

Southeast Barrie

French Immersion Program Review 2020:01

Assikinack Public School
Allandale Heights Public School
Warnica Public School



Communication and feedback

Your voice is important as we work on aligning French Immersion (FI) boundaries within the southeast area of Barrie. The board will be using an online communication tool, ThoughtExchange®, to share information and collect comments related to the attendance area review (AAR). You can provide feedback by answering one key question:

What feedback would you like to share regarding the French Immersion program changes?

While you're there, you can rank the thoughts and ideas added from other parents/guardians. Your name is not collected, and no one will know who you are, or which ideas are yours.

You can participate from April 4 to 15, 2022. Continue to return to the ThoughtExchange® often during this time so that you can view and rank new thoughts and ideas from others as they are added.

After closure of the ThoughtExchange®, the data collected will be evaluated and used to finetune the proposed attendance and program review areas. A report will be provided to the Simcoe County District School Board's (SCDSB) Business and Facilities Standing Committee meeting in June 2022. Implementation of the boundaries will occur in September 2023, or families may submit an out-of-attendance-area request for September 2022.

Southeast Barrie Program Review

The 2020-2021 SCDSB Capital Plan recommended staff undertake a program review (PR 2020:01) for the FI feeder schools of Allandale Heights Public School and Assikinack Public School in relation to Hillcrest Public School, Portage View Public School and Warnica Public School.

The goal of the new boundaries is to:

- support balanced enrolment in FI programs

Policy 2317 – School Attendance Areas sets out the guidelines for the establishment of school attendance areas.

Administrative Procedures Memorandum (APM) A7000 – School Attendance Areas is the procedure used to guide implementation of Policy 2317.

Current enrolment and other data

This chart represents the enrolment, utilization and portable count for the FI elementary schools as of September 2021:

| Elementary School | OTG | Portables 2021 | Program | Students | Utilization |
|-------------------|--------------|-------------------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| Hillcrest PS | 504 | 1 | JK-8 RT | 350 | 69% |
| | | | FI | 133 | 26% |
| | | | Sum | 483 | 96% |
| Portage View ES | 522 | 3 | JK-8 RT | 437 | 84% |
| | | | FI | 105 | 20% |
| | | | Sum | 542 | 104% |
| Warnica PS | 337 | 0 | FI | 292 | 87% |
| Total | 1,363 | 4 | | 1,317 | 97% |

Note:

