



## Standing Committee Meeting

Monday, March 9, 2026

Trustee Board Room

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board

20 Education Court, P.O. Box 2558

Hamilton, ON L8N 3L1

### **AGENDA: Immediately following Board Meeting**

1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement
2. Meeting Roll Call
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

Reports from Staff:

5. [Trustee Distribution & Determination - 2026](#)

6. Adjournment

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## STANDING COMMITTEE

March 9, 2026

### Trustee Determination & Distribution 2026

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#### Recommendation:

That pursuant to O. Reg 412/00, the Board does not designate any municipality within the Board's area of jurisdiction as a low population Municipality.

And that pursuant to O. Reg 412/00, and based on the completed Trustee Determination and Distribution calculations, the Board confirm a total of 11 Trustees for the 2026 HWDSB Election, and approve the following geographic distribution:

<i>Area</i>	<i>Trustees</i>
<i>Ward 1</i>	<i>1.0</i>
<i>Ward 2</i>	<i>1.0</i>
<i>Ward 3</i>	<i>1.0</i>
<i>Ward 4</i>	<i>1.0</i>
<i>Wards 5 &amp; 10</i>	<i>1.0</i>
<i>Wards 6 &amp; 9</i>	<i>1.0</i>
<i>Ward 7</i>	<i>1.0</i>
<i>Wards 8 &amp; 14</i>	<i>1.0</i>
<i>Wards 11 &amp; 12</i>	<i>1.0</i>
<i>Ward 13</i>	<i>1.0</i>
<i>Ward 15</i>	<i>1.0</i>

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#### Background:

Under Ontario Regulation 412/00 (O.Reg.412/00) requires schools boards to determine the number of trustees (trustee determination) and the geographic representation of those trustees (trustee distribution) for each municipal election cycle. The process is grounded in the principle of representation by population and supported by Ministry-developed tables and calculation rules.

Under this Regulation, boards must complete their Trustee Determination and Distribution Report by March 31 of an election year and submit it to the Minister of Education, all municipal clerks within the jurisdiction, and the secretaries of all other boards in their jurisdiction by April 3 of an election year.

The calculation process incorporates the following:

- **Population Electoral Group (PEG) Report:** The PEG reports are produced by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) and contain information related to the number of eligible voters by board type. This forms the basis for the trustee determination.
- **Low Population Area Designations:** Boards may designate low-population areas to adjust distribution; however, such designations do not affect the total number of trustees and do not apply to HWDSB, which consists of a single municipality.
- **Regulatory Tables and Dispersal Factor Rules:** These guide the allocation of trustees to geographic areas and define eligibility for additional members based on density or board area.
- **Distribution of Members to Geographic Areas:** The number of geographic areas cannot exceed the allowable number of trustees, and the sum of the **electoral quotients** in each geographic area should be as close to a whole number as possible.
- **Voluntary Reduction:** Boards may choose to reduce their number of trustees below the calculated total based on a change in population or in area jurisdiction.

### Status:

Based on the 2026 Population Electoral Group (PEG) data, HWDSB's electoral population of **351,926** supports a total of **11 Trustees**.

The Board's jurisdiction encompasses only one municipality; therefore, **low-population area designations** do not apply.

The **density factor**, calculated at **362.81** (electoral population divided by total board area), exceeds the threshold required to qualify for an additional trustee. Density factors must be less than 4.0 to trigger an additional member.

Similarly, HWDSB's total area of **1,127 km<sup>2</sup>** falls significantly below the **8,000 km<sup>2</sup>** minimum required to qualify for additional trustees based on geographic area.

Because the number of wards exceeds the number of trustee positions, wards must be coupled or combined; the **electoral quotients** for these combined wards have been calculated so that their summed value is as close as practicable to a whole number and does not exceed 1.6 for any geographic area.

There have been no changes to the regulatory framework governing trustee determination and distribution for the 2026 election cycle, and the Ministry has not issued an updated Trustee Determination and Distribution Guide; therefore, staff have applied the 2022 guide as the most current available resource. Updated Population Electoral Group (PEG) data did not indicate any significant shifts in electoral population data to alter the total number of trustees or require redistribution of existing ward couplings.

Based on the legislated methodology, the evaluation of electoral population, density, and geographic criteria, staff therefore recommend approval of the status quo model for the 2026 election (updated data and maps can be found in [Appendix A](#)).

### **Financial Implications:**

At this time, there are no incremental financial implications. Funding for Trustees are contained in the Core Education Funding model and approved through the HWDSB budget development process.

School Board Trustee elections are administered by the municipality as part of the Municipal Elections process.

