engage website available for community at same time.
- Second communication October 14, 2025 with key dates, links and invitation to the public meeting.
- Communication methodology
 - School messenger
 - Posted on school website
 - Posted on Engage website
- Translation
 - Translation services available online



Communication

Community members can provide feedback online by visiting <https://www.engagehwdsb.ca/waterdown>



- Review all presentations, minutes and boundary review documents
- Provide public comments on maps
- Contact board directly through private messages



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Questions



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PART 2

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Review of School Information



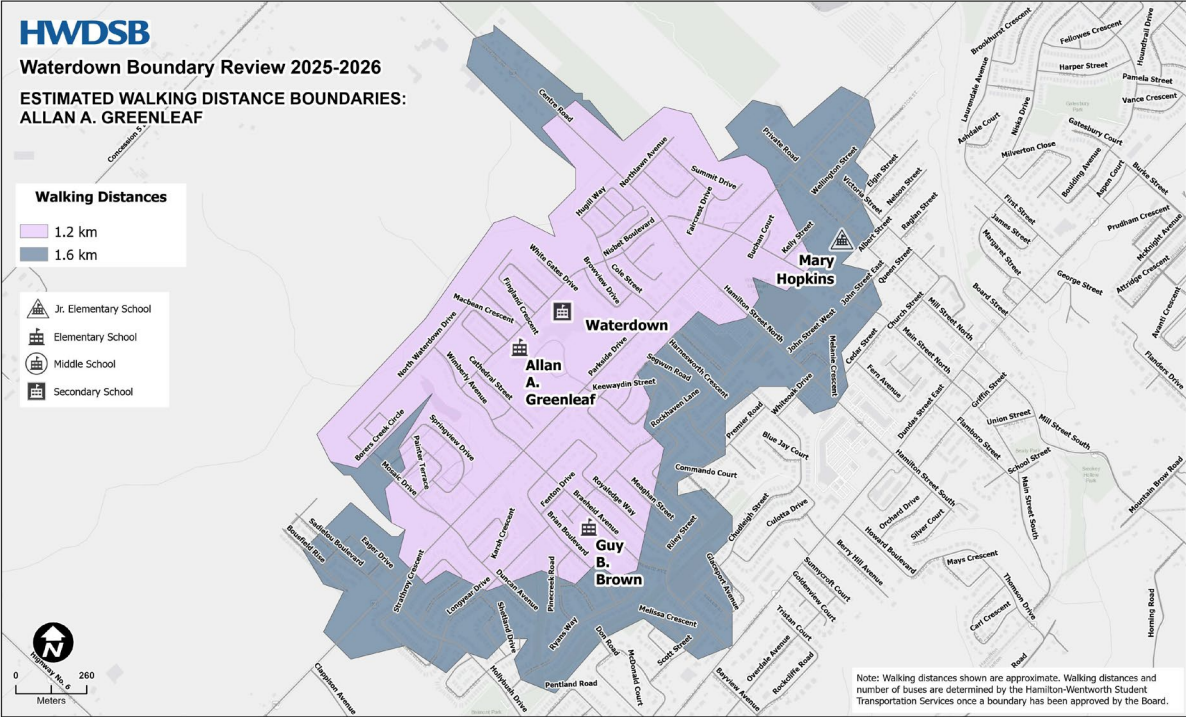
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Guy B. Brown Elementary School

Address:	55 Braeheid Avenue	Bell Time:	8:35 AM - 2:55 PM
City:	Waterdown	Postal Code:	L8B 0C5
Year Built:	2011	OTG*:	632
Site Size:	5.00 Acres	Portable Count:	5
Building sq ft:	65783.57	Portable Capacity:	115 pupils
Site Portable Capacity**:	8	Total Capacity:	747 pupils
Available Programs:	English, French Immersion		
Grade Configuration:	JK - 8	French Immersion:	Gr. 1-8

Before and After Care Program Provider: Waterdown Children's Centre

Building/Amenity Partners: Guy Brown Park



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Boundary Review Study Area 2025



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Review of School Information Continued



- New building Capacity- 504
- 4 FDK Classrooms
- 18 Classrooms

Child Care

Birth to 3.8 Program

- 5 rooms- 1 Infant, 2 Toddler, 2 Preschool
- Operator selection through procurement process- planned for 2026-2027 school year

Before and After School Program

- Same operator as the Birth to 3.8 program
- HWDSB and operator to project program size
- Apply for service once operator is selected

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Key Considerations for Boundary Options

Balance of Overall Enrolment

Optimal utilization of 90%-115% and balanced programs.

Temporary Accommodation

Maximize students accommodated in permanent capacity, do not exceed maximum portables on site.

Geographical Area and Barriers

Create geographically contiguous boundaries that consider physical barriers. Create stable long-term boundaries.

Transportation

Maximize safe walkability to schools and cost-effective transportation routes.

Student Experience

Minimize transition for students where possible, strive for K- 8 schools.

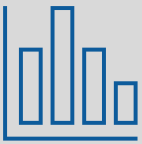
Other

Additional criteria based on review area, such as specific facility limitations (septic, well water, site size etc.).

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Evaluation Criteria Matrix- Draft

Required



School enrolment does not exceed maximum accommodation capacity



Balance English and French Program enrolments



Reliance on temporary accommodation is balanced and feasible

Considered



Limit the number of school moves -
Strive to keep families together



Geographically contiguous boundaries, increase walkability and limit bus times



Availability of Before and After School Child Care

What questions do you have about the matrix? Are we missing anything?

Evaluation Criteria Matrix- Status Quo Activity

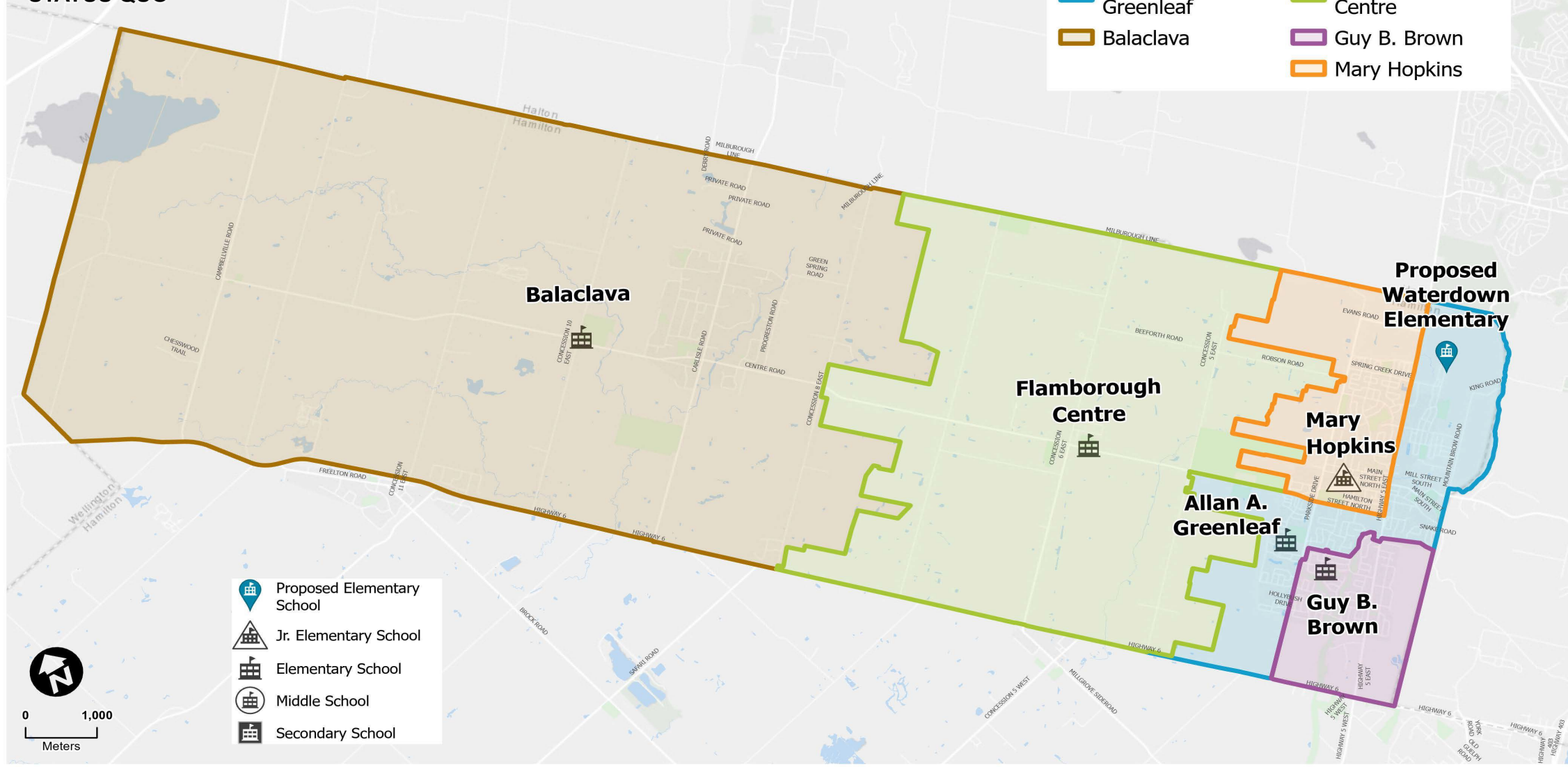
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Waterdown Boundary Review- Status Quo