JK-8 RT – Junior Kindergarten to Grade 8 Regular Track

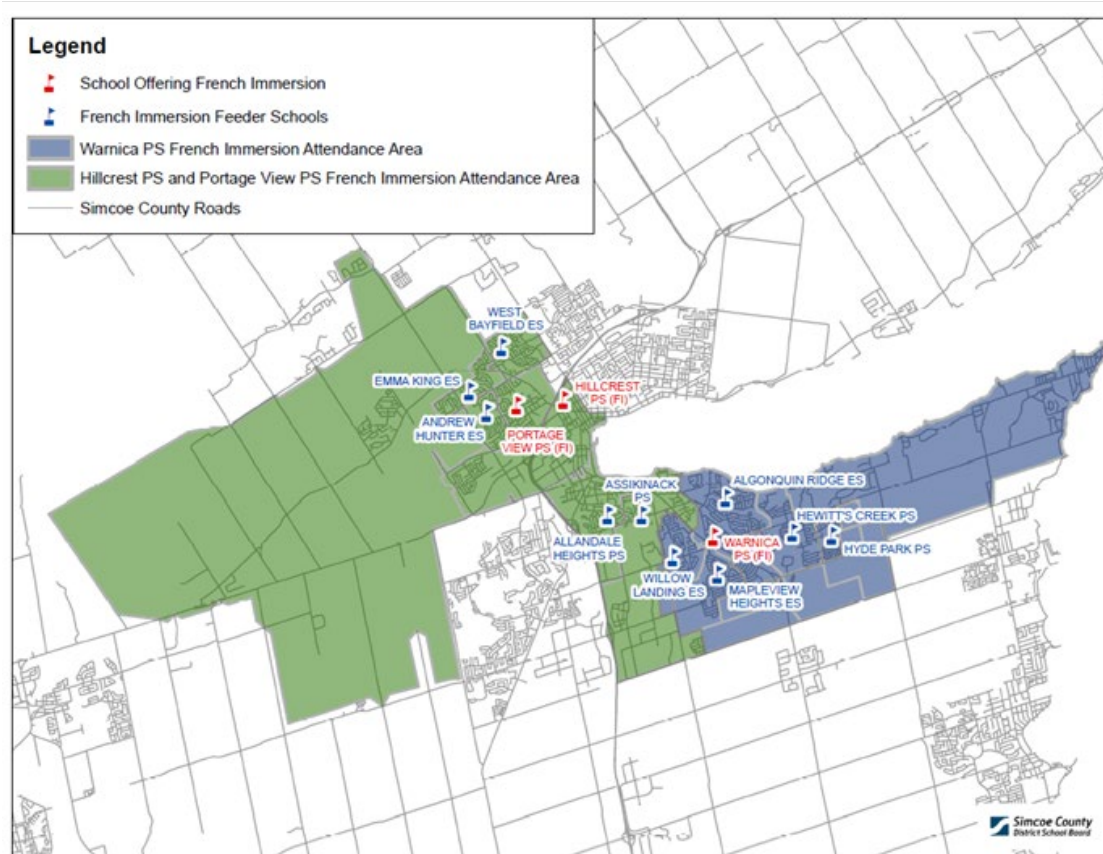
1-8 FI - Grade 1 to Grade 8 French Immersion

Areas under the program review

Currently, FI students from Allandale Heights Public School and Assikinack Public School attend Hillcrest Public School/Portage View Public School.

It is being recommended that Allandale Heights Public School and Assikinack Public School FI students attend Warnica Public School.

Current elementary FI feeders for Warnica Public School:



Establishing new attendance boundaries

It is recommended that FI students residing in Allandale Heights Public School and Assikinack Public School attendance areas attend Warnica Public School.

