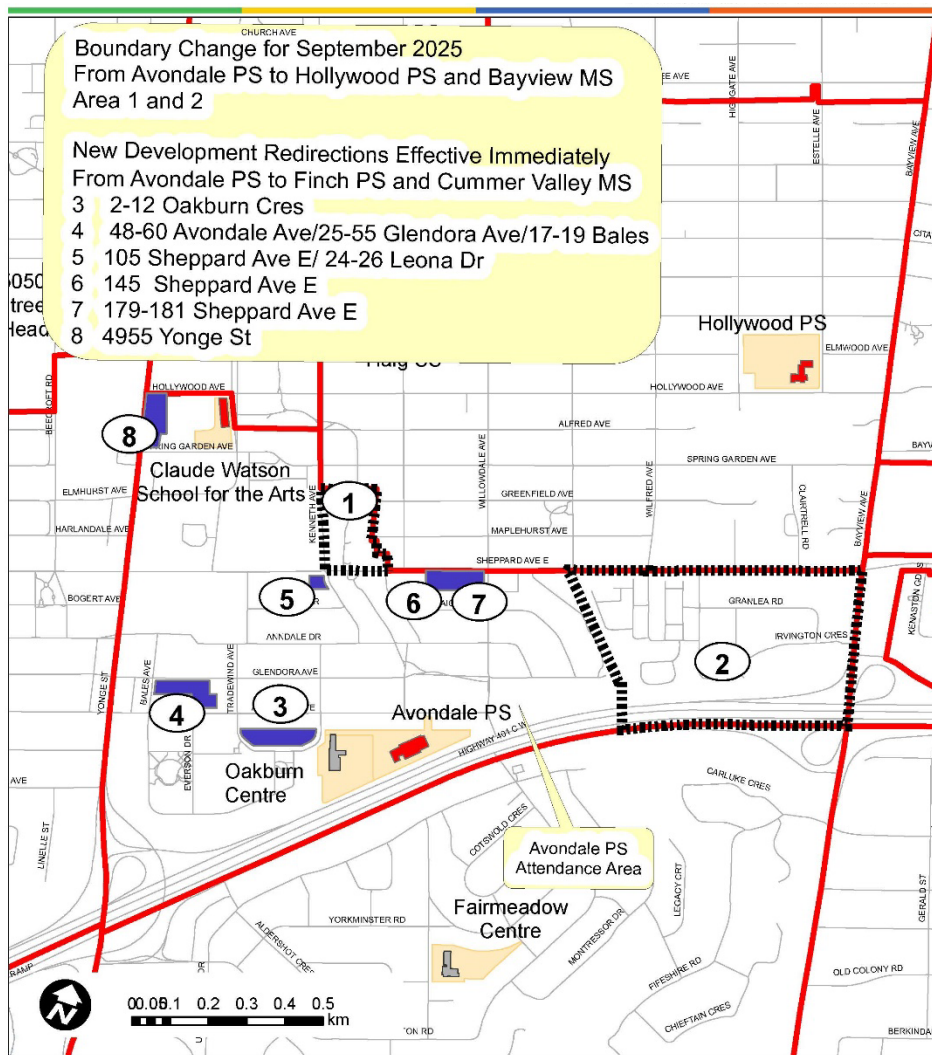


Avondale Accommodation Pressures – Boundary Change Hollywood PS, Bayview MS, and Avondale PS

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What has been approved by the Trustees?

On June 19, 2024 Trustees approved a boundary change that moves addresses from Avondale PS (JK to Grade 8) to Hollywood PS (JK to Grade 5) and Bayview MS (Grades 6 to 8). The areas to be moved are identified in the map below.



Trustees also approved that new residential development located within the Avondale PS boundary be redirected to Finch PS (JK to Grade 5) and Cummer Valley MS (Grades 6 to 8)

as a way to prevent further overcrowding.

Q: Do I need change schools?

Students currently attending Avondale PS and who live within impacted portions of the Avondale PS attendance area as of the end of the 2024-25 school year can stay at Avondale PS until they graduate. Siblings of students will also be able to attend Avondale PS if their older sibling is attending Avondale PS at the time that they enter the school.

Only new students residing at these addresses without a sibling already attending Avondale PS would have Hollywood PS and Bayview MS as their designated home school.

Q: Who made the final decision and when will it be made?

The final decision about the proposed Boundary Change was made by the Board of Trustees. The proposal will be presented to the Board of Trustees at the Planning and Priorities Committee meeting on June 10, 2024, and the Board of Trustees meeting on June 19, 2024.

Q: My question isn't here.

This document will be updated with new questions and answers as they are submitted.

Q: What is the best way for my thoughts to be heard?

You could:

- Speak with your school Principal, Superintendent, or Local Trustee
- Email your comments to accommodationreviews@tdsb.on.ca
- Call the Planning Department at 416-394-(PLAN) 7526

Q: Are there changes to the secondary school boundaries?

There are no changes to the secondary schools proposed.

Q: Can more space for students be gained if the Avondale PS Child Care be closed?

Some members of the school community have suggested that the rooms leased to the child care, Avondale Centre for Early Development, should be reclaimed for use by Avondale Public School.

