



Thames Valley
District School Board

COMMUNITY PLANNING & FACILITY COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITIES MEETING

County of Elgin and City of St. Thomas
May 8, 2026
1 p.m. – 3 p.m.



Welcome

The objective of this meeting is to:

Provide an opportunity for TVDSB and community organizations to share information and assist with

- Managing excess space,
- Projecting future needs, and
- Identifying opportunities for facility collaborations.

Community Planning and Facility Collaboration meetings are intended to help ensure TVDSB's long-term accommodation planning is well informed, well coordinated, transparent, sustainable, and supportive of student achievement.

Agenda

- Director's Updates
- Capital Projects
- Student Accommodation Planning
- Municipal Presentations
- Discussion



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Introduction to Thames Valley

Bill Tucker
Director of Education



Who We Are

We serve students living in:

City of London, Elgin County, Oxford
County, Middlesex County,
Chippewas of the Thames First
Nation, Munsee-Delaware Nation
and Oneida Nation of the Thames.

**Student
Enrollment:**

Elementary

58,600

Secondary

23,500

Total: 82,100



7,000 Km²

4th Largest in Ont.



14,000 Employees



134 Elementary

27 Secondary

1 Adult Ed



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Successes, Challenges & Opportunities



Successes

- 11 ongoing major capital projects
- Graduation rates rising
- Unique course offerings
- Prioritizing mental health for students



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Challenges

- Declining enrolment
- Deficit situation
- Rapid growth in some areas = need for new schools



Opportunities

- Working with Supervisor to address deficit
- Ministry of Education collaboration opportunities
- Continue working with municipal partners
- Constant effort to support students



EQAO results

- Extra time and resources toward improving reading, writing and math
- Students making steady gains, particularly in math
- Results improving for grade 3, 6 and 9 students
- Still plenty of work to do



Tech offerings St. Thomas-Elgin

- All course pathways available (specific courses vary)
- **Examples:** Health care, hospitality, design, communications, construction, electrical, green industries, hair and esthetics, manufacturing, and transportation
- **New St. Thomas SS** will include tech programming
- **West Elgin SS construction lab** renovation
- Visit www.tvdsb.ca/shsm





