



PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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MEMO TO: Martha Rogers, Director of Education

FROM: Heather Imm, Senior Planner

RE: Redistribution of Edward Johnson Regular Track Program Students

Classification: DECISION

Background:

Staff is currently undergoing a review process to set the new boundary for Grangehill PS, which is scheduled to open in September 2008. For the Board's consideration, staff is suggesting a boundary comprised primarily of the Eastview, Grange Rd and Watson East Development Areas (DA's). Therefore, those schools in East Guelph, which are currently holding these DA's will experience a decline in enrolment once the new school opens. In the case of Edward Johnson PS, the amount of enrolment decline anticipated will impact on the viability of its regular track program. The East Guelph Accommodation Review Committee shortlisted a plan which contemplated the relocation of this program from Edward Johnson PS and the redistribution of the students to adjacent schools.

Issue:

To present to Trustees a recommended plan for the redistribution of the Edward Johnson regular track program students to other East Guelph schools.

Recommendations:

1. THAT, the report PLN: 07-21 entitled, "Redistribution of Edward Johnson Regular Track Program Students", dated June 12, 2007 be received.
2. THAT, Trustees approve new attendance area boundaries for Laurine Ave PS, Ottawa Cres PS and Waverley Dr PS (effective September 2008) as outlined in Appendix C of the report PLN:07-21 "Redistribution of Edward Johnson Regular Track Program Students", dated June 12, 2007.

Rationale:

Board staff met with the group of Edward Johnson PS regular track parents in early May 2007. The purpose of this meeting was to provide these parents with information regarding the impact of the preliminary boundary for the new Grangehill school on the Edward Johnson home area.

At the meeting, staff presented to parents the preliminary Grangehill boundary being proposed by the review committee. It was noted that this boundary is consistent with the boundary proposed in scenario 16B, which was determined to be the preferred scenario at the last meeting of the East Guelph Accommodation Review Committee, prior to the suspension of the review in February 2005. Therefore, this boundary was the result of discussions amongst a Committee involving staff, parents and municipal representatives.

The reassignment of regular track students in the Grange Rd DA from Edward Johnson to the new Grangehill PS has a significant impact on the regular track program at Edward Johnson PS. According to the October 2006 enrolment, with the Grange Rd Development Area students removed, the remaining enrolment in the regular track program at Edward Johnson is reduced down to just 76 students. At this number of remaining regular track students, the program is no longer viable to run. Furthermore, this enrolment is projected to decline over the next 10 years as shown below.

Current Enrolment at Edward Johnson PS (Reg Track as of Oct 06)

***Includes Out of Area Students**

Grade	2006
JK	6
SK	7
GR01	13
GR02	4
GR03	9
GR04	10
GR05	9
GR06	18
Total English Enrolment	76

Projected Enrolment Edward Johnson PS (Reg Track) 2007-2016

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Total English Enrolment	64	60	57	54	54	47	45	44	43	42

Parent Survey

At the Edward Johnson parents meeting, those in attendance indicated that they understood the logic in relocating the students in the regular track program due its projected size of less than 100 students. Following the meeting, a survey was sent home to each of the affected families (Appendix A). The purpose of this survey was to gauge school preferences amongst these families, in order to assist staff when recommending the redistribution of these students to adjacent schools.

Once the surveys were returned, Board staff and the Principals from those schools potentially affected by the redistribution of the Edward Johnson students, met to determine the most logical and feasible boundary options for the Edward Johnson regular track students. Through these discussions, the regular track boundary for Edward Johnson under Scenario 16B was the starting point. Under the 16B scenario, once Grangehill opens, the majority of the regular track Edward Johnson attendance area was to be realigned to become a part of the Waverley Dr PS boundary. A smaller piece of Edward Johnson attendance area was to be realigned to join the Ottawa Cres PS. boundary.

Recommended Reassignment of Students and New School Boundaries

The feedback received through the survey indicated that several parents had a preference for Laurine Ave PS. Other parents indicated a preference for Ottawa Cres PS. Taking this feedback into consideration as well as the Board's walking distance policy, staff is recommending a modification of the 16B scenario. Under this plan, a large portion of the current Edward Johnson attendance area would be reassigned to Laurine Ave, a portion of the attendance area that is closer to Waverley Dr PS would be reassigned to that school and a smaller corner section would be reassigned to Ottawa Cres. When comparing the student location information to the walking distances, the majority of students will be within walking distance to the

reassigned schools. Please refer to Appendix B in order to see the recommended Edward Johnson Boundary Reassignment Map with walking distances included.