The TDSB recognizes the need for subsidized child care throughout Toronto and supports child care in schools as an integral component of the education system. By locating child care centres in schools, a full range of seamless services is available for families. When schools experience enrolment pressures, the TDSB strives to keep child care centres in schools and will implement other accommodation solutions before reclaiming space.

The solutions that the TDSB will implement before reclaiming space from child care centres

include using portables, relocating programs, changing boundaries, and redirecting new residential development. Some of these solutions have been implemented at Avondale Public School or are underway (using portables and relocating the alternative school). Others are proposed to be implemented and will be explored in the next couple of months (changing boundaries and redirecting new residential development).

Q: Can the school board get developers to pay for more schools?

Education Development Charges (EDCs) are funds collected from developers. The current provincial regulation establishes that EDCs can be used to purchase land for future school sites, not to support the cost of building new schools or renovating existing ones.

While other school boards in Ontario are allowed to collect EDCs, the TDSB does not qualify because it has excess capacity when assessed on a district-wide basis, regardless of the significant capacity pressures and challenges faced in many neighborhood schools.

More information can be found at <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Accountability/Renewal-Needs-Backlog-and-Facility-Condition-Index/Education-Development-Charges>

Q: Can't the developers be stopped or slowed down until more school space is available?

School boards are commenting agencies in the land use planning process and do not have the ability to 'stop' development. The provincial Planning Act does not provide school boards with any legislative or regulatory power(s) that could prevent development from occurring.

Under the Education Act, school boards are expected to accommodate students at schools within their jurisdiction, including those from new development, by using several tools available such as bussing to schools where space is available, boundary changes, grade changes, program and school changes including relocations.

Q: If TDSB can't stop development, what has the TDSB been doing?

The TDSB, through its real estate and land use planning subsidiary, the Toronto Lands Corporation (TLC), have communicated with City Planners about the lack of student spaces in Willowdale, and that the necessary redirection of students outside their local areas to schools that have space.

Since the ability to redirect students elsewhere is available to the TDSB, the Board has not appealed any development application within Willowdale to the Ontario Lands Tribunal. The Board has historically appealed new development in some parts of the City but was not successful in influencing or delaying those developments.

Although some communities have existing schools that are full because of new development, the TDSB, TLC, and City Planners continue to work collaboratively to ensure that new emerging neighbourhoods are planned to be complete communities where local schools are included.

Q: Why can't the Oakburn Building be used for Avondale PS?

The Oakburn site is an operating TDSB Facility Services administration centre and construction yard. The building was constructed in 1949 and was purpose-built for administrative uses, not school use.

Oakburn is strategically located to readily dispatch construction and maintenance staff and materials to TDSB schools. The function and operations of the Oakburn site cannot be duplicated at any other TDSB location at this time.

Since Oakburn was not designed to be a school, a significant amount of work would be required to retrofit the building and parking area to accommodate a school use. Converting the building to a school use would also trigger a different set of requirements under the Ontario Building Code that would need to be considered. It would also be a highly challenging and very lengthy process that would involve the relocation of an operating administration centre and construction yard. This would introduce significant costs for the TDSB that are not currently funded. A project of this scale would also require approval from the Ministry of Education through a future Capital Priorities cycle.

Q: Why can't the Burnett School, located at 21 Eddfield Avenue, be part of the solution for Avondale PS enrolment growth?

This option is not recommended by staff because the building does not offer the program spaces required and would need significant investment to address its condition.

Burnett PS is located approximately 2.3 km away from Avondale PS. Built in 1955, the 9-classroom school is currently leased to a private school.

The building is well past its life expectancy and requires significant repair and upgrades to bring it up to a standard that is acceptable for a TDSB school. The Board does not wish to re-introduce another aging asset into its portfolio of schools when another solution exists at an existing building nearby with available and suitable space.

The long-term plan for the Burnett site is to retain the property due to its proximity to the Yonge-Sheppard corridor, a designated growth centre. At the appropriate time, the existing building could be demolished and a new school built in its place. Funding for a future school on the site is not currently available and would need to be provided by the province through the Capital Priorities program.

Q: Why are portables needed at the newly built Avondale school?

It is common that new schools in Ontario are built to accommodate a long-term sustainable enrolment, not the peak. This measure will yield cost savings in the long-term by not over-constructing a school. It also saves money in cleaning and overall maintenance of empty classrooms when the population cycles through low periods. During high periods of enrolment, portables are typically used.

This approach is not unique to the TDSB and is used by school boards across the province.

Q: What is the long-term accommodation plan for Avondale PS? What else can be done to ease the pressure at Avondale PS?

As you may be aware, the TDSB recently undertook a Program Area Review that concluded in April 2023 with a decision by the Board of Trustees to relocate Avondale Elementary Alternative School to Bayview MS for September 2024. This review was a response to the school's growing enrolment and the portables added to the adjacent Oakburn property.

Short-term strategies include ensuring that the school only accepts students residing within its attendance area. As an example, school staff will continue to ensure that only students who have an eligible home address or attend the onsite childcare at Avondale attend Avondale PS. In the situation where a family has moved out of the Avondale PS attendance area, the grace period to remain at Avondale PS will no longer be an option.