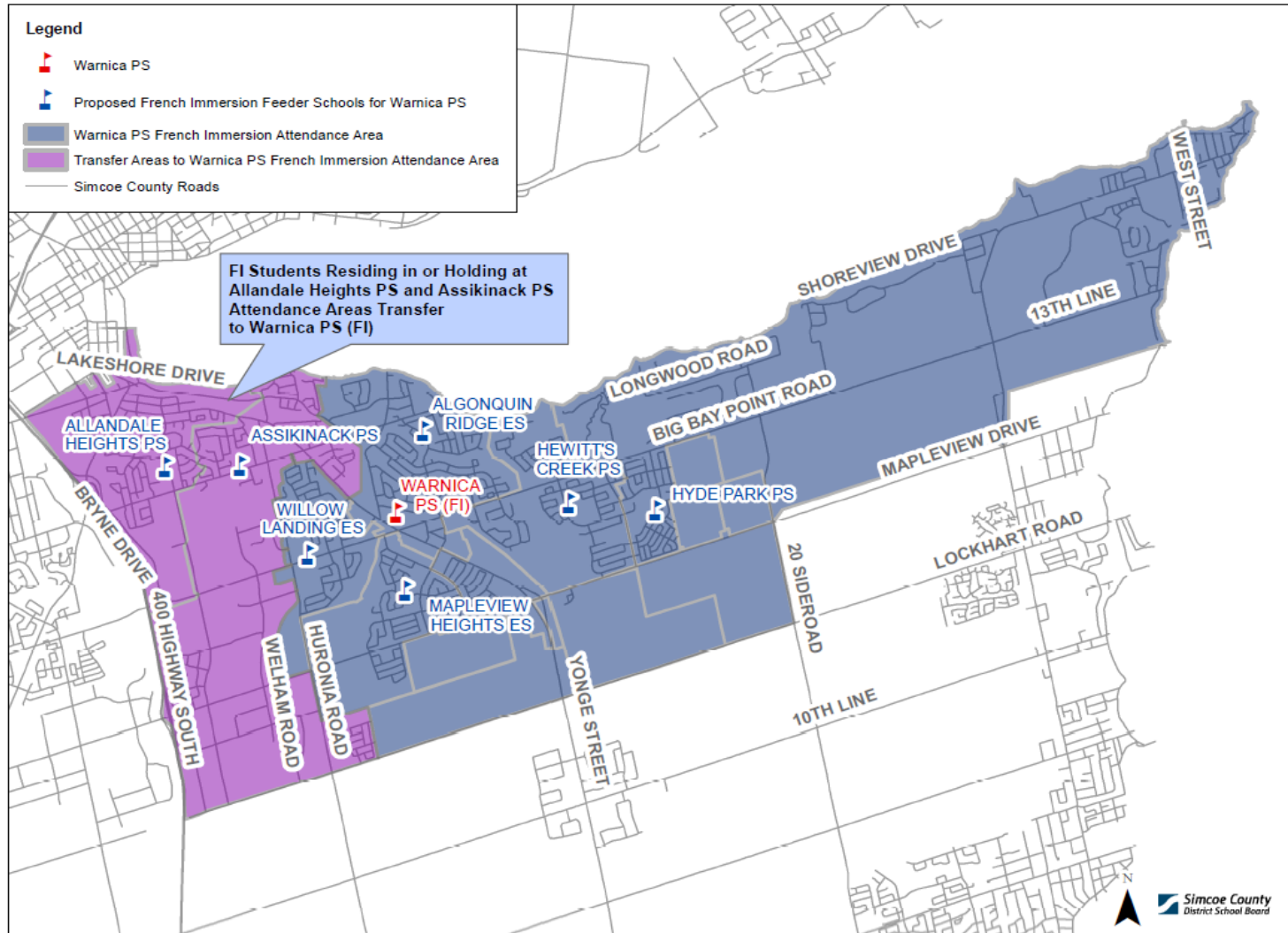
Currently there are approximately:

- **25 FI** students from the Allandale Heights Public School area
- **12 FI** students from the Assikinack Public School area