Based upon this proposed redistribution of the Edward Johnson regular track students, staff is also recommending that new boundaries for Laurine Ave PS, Waverley Dr PS and Ottawa Cres PS be modified to reflect the maps outlined in Appendix C. These new school boundaries would be effective in September 2008 to coincide with the opening of the new Grangehill PS.

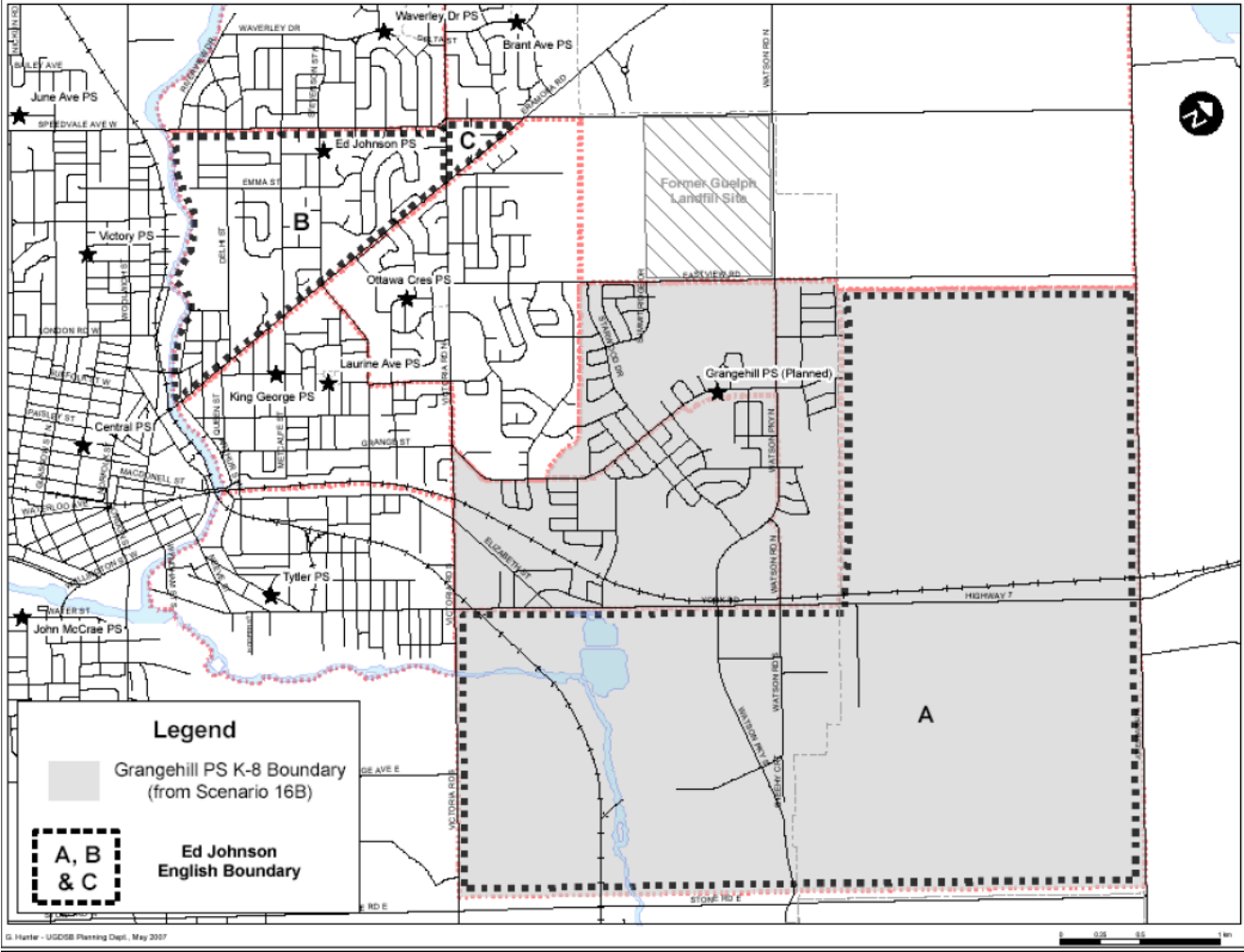
Some parents have requested that their child(ren) be allowed to move by September 2007. In this case, staff is recommending that the Out of Area Policy be utilized. Out of Area permission to move one year earlier to the reassigned school, would only be granted in cases where there is no impact on staffing.