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Waterdown Boundary Review 2025-2026
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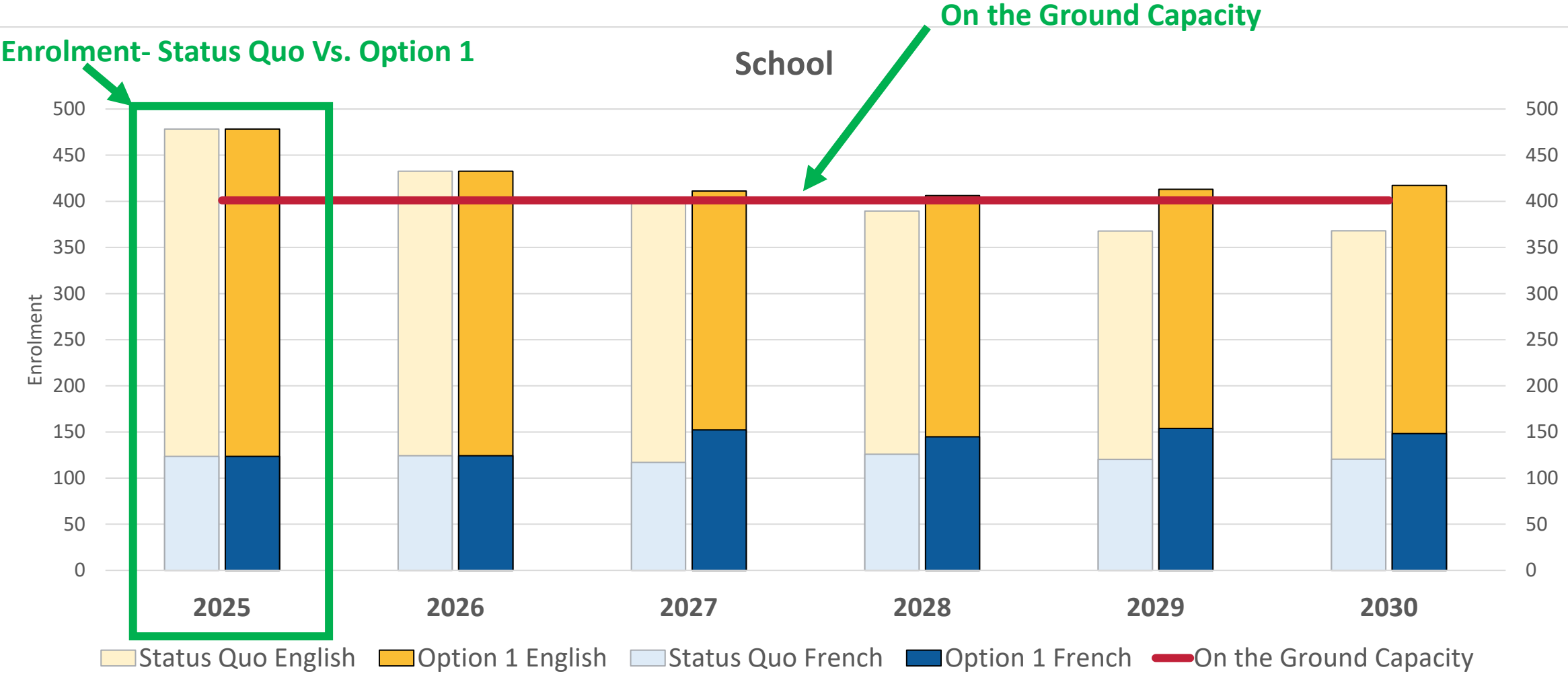


School Boundaries

Allan A. Greenleaf	Flamborough Centre
Balaclava	Guy B. Brown
	Mary Hopkins

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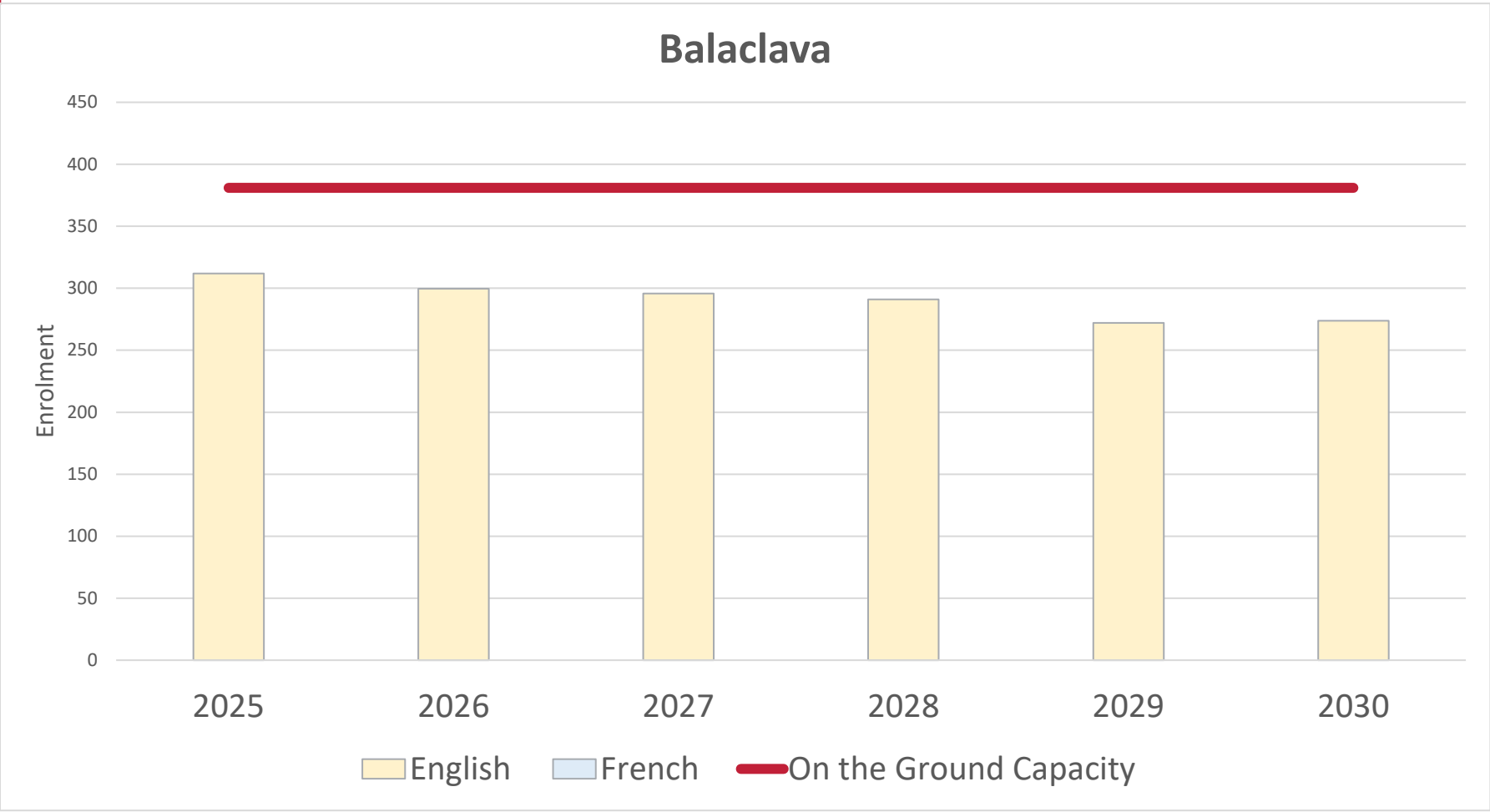
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Waterdown Boundary Review- Status Quo