School Highlights: Elgin & St. Thomas

Parkside CI Robotics Team





TVDSB Sports & Activity League in East Elgin County



Belmont Meadows Public School Naming



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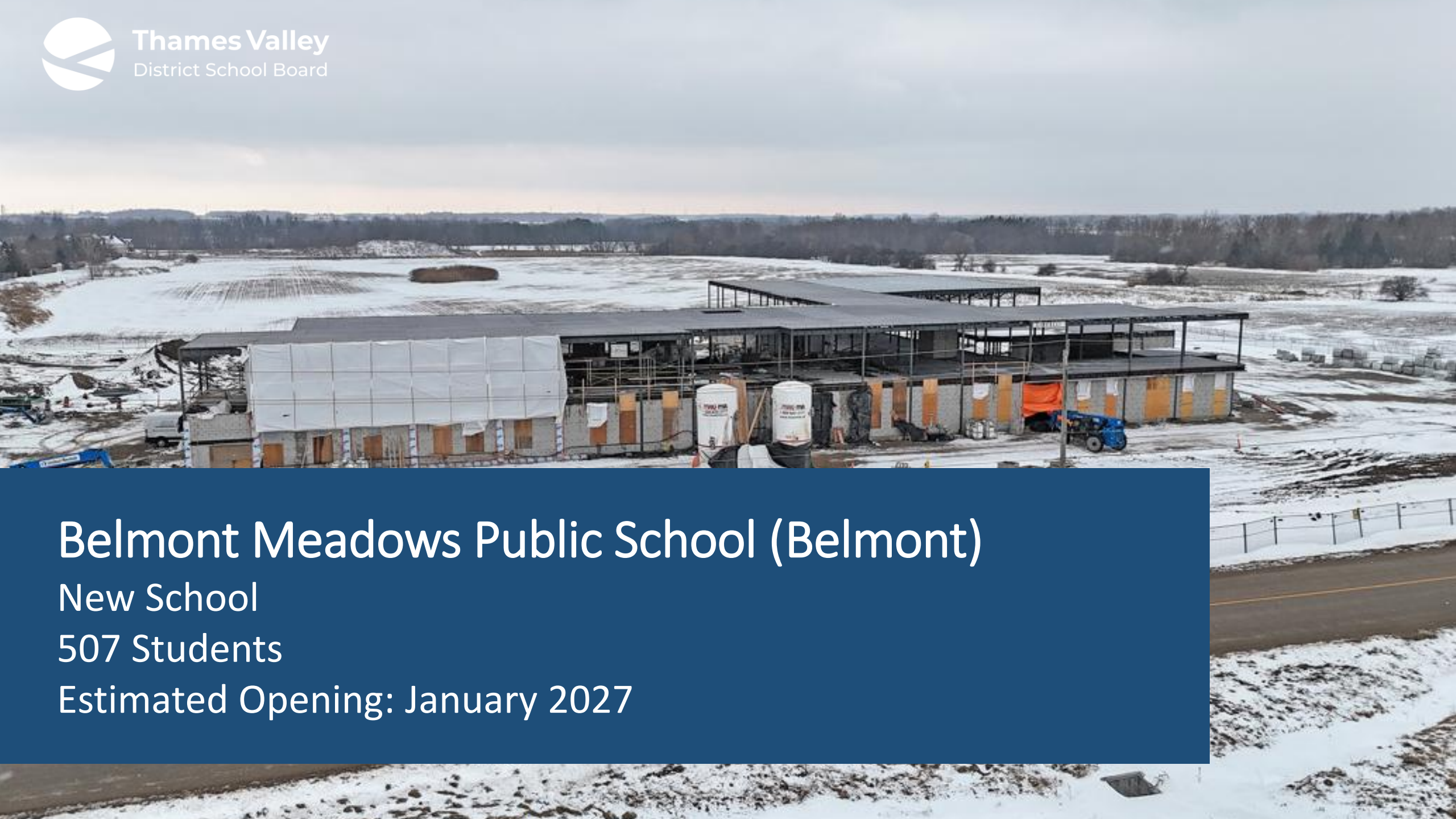




Major Capital Projects Update



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Belmont Meadows Public School (Belmont)

New School

507 Students

Estimated Opening: January 2027

2025-2026 approved Capital Priorities

New St. Thomas Secondary School (Arthur Voaden SS Replacement)