### **Strategic Directions:**

#### **Upholding Human Rights, Safety & Well-Being**

*We will support all students and staff to feel safe and secure in our classrooms and school communities.*

#### **Providing Equitable Quality Education**

*We will offer equitable quality educational opportunities to improve student engagement, learning and achievement for future-readiness.*

#### **Collaborating with Students, Families & Communities**

*We will build reciprocal relationships and partnerships to enhance access and engagement for students, families, and communities.*

#### **Building a Sustainable Education System**

*We will adapt to a rapidly changing world through responsible fiscal management, investing equitably in accessible and sustainable facilities, and supporting a robust workforce.*

#### **Reinforcing Indigenous Educational Wellness & Reconciliation**

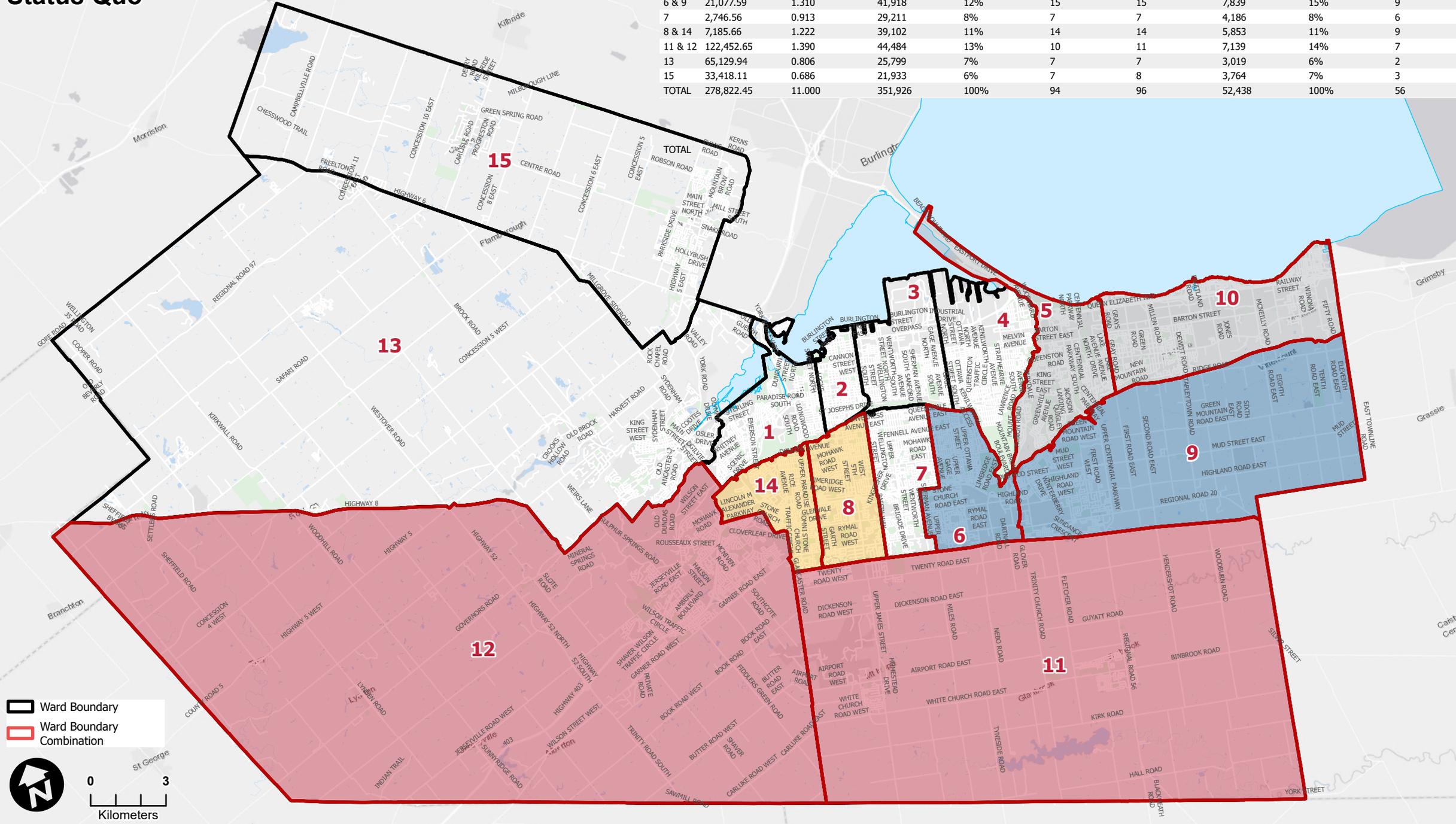
*We will honour our commitment to Truth and Reconciliation by nurturing respectful and reciprocal relationships among Indigenous Peoples and Treaty Partners, and by cultivating intergenerational healing and wellness in a restorative education system.*