Balaclava



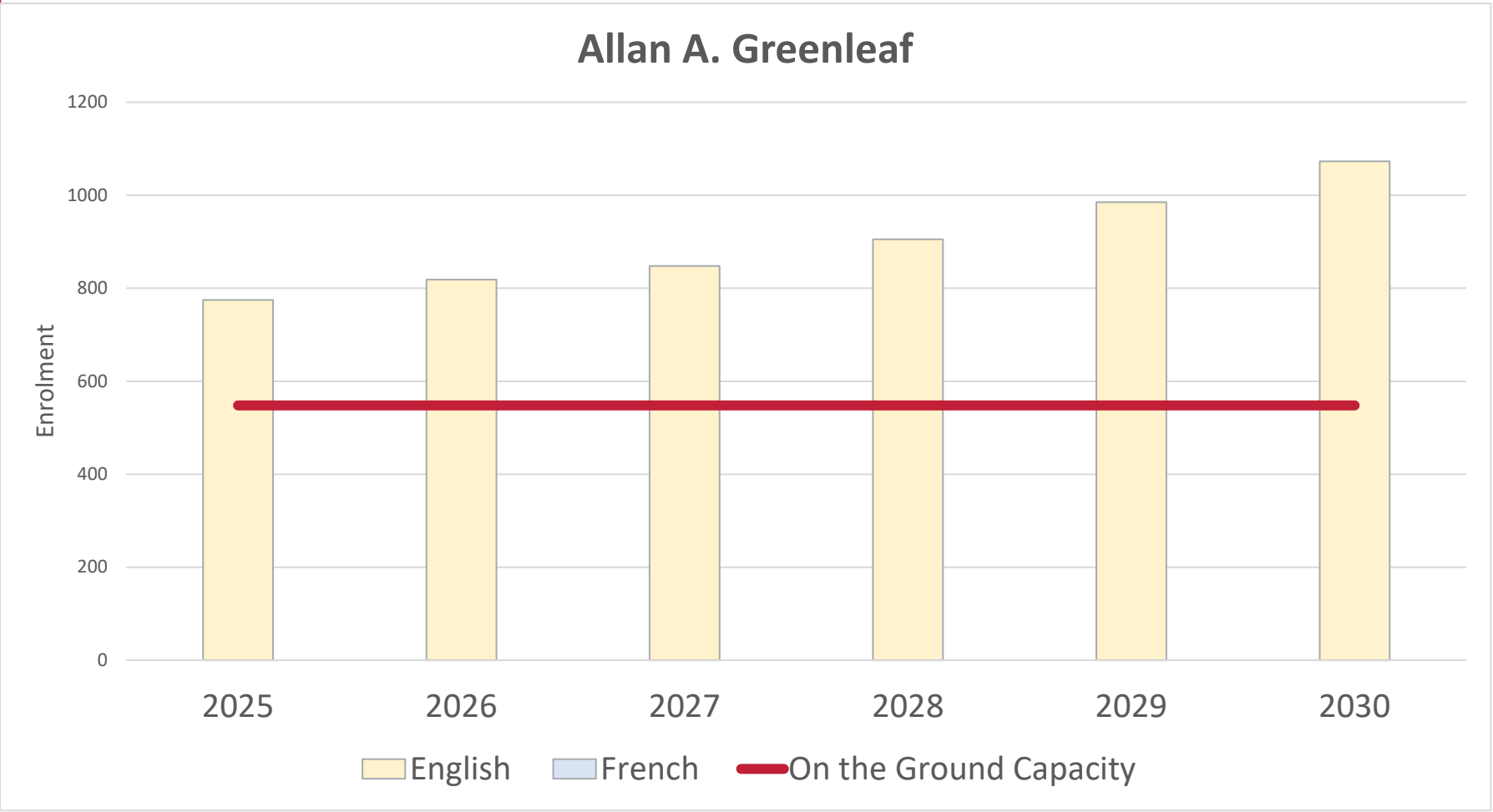
- 2023-2024 Changes:
- No changes to boundary
 - FDK out of boundary requests from Flamborough Centre were granted transportation



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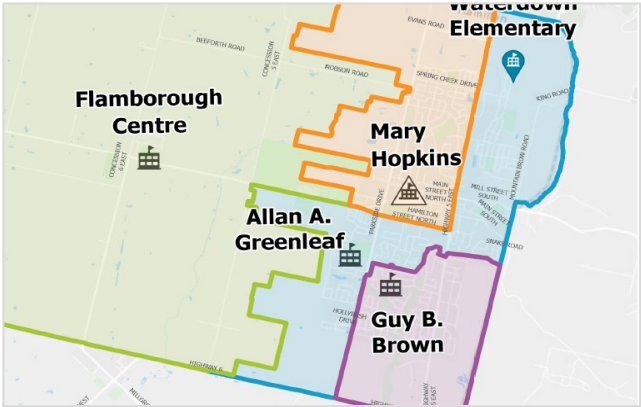
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Allan A. Greenleaf



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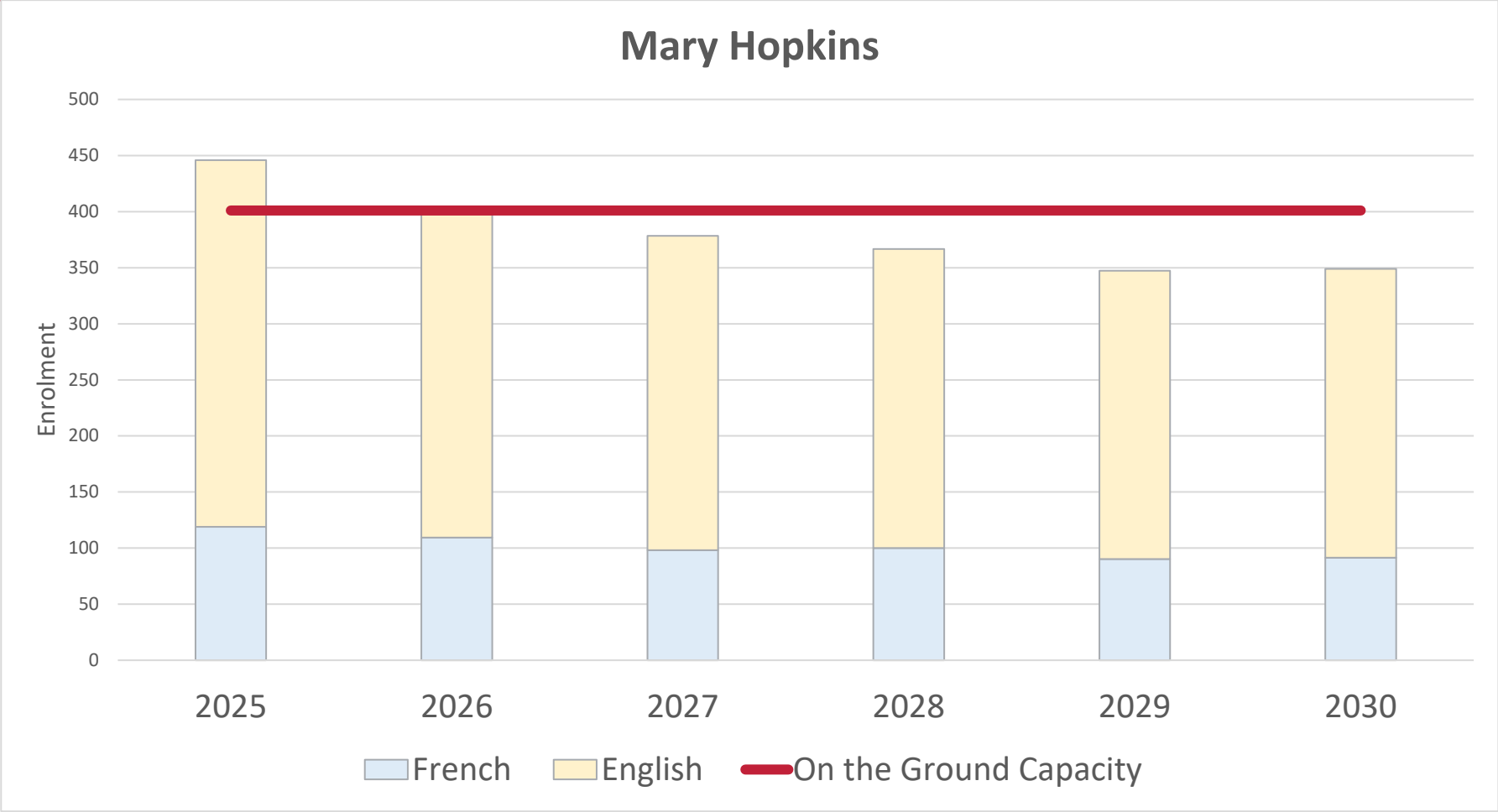
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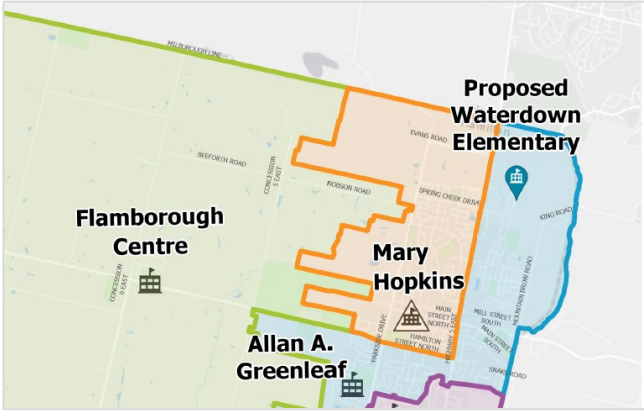
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Mary Hopkins