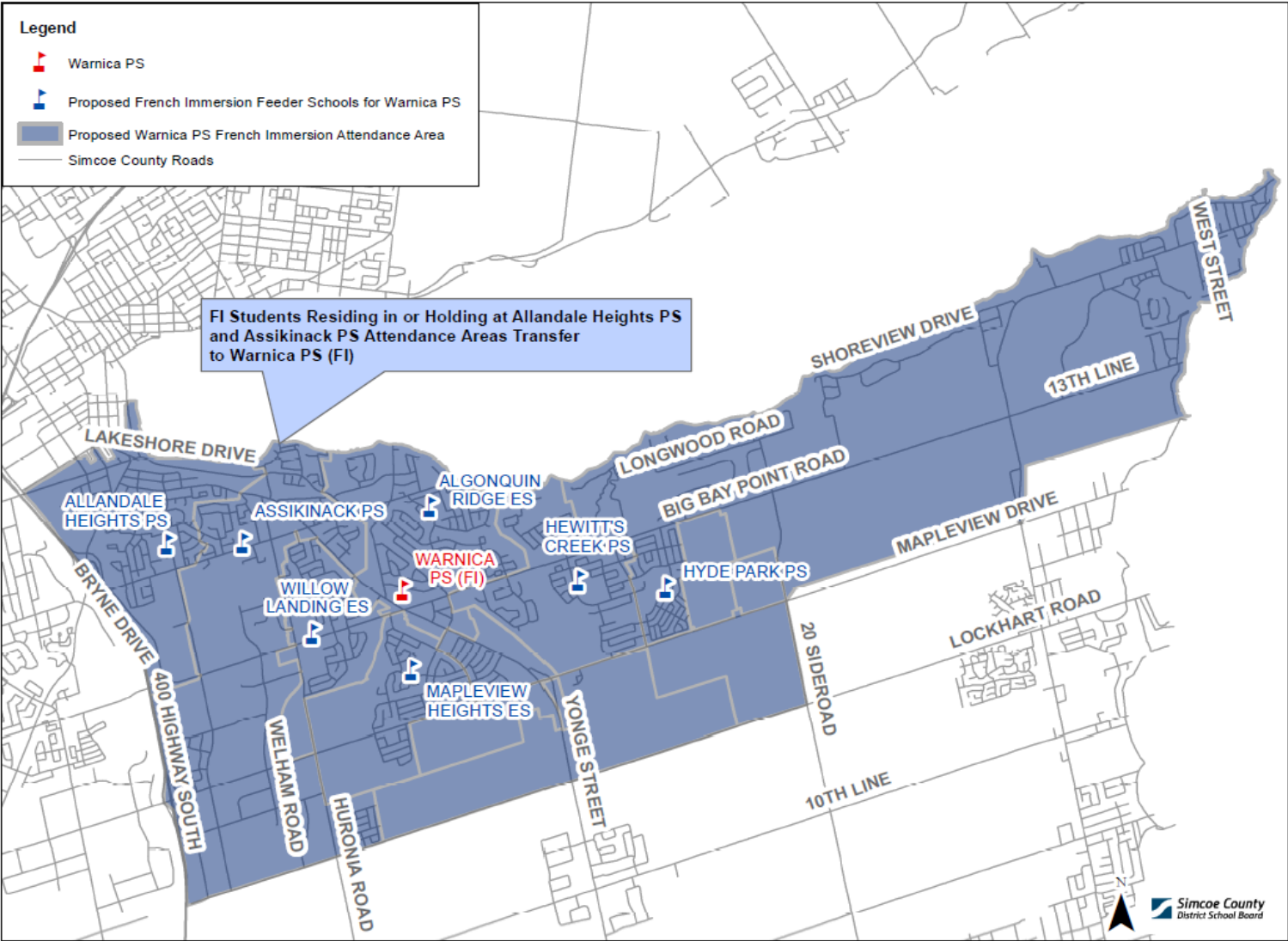
In order to minimize the number of transfers for FI students residing in the Allandale Heights Public School and Assikinack Public School attendance areas, it is being recommended that, in September 2023:

- Grade 1 FI students begin at Warnica Public School
- Grade 4 FI students transitioning into Grade 5 attend Warnica Public School, instead of Portage View Public School
- any FI students wishing to transfer to Warnica Public School from Hillcrest Public School or Portage View Public School may submit an out-of-attendance-area request (Grades 2 to 3 and Grades 6 to 7)

Proposed boundary changes



Proposed FI attendance area



Transition strategy

The proposed changes will result in minimal student transitions. FI students from the Allandale Heights Public School and Assikinack Public School areas will begin the Grade 1 FI program at Warnica Public School and will follow the regular FI transition process. The Grade 4 students moving from Hillcrest Public School to Warnica Public School will require some support as they transition schools.

All other students wishing to transfer sooner than their scheduled transition date will also have opportunities to ensure they feel comfortable with the new school environment.

Questions and answers

When will the boundary change occur?

New attendance boundaries will take effect in September 2023.

What type of transitions are put into place?

As we get closer to the date, the local school principals will work on exciting events to ensure students from each of the schools meet.

Will there be before and after school care at Warnica Public School?

Yes, Upper Canada Child Care is operating a before and after school care program.

What are the bell times for Warnica Public School?

The bell times are 9:10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Will transportation service be provided as the program transitions feeder schools?

Where students are eligible for transportation, the current community stops will continue servicing Hillcrest Public School, Portage View Public School and Warnica Public School, until the transition has been completed.

Next steps and timelines

We value and encourage your input on the proposed plan.

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Implementation of the program boundaries will occur in September 2023 (families may apply for an out-of-attendance area request for September 2022 – one year ahead of implementation).

Questions?

- For questions about ThoughtExchange®, contact research@scdsb.on.ca
- For clarification on details related to the AAR, contact planning_Warnica@scdsb.on.ca