Important Note: The current conditions at these schools as noted below could be subject to change, given the completion of an Accommodation Review in East Guelph. As indicated at the Parent Meeting on May 7, 2007, at this time, there is no indication of when a review of East Guelph will be reinitiated.

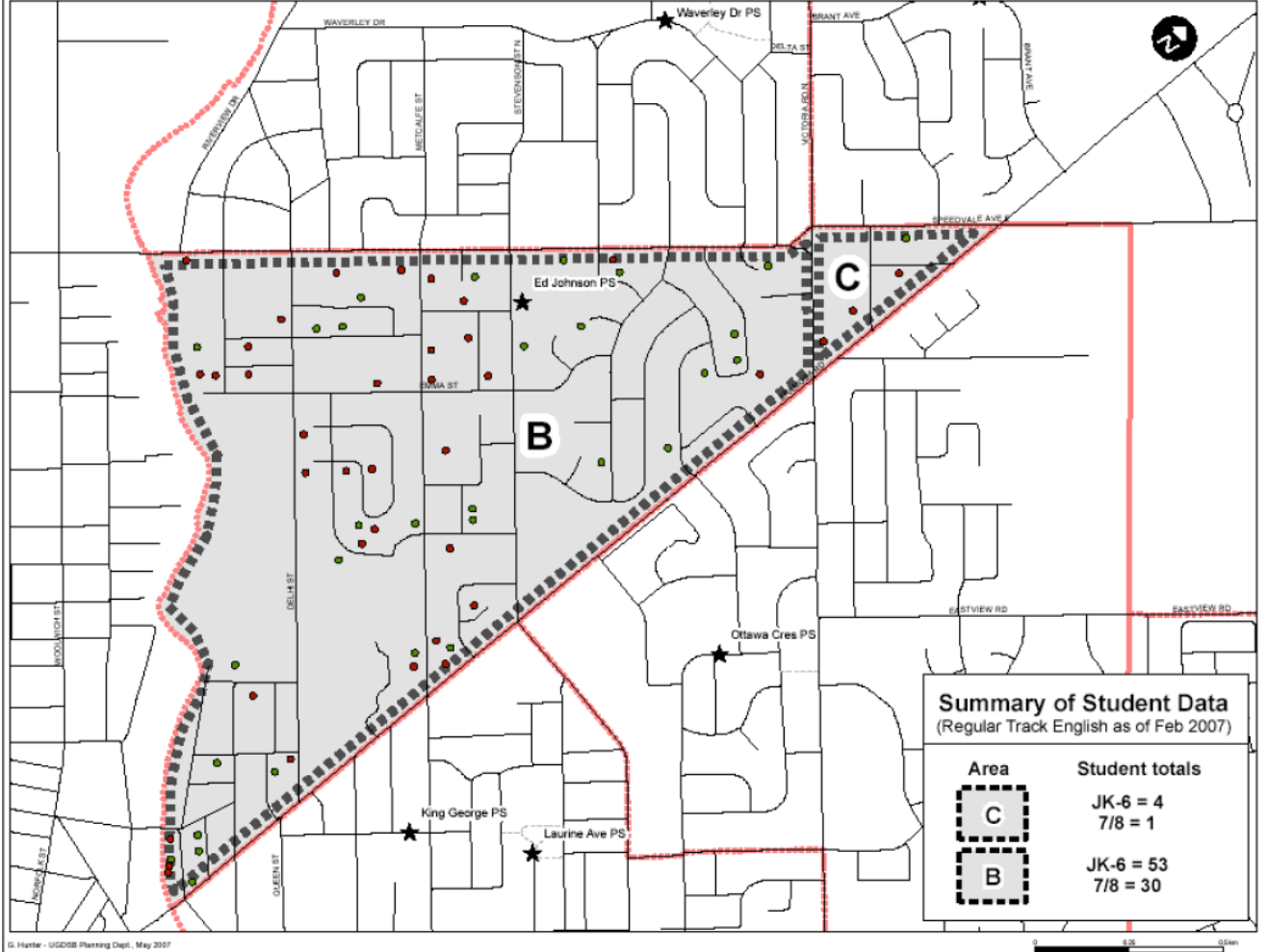
School	Program	School Capacity	Current Enrolment	Portables	Projected Enrolment (2008)
Laurine Ave PS	JK-6	158	99.5	0	96
Ottawa Cres PS	JK-6	282	261.5	1	227
Waverley Dr PS	JK-8	558	471	0	437
Grangehill PS	JK-8	506	0	0	368 (JK-7)