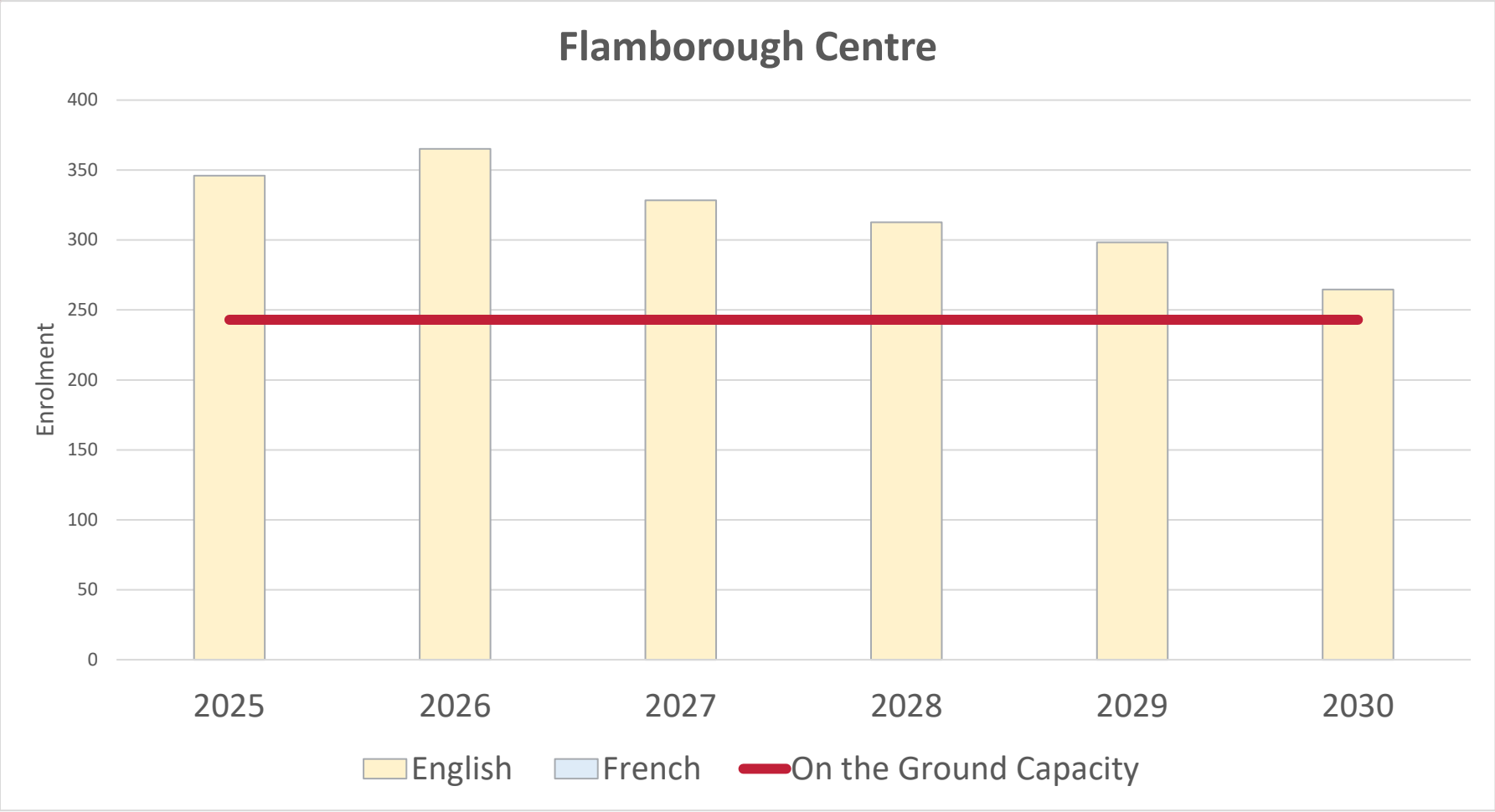
2023-2024 Changes:

- JK-4 dual tract school
- RT Grade 5 directed to Flamborough Centre
- FI Grade 5 directed to Guy Brown



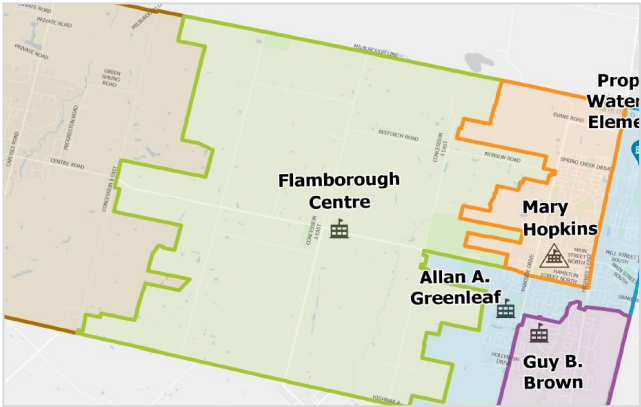
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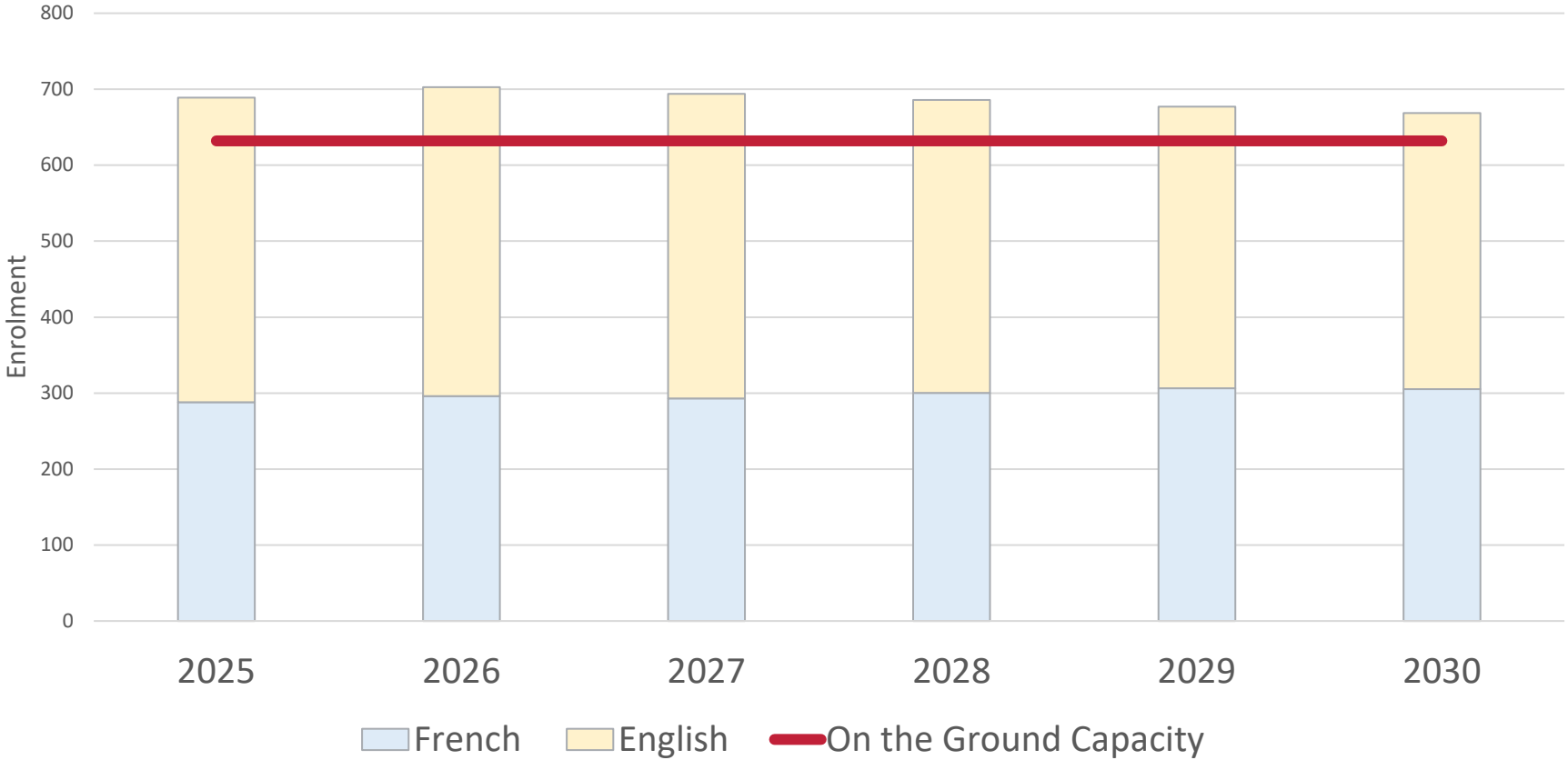
- FI Grades 6-8 directed to Guy Brown
- Received RT Grade 5 from Mary Hopkins