# Hamilton-Wentworth Ward Boundaries

## Status Quo

Ward	Area (Acres)	Electoral Quotient	English Support	% English Public Support	Number of HWDSB Schools 2025	Future Number of HWDSB Schools	Number of HWDSB Students 2025	% HWDSB Students October 2025	Number of HWCSDB Schools
5-4								Appendix A	
1	3,781.36	0.760	24,301	7%	7	7	2,821	5%	3
2	1,467.50	0.801	25,622	7%	5	5	2,430	5%	1
3	3,744.96	0.826	26,425	8%	5	5	3,943	8%	4
4	4,998.61	0.797	25,509	7%	8	8	4,047	8%	2
5 & 10	12,819.51	1.489	47,622	14%	9	9	7,397	14%	10
6 & 9	21,077.59	1.310	41,918	12%	15	15	7,839	15%	9
7	2,746.56	0.913	29,211	8%	7	7	4,186	8%	6
8 & 14	7,185.66	1.222	39,102	11%	14	14	5,853	11%	9
11 & 12	122,452.65	1.390	44,484	13%	10	11	7,139	14%	7
13	65,129.94	0.806	25,799	7%	7	7	3,019	6%	2
15	33,418.11	0.686	21,933	6%	7	8	3,764	7%	3
TOTAL	278,822.45	11.000	351,926	100%	94	96	52,438	100%	56



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 Ward Boundary Combination

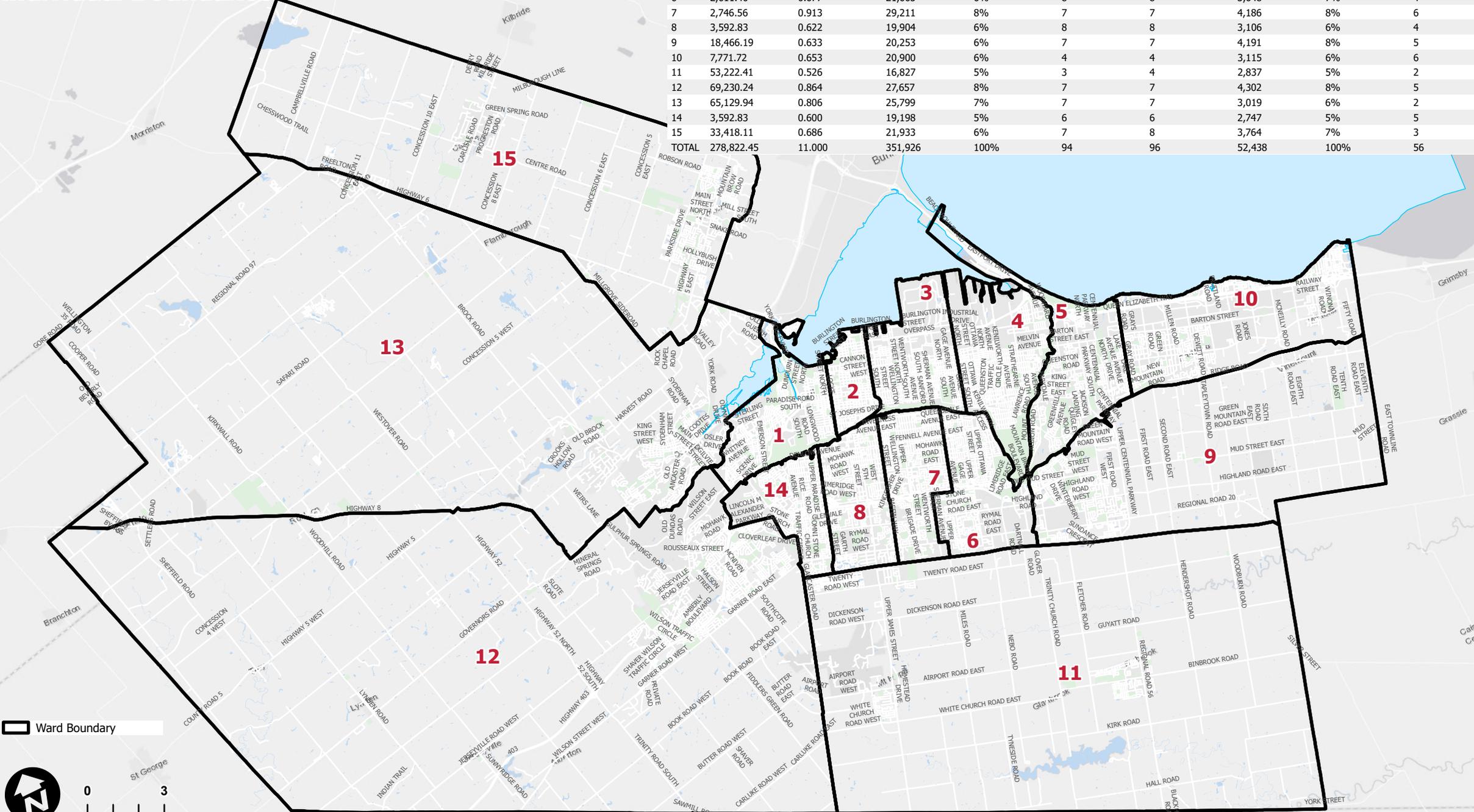
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# Hamilton-Wentworth Ward Boundaries