For more information on these schools, please access the Boards website at www.uqdsb.on.ca

MAP 1 - Grangehill PS Preliminary Attendance Area



MAP 2 - Student Locations in Edward Johnson English Attendance Area

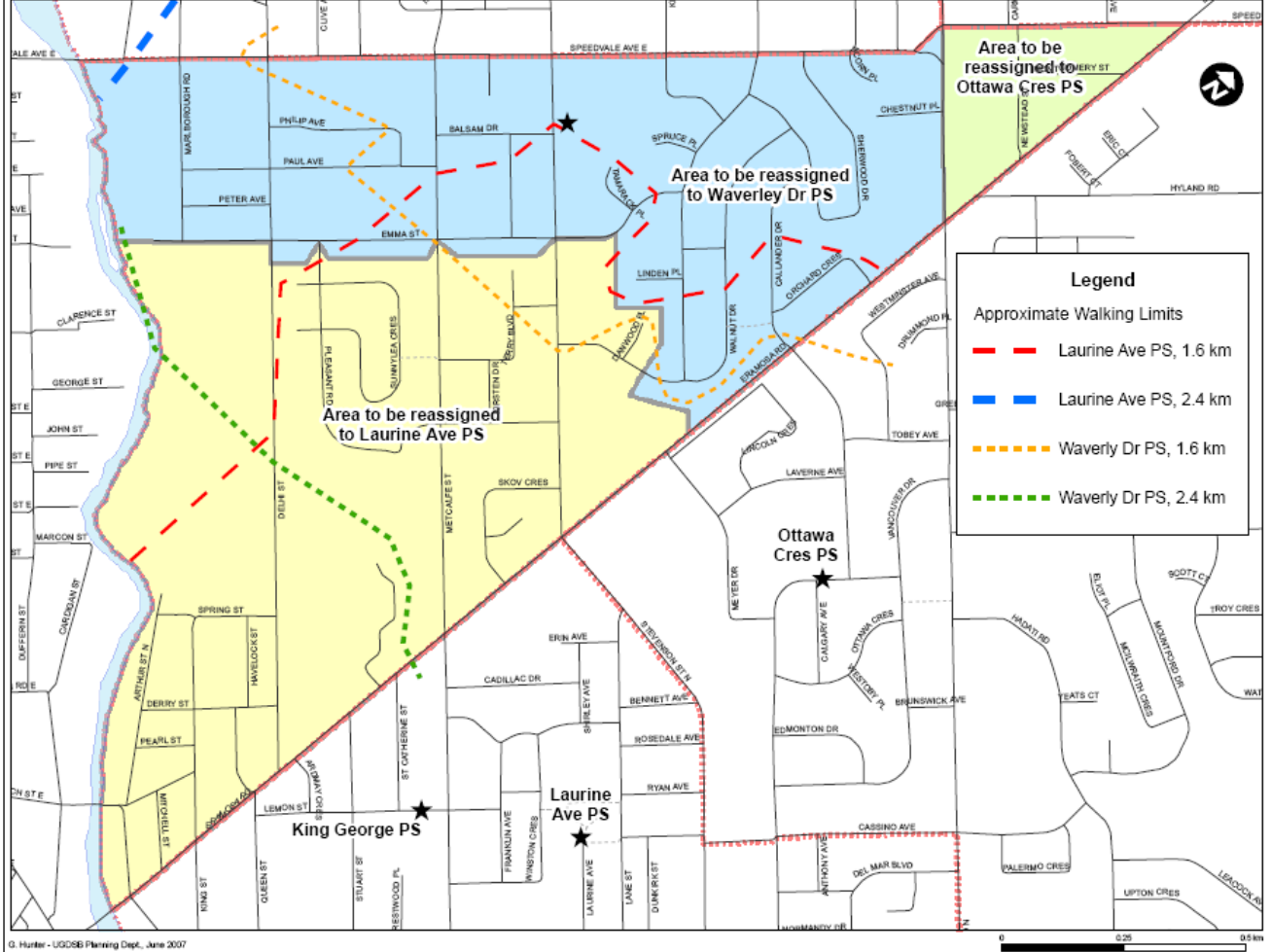