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Waterdown Boundary Review- Status Quo

Guy B. Brown



2023-2024 Changes:

- Received FI Grade 5 from Mary Hopkins
- Received FI Grades 6-8 from Flamborough Centre



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Evaluation Criteria Matrix- Status Quo Activity

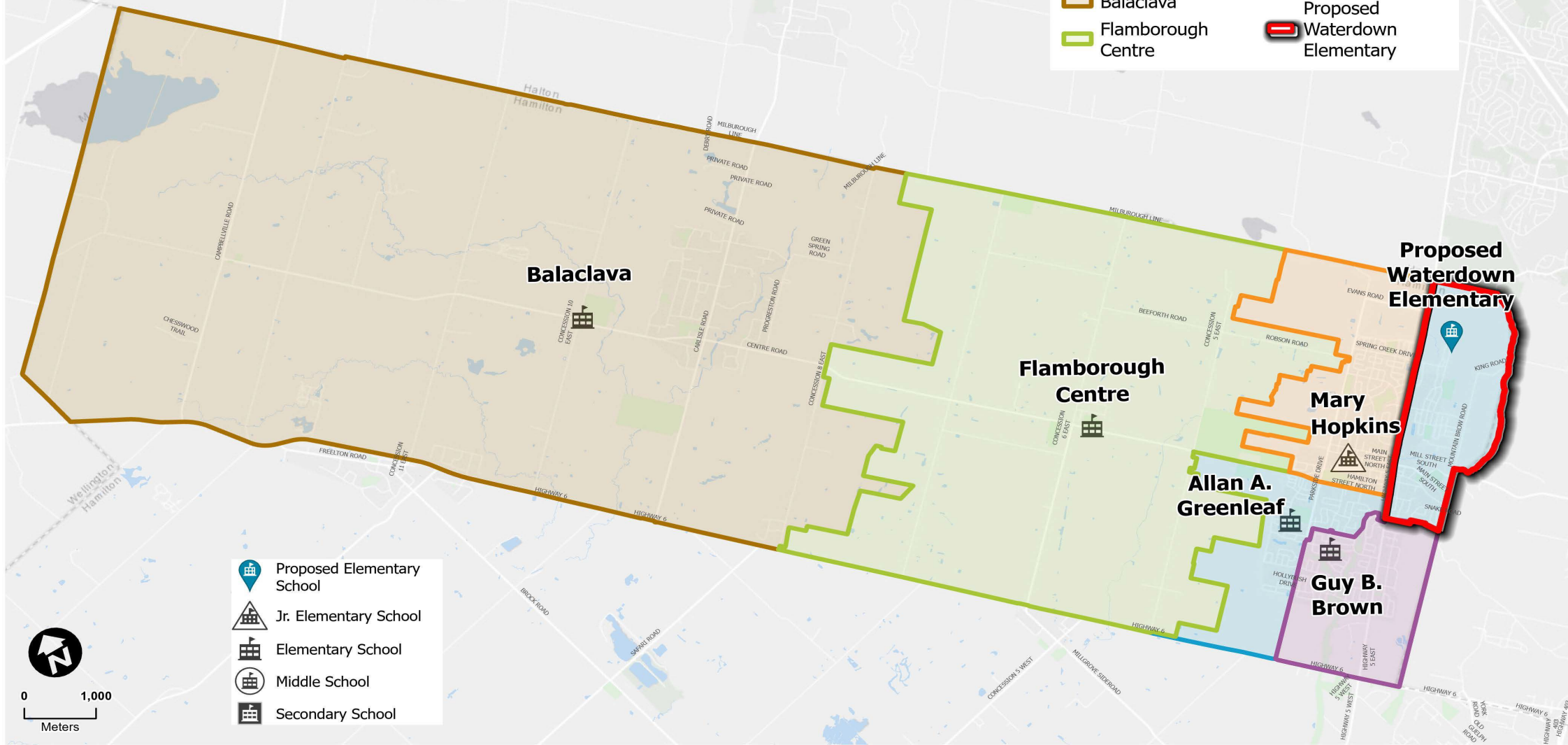
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Mary Hopkins	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Flamborough Centre	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
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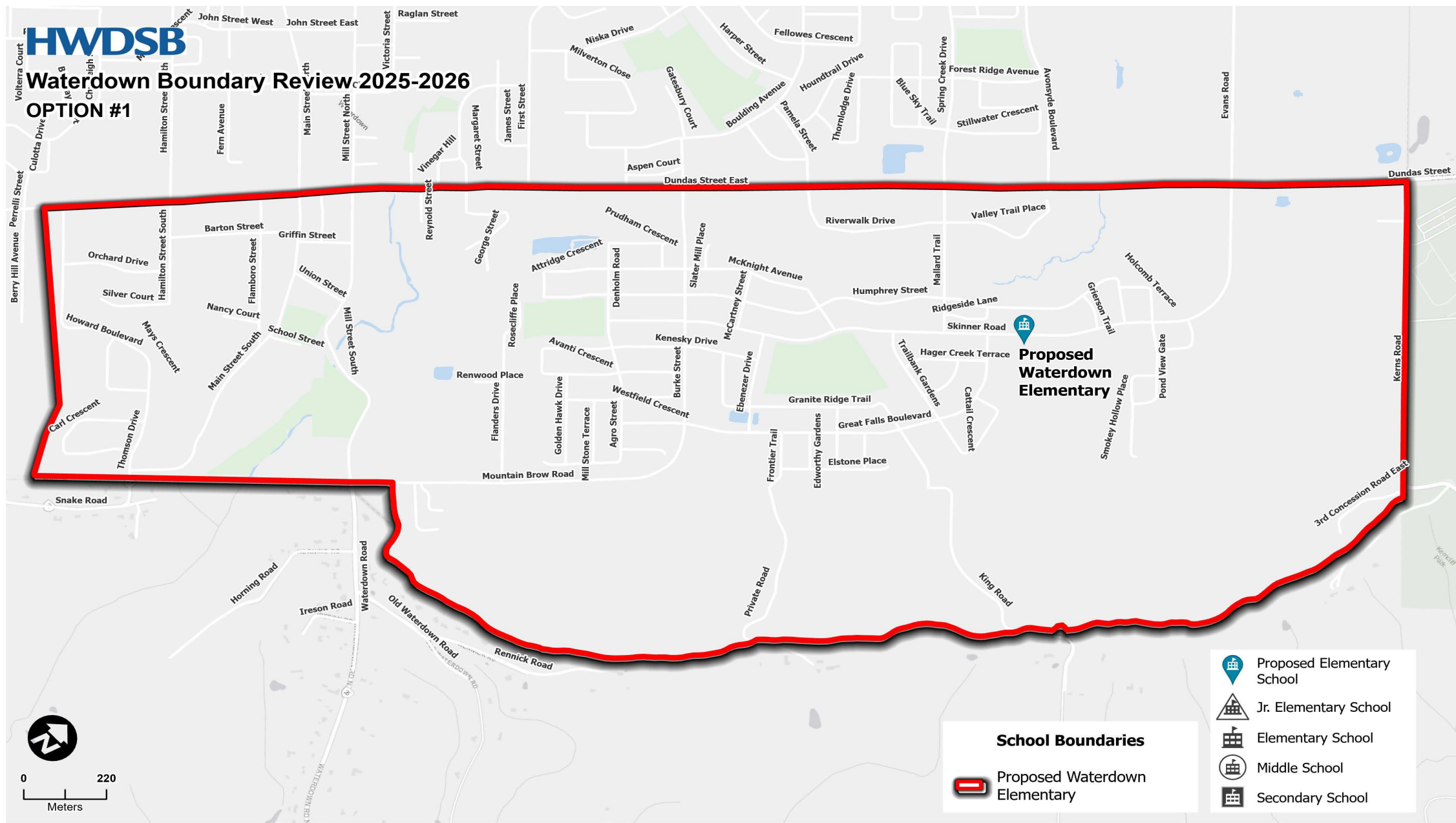
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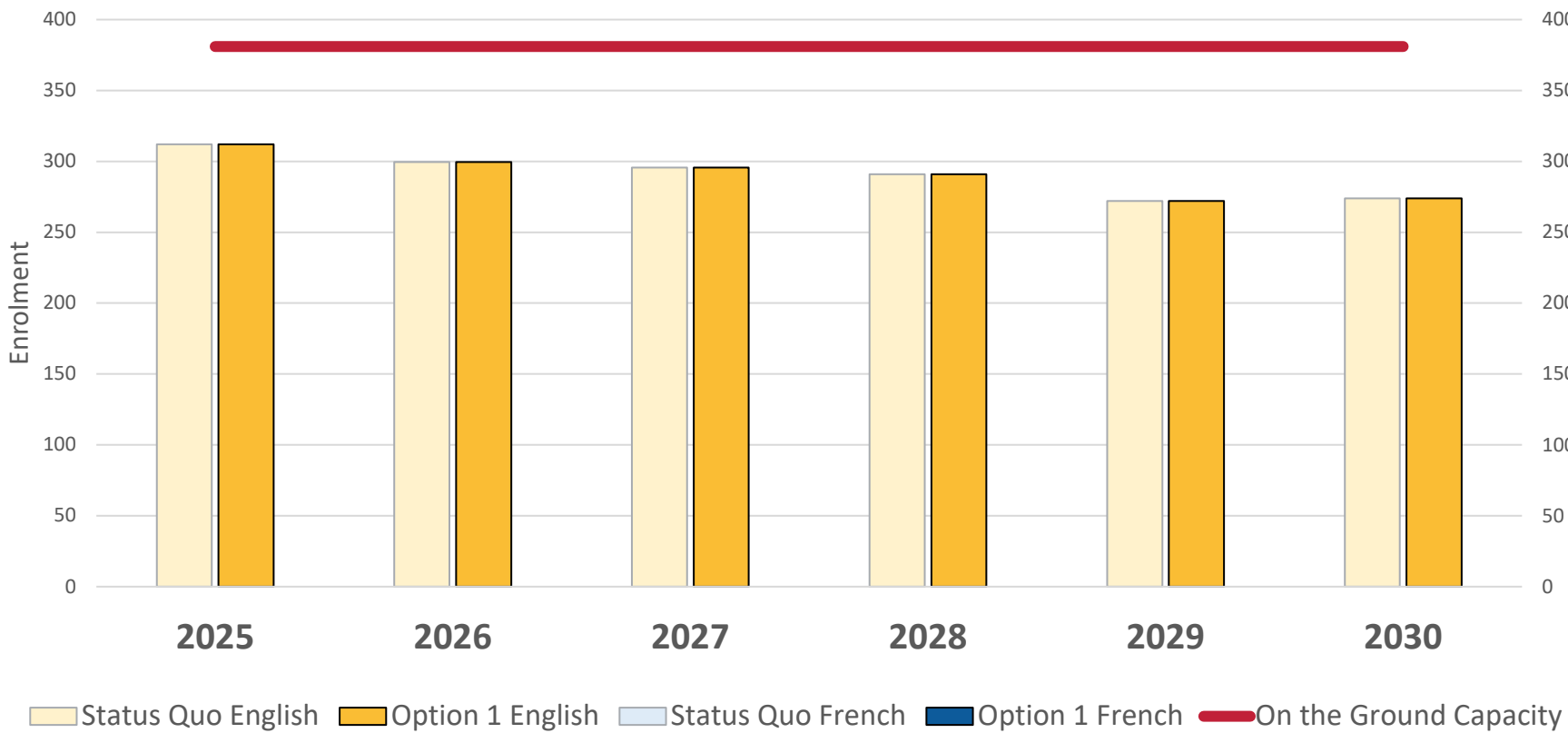
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Waterdown Boundary Review- Option 1