## Individual Boundaries

	Ward Area (Acres)	Electorial Quotient	English Public Support	% English Public Support	Number of HWDSB Schools 2025	Future Number of HWDSB Schools	Number of HWDSB Students 2025	% HWDSB Students October 2025	Number of HWCDSB Schools
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2	1,467.50	0.801	25,622	7%	5	5	2,430	5%	1
3	3,744.96	0.826	26,425	8%	5	5	3,943	8%	4
4	4,998.61	0.797	25,509	7%	8	8	4,047	8%	2
5	5,047.79	0.835	26,722	8%	5	5	4,282	8%	4
6	2,611.40	0.677	21,665	6%	8	8	3,648	7%	4
7	2,746.56	0.913	29,211	8%	7	7	4,186	8%	6
8	3,592.83	0.622	19,904	6%	8	8	3,106	6%	4
9	18,466.19	0.633	20,253	6%	7	7	4,191	8%	5
10	7,771.72	0.653	20,900	6%	4	4	3,115	6%	6
11	53,222.41	0.526	16,827	5%	3	4	2,837	5%	2
12	69,230.24	0.864	27,657	8%	7	7	4,302	8%	5
13	65,129.94	0.806	25,799	7%	7	7	3,019	6%	2
14	3,592.83	0.600	19,198	5%	6	6	2,747	5%	5
15	33,418.11	0.686	21,933	6%	7	8	3,764	7%	3
TOTAL	278,822.45	11.000	351,926	100%	94	96	52,438	100%	56



Ward Boundary

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# Population of Electoral Groups Report

School Board ID: 21 - HAMILTON-WENTWORTH DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

## County/Mun: 2518 - HAMILTON CITY

Ward	English Public	French Public	English Separate	French Separate	Prot-Sep	Other
01	24,301	0	0	0	0	0
02	25,622	0	0	0	0	0
03	26,425	0	0	0	0	0
04	25,509	0	0	0	0	0
05	26,722	0	0	0	0	0
06	21,665	0	0	0	0	0
07	29,211	0	0	0	0	0
08	19,904	0	0	0	0	0
09	20,253	0	0	0	0	0
10	20,900	0	0	0	0	0
11	16,827	0	0	0	0	0
12	27,657	0	0	0	0	0
13	25,799	0	0	0	0	0
14	19,198	0	0	0	0	0
15	21,933	0	0	0	0	0
<b>2518 - Total:</b>	<b>351,926</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

# Population of Electoral Groups Report

School Board ID: 21 - HAMILTON-WENTWORTH DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Summary Total

County/Mun	English Public	French Public	English Separate	French Separate	Prot-Sep	Other	Total
2518	351,926	0	0	0	0	0	351,926
<b>Total</b>	<b>351,926</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>351,926</b>

# ***Population of Electoral Groups Report***

School Board ID: 21 - HAMILTON-WENTWORTH DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Summary Total

School Board - Grand Totals

<b>School Board ID</b>	<b>English Public</b>	<b>French Public</b>	<b>English Separate</b>	<b>French Separate</b>	<b>Prot-Sep</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total</b>
21	351,926	0	0	0	0	0	351,926
<b>Total</b>	<b>351,926</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>351,926</b>

# Trustee Determination & Distribution Calculator

## Trustee Distribution

### Submitted Data

District School Board	Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board
Population of Board's Electoral Group	351,926
Number of elected trustees (If your board has passed a resolution to reduce its trustee positions, pick a new number from the drop-down menu)	11

### Trustee Distribution – Template A

Column 1 Name of Municipality / Ward	Column 2 Electoral Group Population	Column 3 Electoral Quotient
Ward 1	24,301	0.76
Ward 2	25,622	0.801
Ward 3	26,425	0.826
Ward 4	25,509	0.797
Ward 5	26,722	0.835
Ward 6	21,665	0.677
Ward 7	29,211	0.913
Ward 8	19,904	0.622
Ward 9	20,253	0.633
Ward 10	20,900	0.653
Ward 11	16,827	0.526
Ward 12	27,657	0.864
Ward 13	25,799	0.806

Ward 14	19,198 <sup>5-10</sup>	0.6 <sup>Appendix A</sup>
Ward 15	21,933	0.686
TOTALS	351,926	11

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