Summary of Student Data
(Regular Track English as of Feb 2007)

Area	Student totals
C	JK-6 = 4 7/8 = 1
B	JK-6 = 53 7/8 = 30

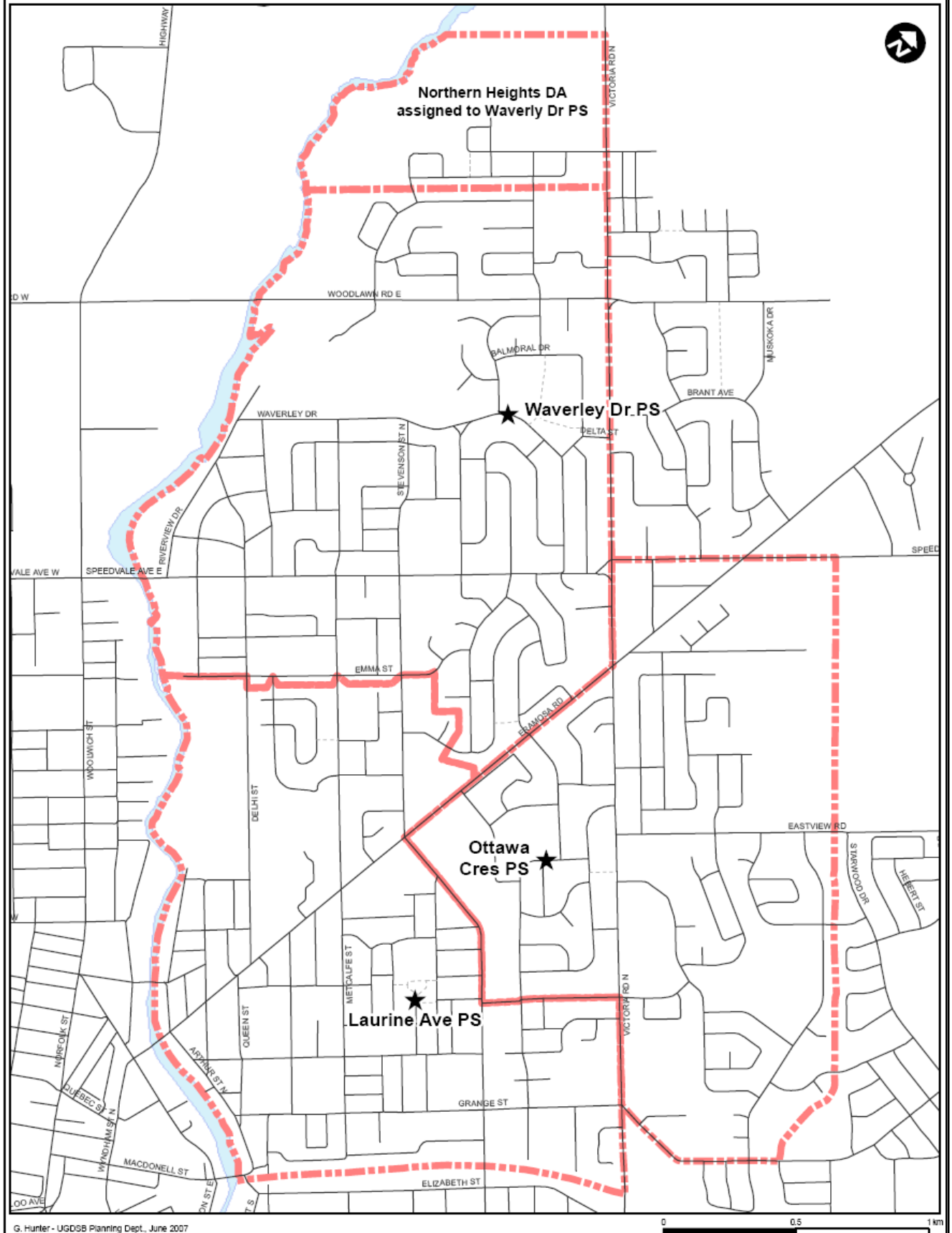
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Map 1 - Proposed Edward Johnson English Area Reassignments