Balaclava



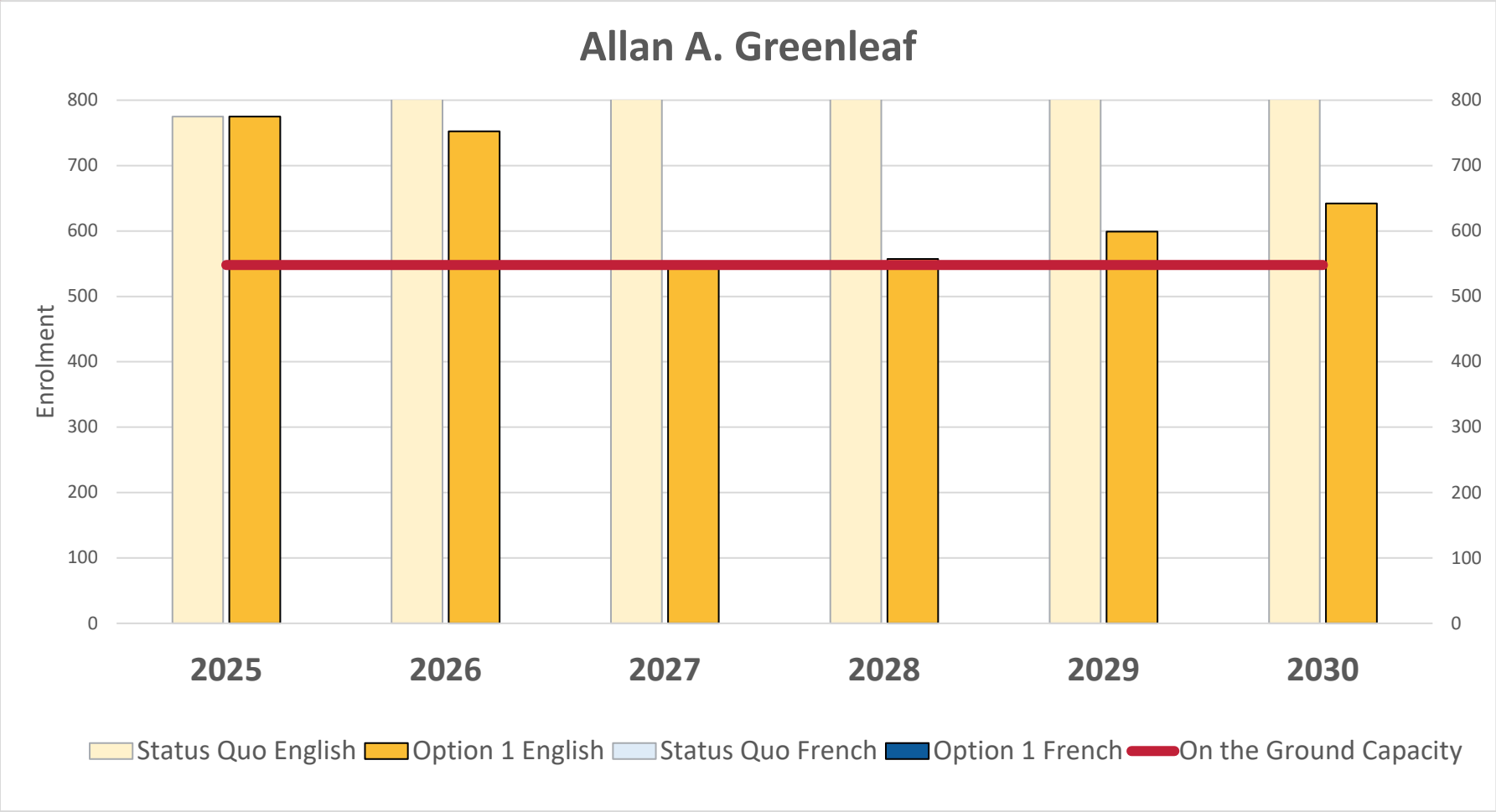
2026-27 Changes: No Change
2027-28 Changes: No
courtesy bussing offered to
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Waterdown Boundary Review- Option 1