703 Pupil Places and 88 Child Care Spaces

New Talbotville Elementary School

412 Pupil Places and 49 Child Care Spaces



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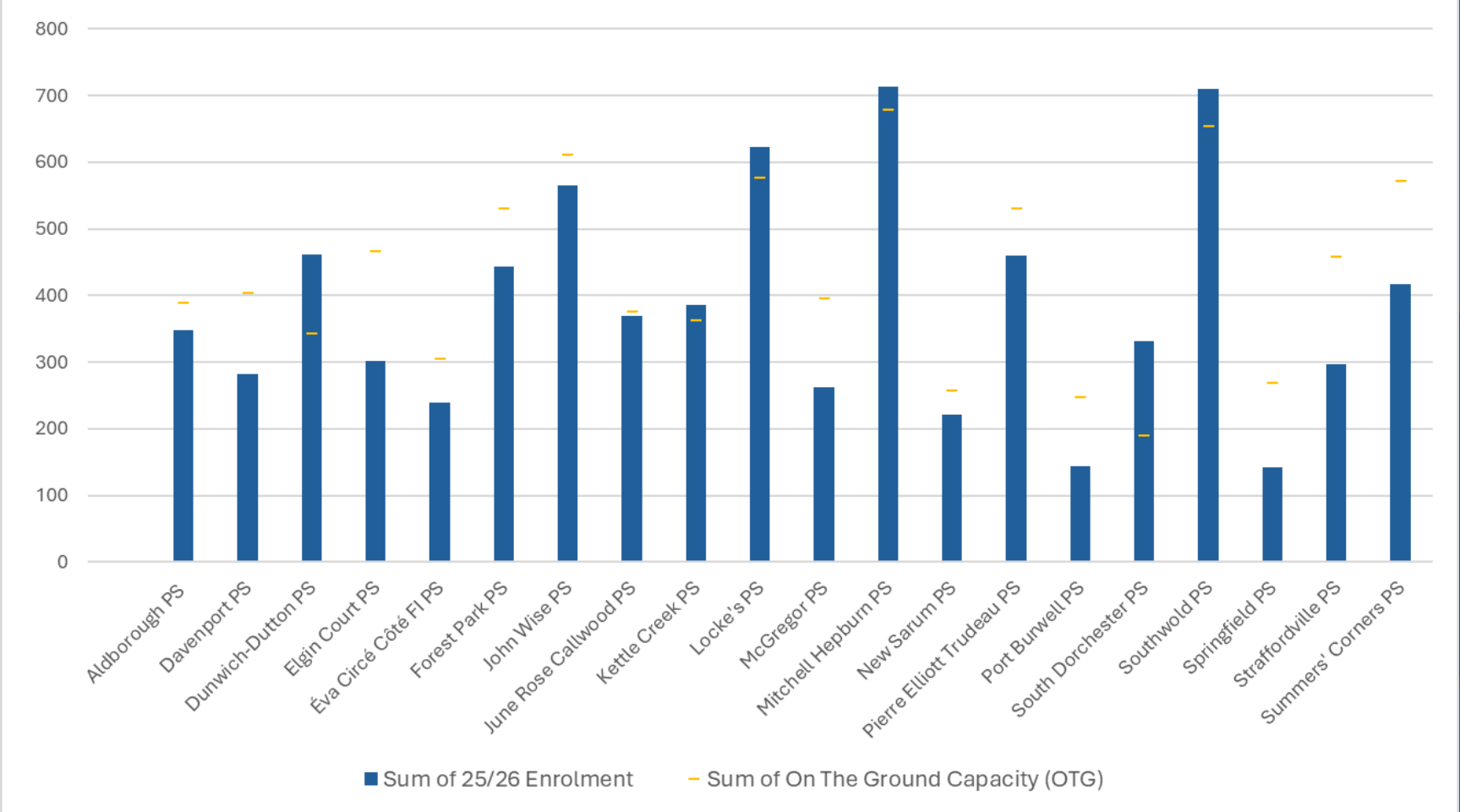


Accommodation Plan

- Reflects a comprehensive, board-wide view
- Provides current enrolments and projections for each school to inform our student accommodation and capital planning strategies
- Sets priorities by highlighting current and future needs for new schools and building additions

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County of Elgin and City of St. Thomas Elementary Panel



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Total Elementary Schools **20**