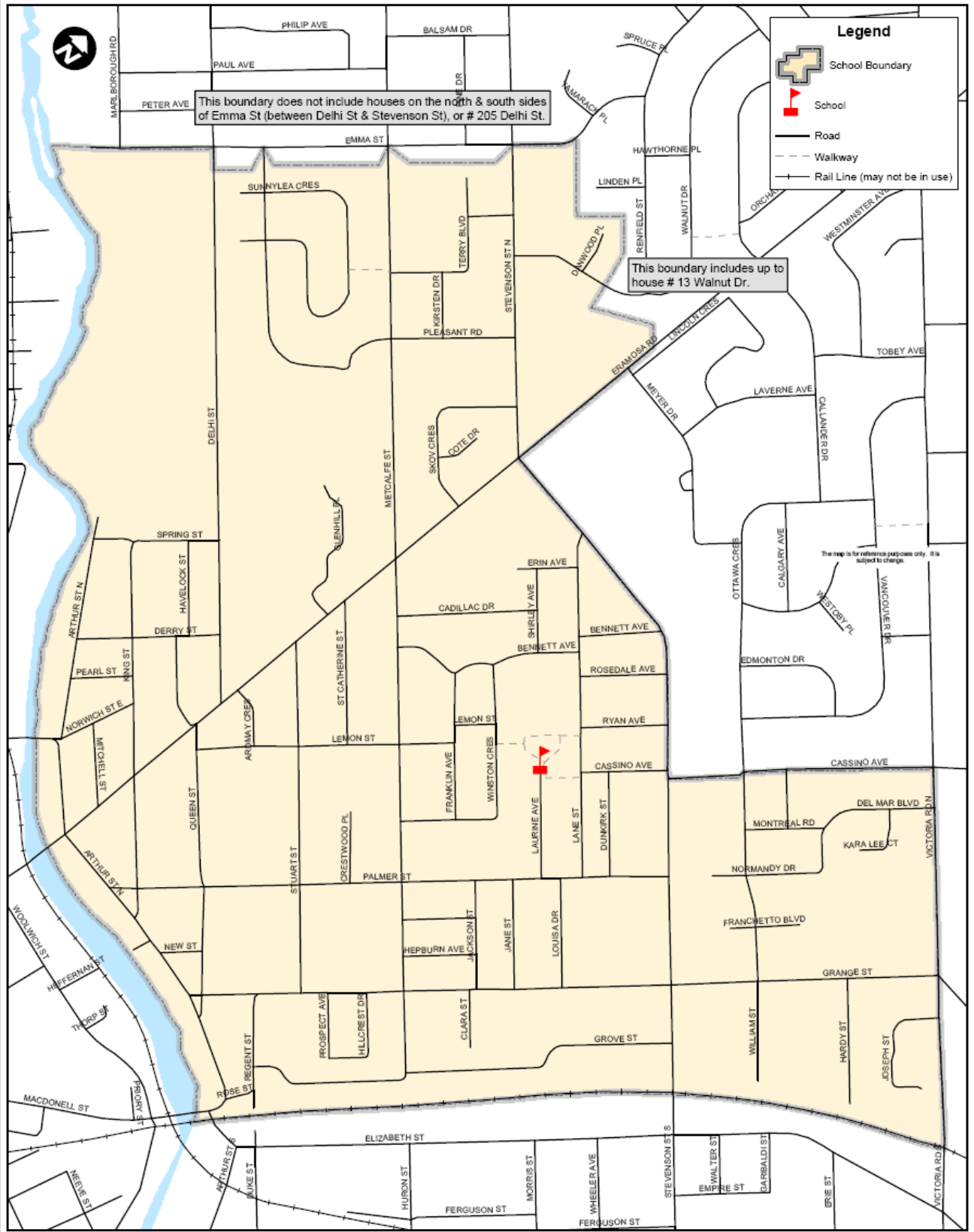


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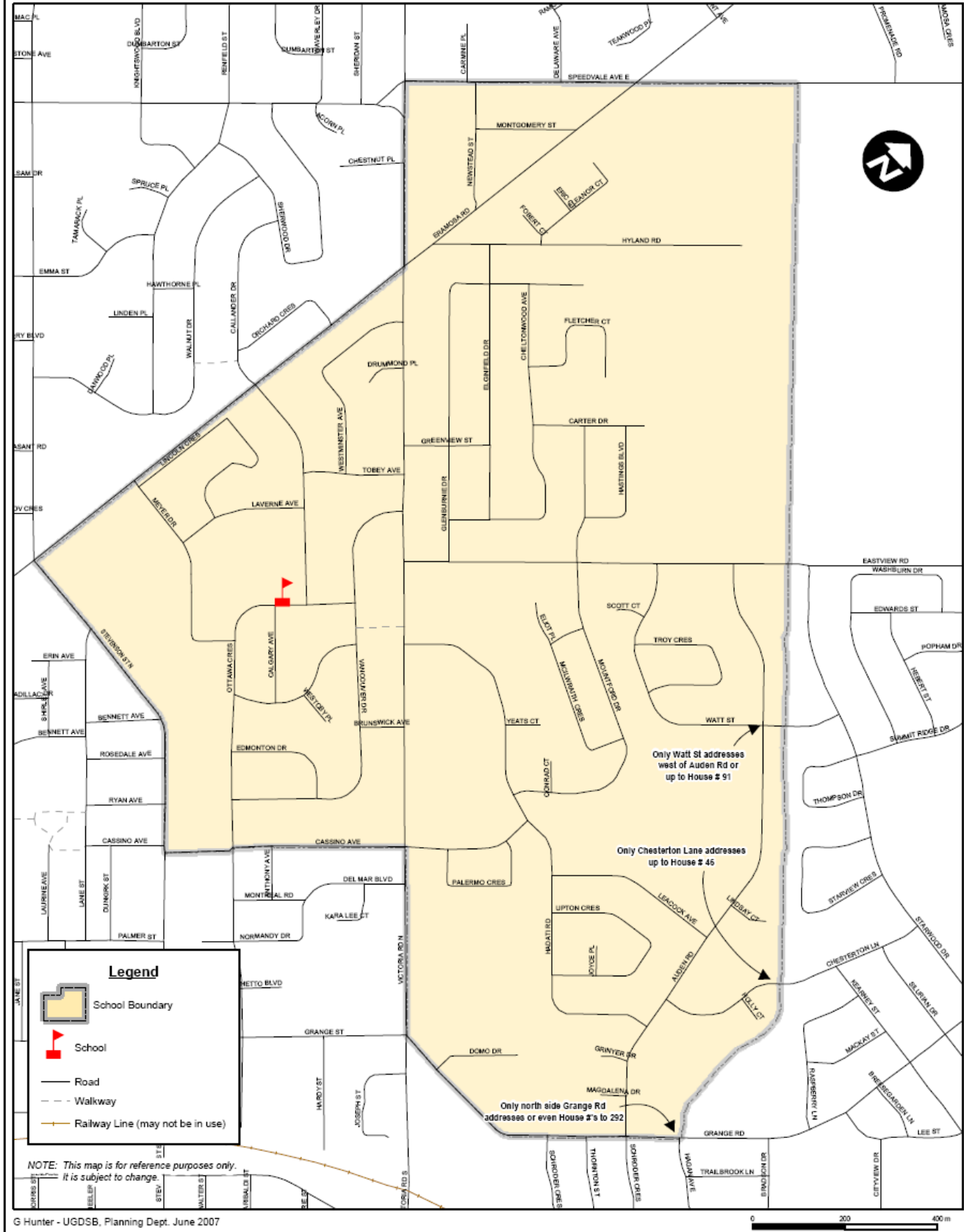
Map 2 - Proposed English JK-6 Boundaries - Effective Sept 2008



Laurine Ave English K - 6 Attendance Area Boundary - Effective Sept 2008



Ottawa Crescent PS K-6 Attendance Area - Effective Sept 2008








Legend

- School Boundary
- School
- Road
- Walkway
- Railway Line (may not be in use)