Allan A. Greenleaf



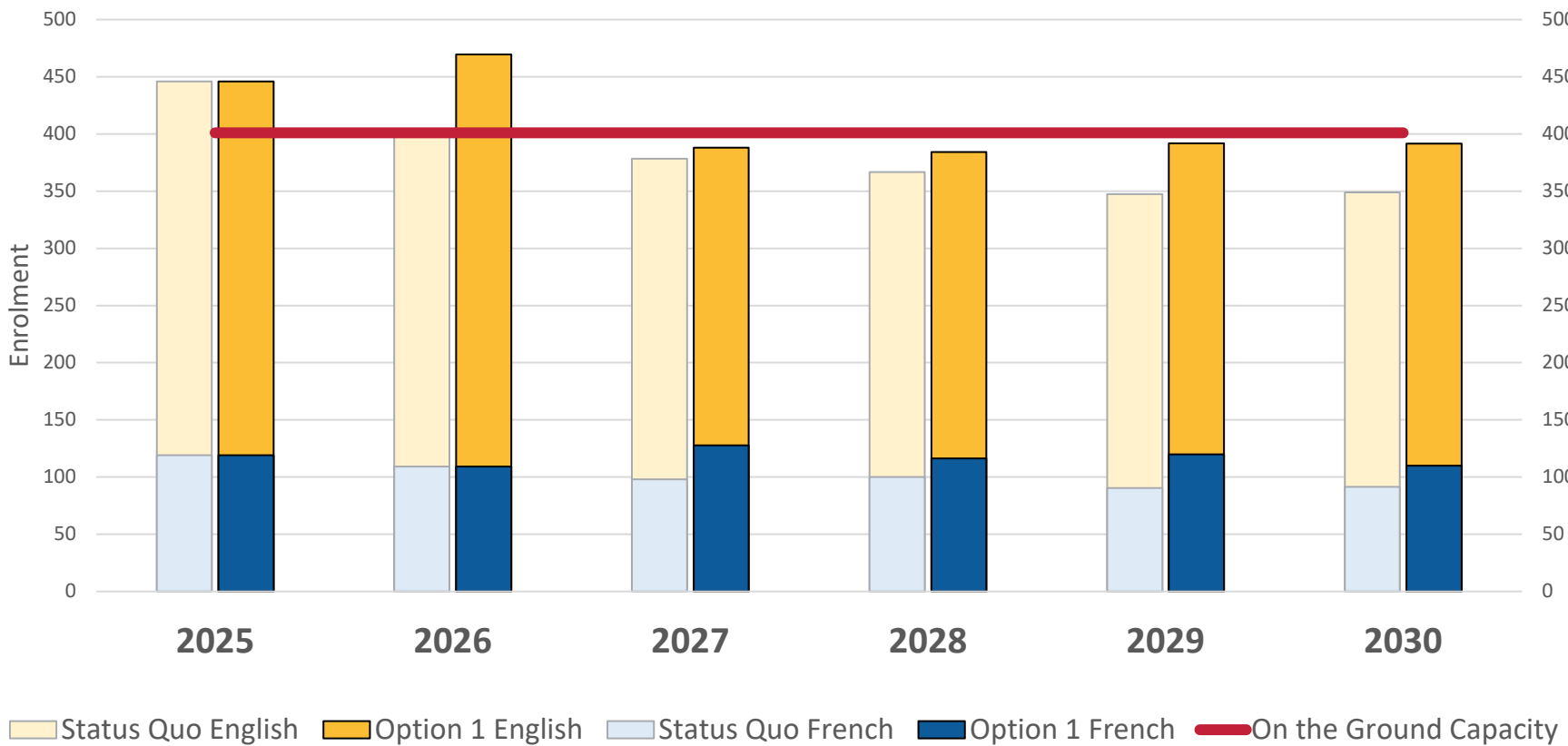
2026-27 Changes: New JK-4 enrolments South of Hwy 5 directed to Mary Hopkins
2027-28 Changes: All RT JK- 8 students South of Hwy 5 to new school



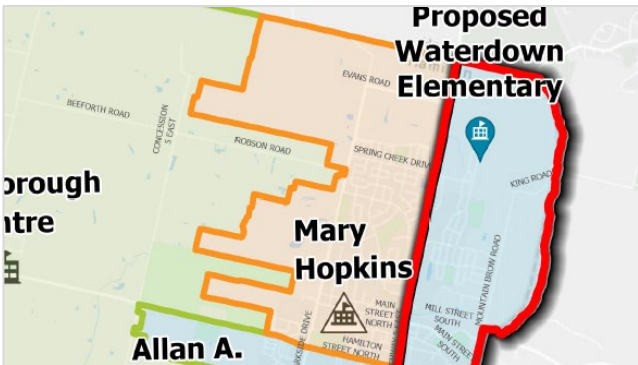
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Mary Hopkins

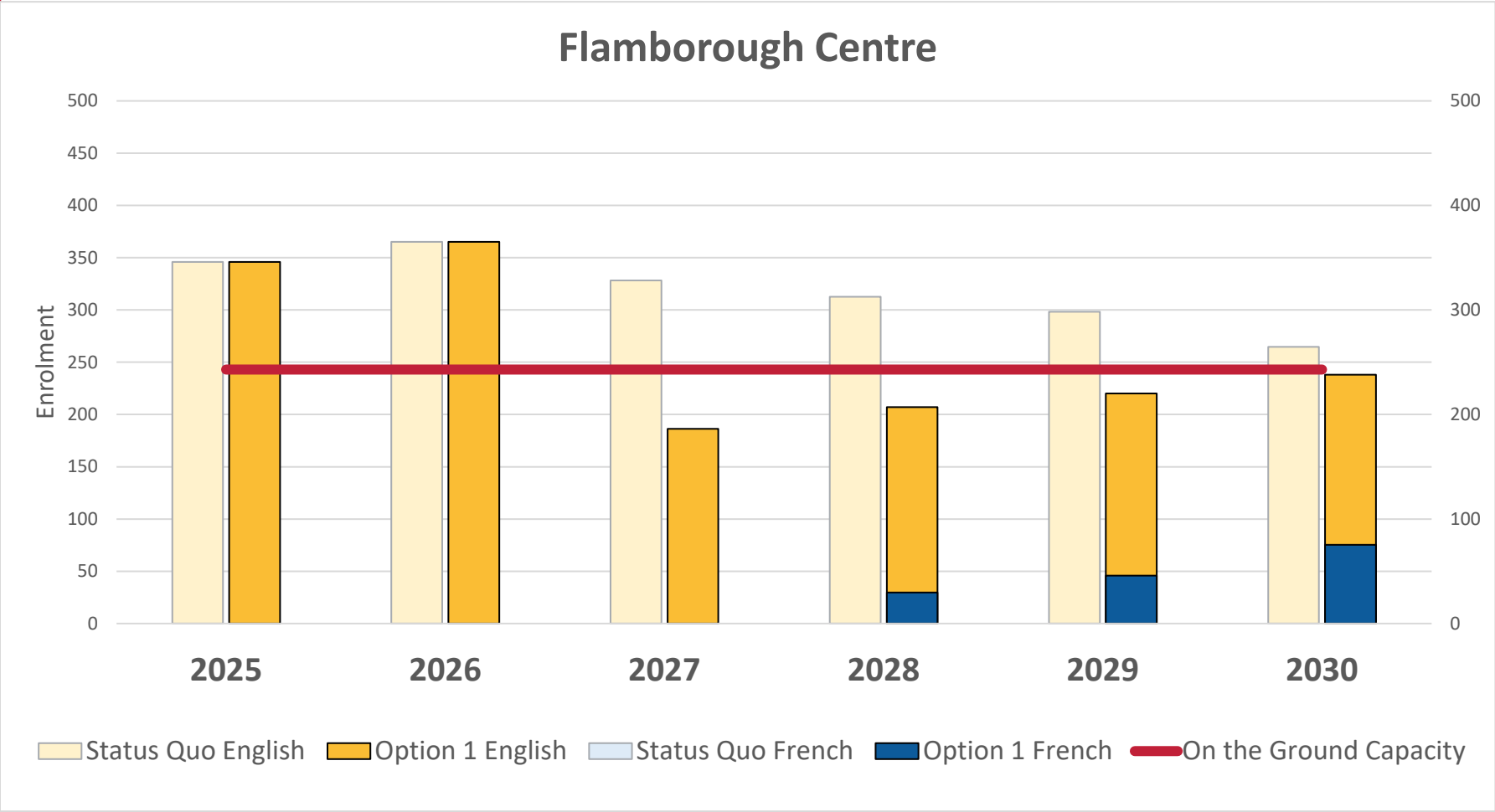


2026-27 Changes: receives new RT JK-4 enrolments South of Hwy 5
2027-28 Changes: JK- 5 dual tract school