English Track (ET), Grade JK-8: 15

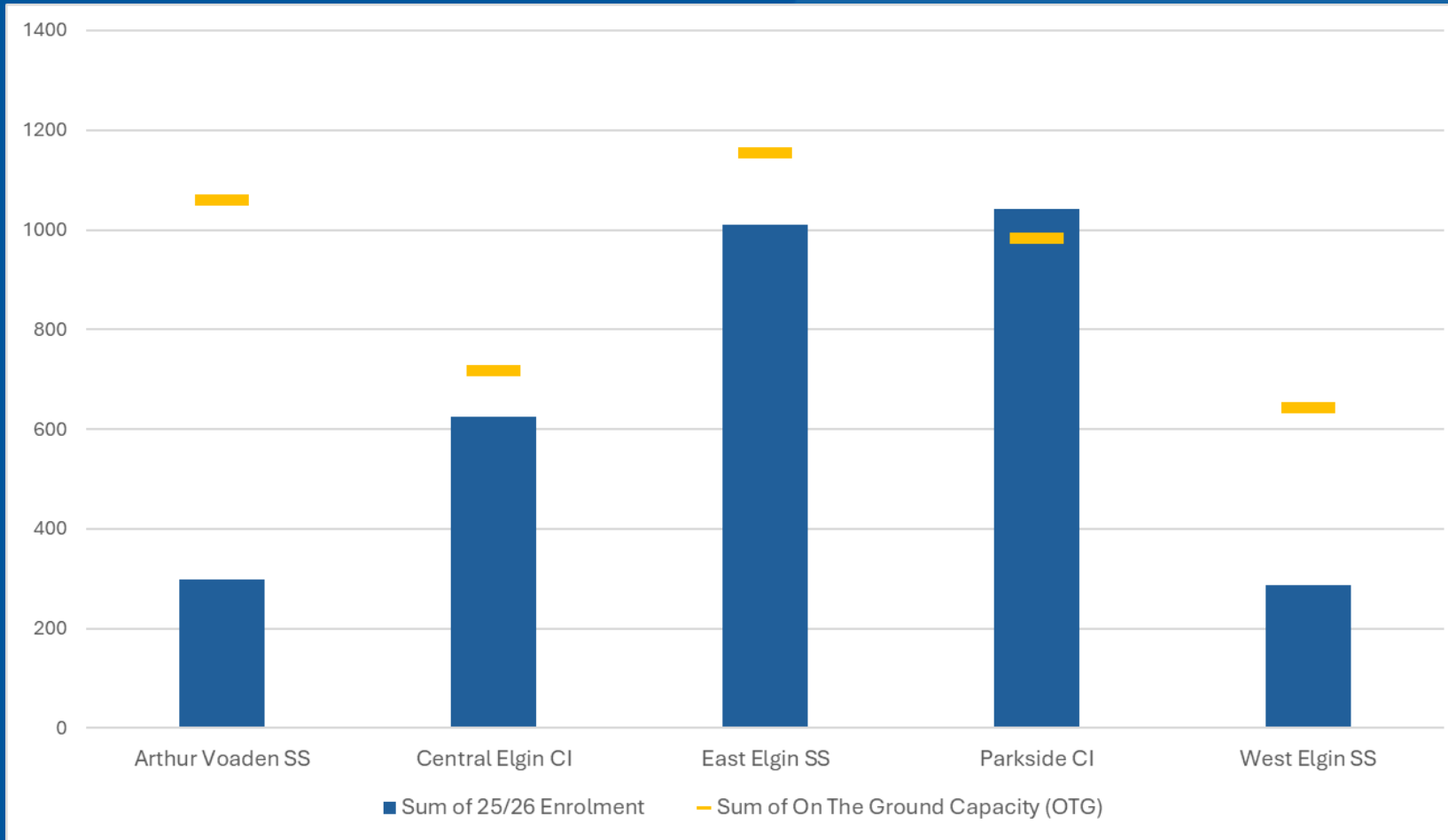
French Immersion (FI), Grade 1-8: 2

English Track (ET), Grade JK-3 : 1

English Track (ET), Grade 4-8: 1

English Track (ET), Grade JK-6: 1

County of Elgin and City of St. Thomas Secondary Panel



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Total Secondary Schools **5**

English Track (ET): 4

Dual Track (ET/FI): 1

Technology Emphasis: 1

Collaboration Opportunities



Springfield Public School
51336 Ron McNeil Line, Springfield ON



Port Burwell Public School
30 Strachan St, Port Burwell ON



West Elgin Secondary School
139 Graham Road, West Lorne ON

Disposition of Surplus Properties

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- We would love to hear from you! Please email us at planning@tvdsb.ca.





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MUNICIPAL PRESENTATIONS





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DISCUSSION



Thank You!