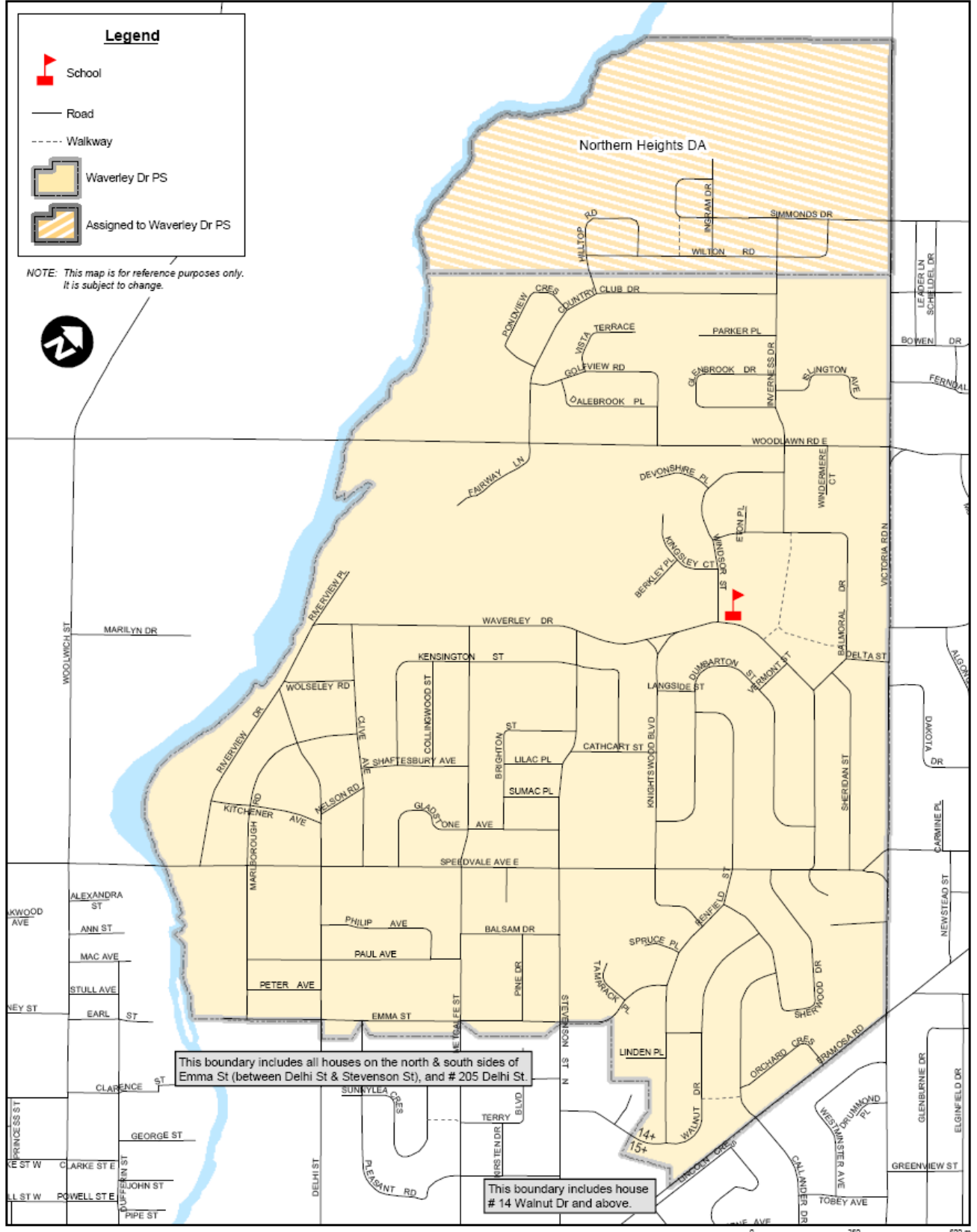
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Waverley Dr PS K-6 Attendance Area - Effective Sept 2008

Legend

-  School
-  Road
-  Walkway
-  Waverley Dr PS
-  Assigned to Waverley Dr PS

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This boundary includes all houses on the north & south sides of Emma St (between Delhi St & Stevenson St), and # 205 Delhi St.

This boundary includes house # 14 Walnut Dr and above.