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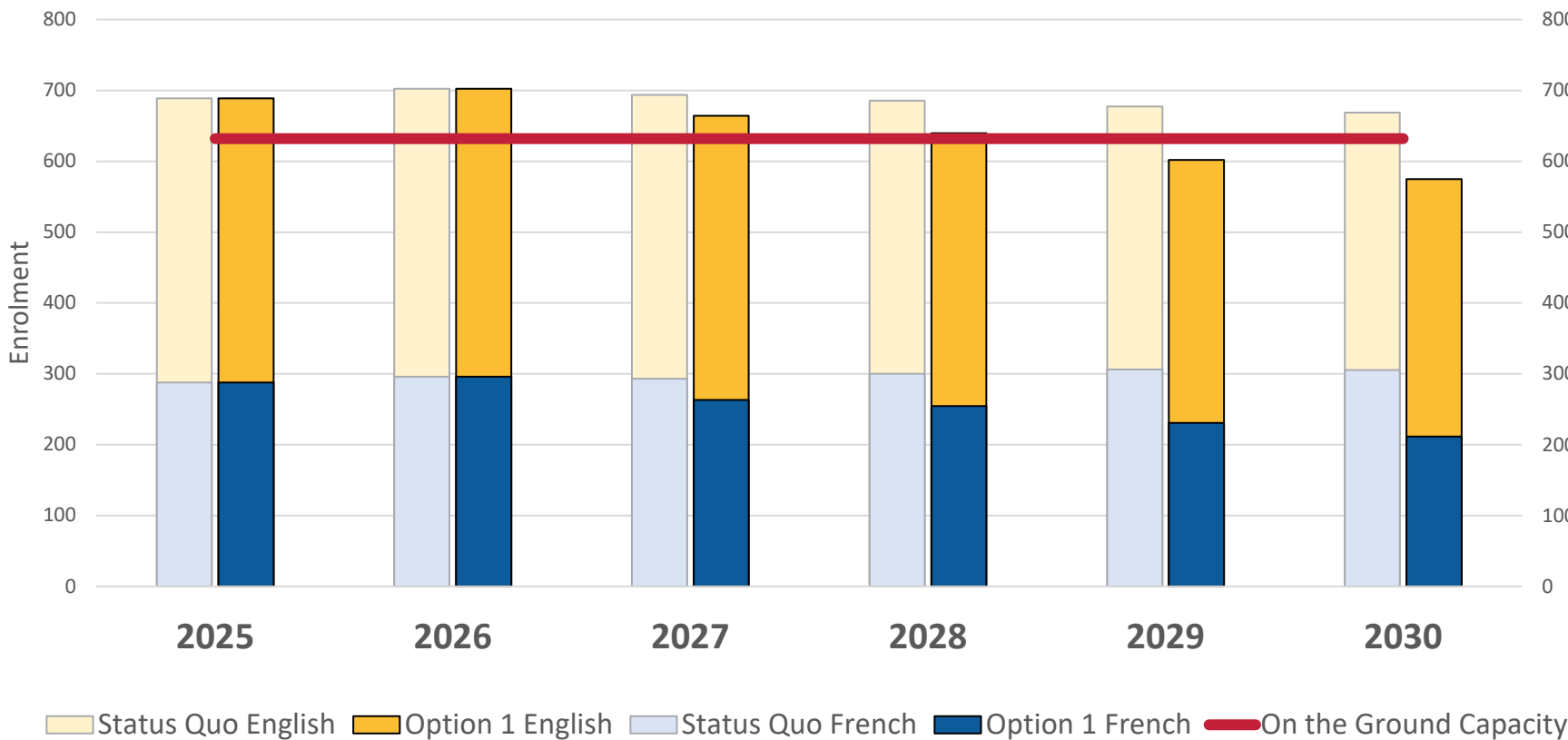
2026-27 Changes: None
2027-28 Changes: RT Grade 5 directed back to Mary Hopkins. FI 6-8 slowly phase back into school from Mary Hopkins.



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Guy B. Brown

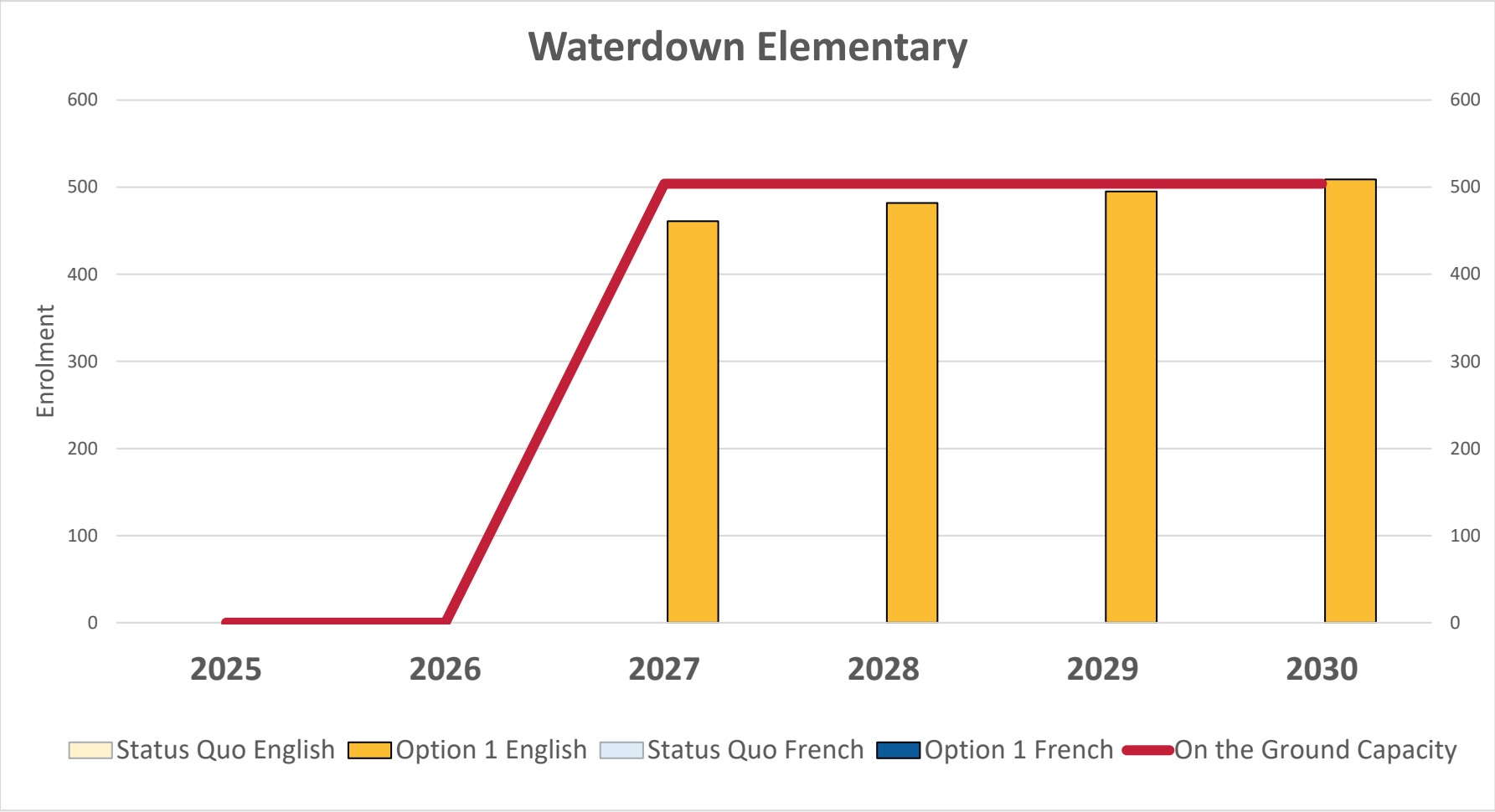


2026-27 Changes: None
2027-28 Changes: French Grade 5 stay at Mary Hopkins. French Immersion grades 6-8 from Flamborough Centre stay and graduate



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Waterdown Boundary Review- Option 1



2026-27 Changes: None
2027-28 Changes: Receive all RT JK-8 students south of Hwy 5 in the new boundary.



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Evaluation Criteria Matrix- Option 1 Activity

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Next Steps

- Review information presented today
 - What is working well in your current school community?
 - How would the initial options impact different families in different ways at your school?
 - What additional factors would you like the advisory panel to consider?
- Alternative Options
 - Deadline for additional option consideration- Wednesday November 5 by 9:00 a.m to planning@hwdsb.on.ca



Next Steps

- Public Meeting- Ideas for Open House Format
 - Short introduction presentation
 - School information and Options on boards around the room
 - Staff there to answer questions and receive feedback
 - Feedback Options:
 - On the Boards in the room
 - Survey
 - Engage Website



Next Meeting

November 13, 2025 @ 4:30PM

- Review comments, concerns and suggestions regarding the initial option
- Review and evaluate alternative options from this meeting
- Discuss Public Meeting details

Questions



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