Over the long-term, enrolment will continue to be monitored to determine if further changes are required to mitigate growth. Any potential changes will be included in the Board's Long-Term Program and Accommodation Strategy document as future studies to undertake.

Last, the TDSB is pursuing options for new school(s) to meet the accommodation needs of the Willowdale area. We have landholdings that could be explored for future elementary or secondary school use at the appropriate time. These opportunities may include the Oakburn property and or the Burnett building.

Q: What are the Impacted Addresses?

(Subject to Change)

Addresses within the Board Approved Boundary Change from Avondale PS to Hollywood PS and Bayview MS Effective September 1, 2025

Street Name	Street Number Range	Elementary	Intermediate	Approved Elementary	Approved Intermediate	Secondary
Bayview Ave	2810-2814 (Even)	Avondale PS	Avondale PS	Hollywood PS	Bayview MS	Earl Haig SS ⁶
Bayview Ave	2816-2818 (Even)	Avondale PS	Avondale PS	Hollywood PS	Bayview MS	Earl Haig SS ³²
Calvin Ave	7-19 (Odd)	Avondale PS	Avondale PS	Hollywood PS	Bayview MS	Earl Haig SS ³²
Calvin Ave	23 Only	Avondale PS	Avondale PS	Hollywood PS	Bayview MS	Georges Vanier SS
Calvin Ave	31-35 (Odd)	Avondale PS	Avondale PS	Hollywood PS	Bayview MS	Earl Haig SS ³²
Fashion Roseway	All Numbers	Avondale PS	Avondale PS	Hollywood PS	Bayview MS	Earl Haig SS ³²
Flaming Roseway	All Numbers	Avondale PS	Avondale PS	Hollywood PS	Bayview MS	Earl Haig SS ³²
Granlea Rd	1-17 (Odd)	Avondale PS	Avondale PS	Hollywood PS	Bayview MS	Georges Vanier SS
Granlea Rd	2-60 (Even)	Avondale PS	Avondale PS	Hollywood PS	Bayview MS	Earl Haig SS ³²
Granlea Rd	19-39 (Odd)	Avondale PS	Avondale PS	Hollywood PS	Bayview MS	Earl Haig SS ³²
Greenfield Ave	150-160 (Even)	Avondale PS	Avondale PS	Hollywood PS	Bayview MS	Georges Vanier SS
Gypsy Roseway	All Numbers	Avondale PS	Avondale PS	Hollywood PS	Bayview MS	Earl Haig SS ³²
Irvington Cres	All Numbers	Avondale PS	Avondale PS	Hollywood PS	Bayview MS	Earl Haig SS ³²
Kenneth Ave	5 Only	Avondale PS	Avondale PS	Hollywood PS	Bayview MS	Earl Haig SS ³²
Maplehurst Ave	150 Only	Avondale PS	Avondale PS	Hollywood PS	Bayview MS	Georges Vanier SS
Maplehurst Ave	163 Only	Avondale PS	Avondale PS	Hollywood PS	Bayview MS	Georges Vanier SS
Sheppard Ave E	90-100 (Even)	Avondale PS	Avondale PS	Hollywood PS	Bayview MS	Earl Haig SS ³²
Sheppard Ave E	110-174 (Even)	Avondale PS	Avondale PS	Hollywood PS	Bayview MS	Earl Haig SS ³²
Sheppard Ave E	219-459 (Odd)	Avondale PS	Avondale PS	Hollywood PS	Bayview MS	Earl Haig SS ³²
Sheppard Ave E	461 Only	Avondale PS	Avondale PS	Hollywood PS	Bayview MS	Earl Haig SS ⁶
Texas Roseway	All Numbers	Avondale PS	Avondale PS	Hollywood PS	Bayview MS	Earl Haig SS ³²
Vonda Ave	All Numbers	Avondale PS	Avondale PS	Hollywood PS	Bayview MS	Earl Haig SS ³²

⁶ Address under review.

³² Special restrictions have been put in place to control enrolment. Please contact the school for details on registration requirements.

What are the new residential developments that will be redirected away from Avondale PS (JK to Gr.8) and Earl Haig SS (Grades 9 to 12)?

Since 2000, the Board has implemented a protocol to redirect students residing in new residential developments of more than 4 units away from local schools to schools with sufficient space. This protocol was implemented to manage accommodation pressures at overcrowded schools.

The list of new residential developments approved to be redirected (effective June 19, 2024) to Finch PS (JK-Gr.5), and Cummer Valley MS (Gr.6 to 8), and Georges Vanier SS (Gr.9-12) includes:

- 4955 Yonge Street / 19 Hollywood Avenue,
- 179-181 Sheppard Avenue East,
- 145 Sheppard Avenue East,
- 105 Sheppard Avenue East / 24-26 Leona Drive,
- 2-12 Oakburn Crescent,
- 48-60 Avondale Avenue / 25-55 Glendora Avenue / 17-19 Bales Avenue,

Please note, the information in the list above may change. The developments listed above may be assigned new addresses as determined by the City, and additional developments may be added in the future.