

BOUNDARY REVIEW

Portland Estates, Bel Ayr and Brookhouse Elementary Schools

December 6, 2010



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Boundary Review Committee Members

- Roy Lilly – Eric Graves SAC representative
- Mary Mageau – Portland Estates SAC representative
- Owen McCarthy – Bel Ayr Elementary SAC Chair
- Lori McConnell – Ellenvale SAC representative
- Belinda Oxner – Brookhouse SAC Chair



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Committee Members (continued)

- **Karen Dale – Principal Eric Graves**
- **Anna Marie Sarto – Principal Portland Estates Elementary**
- **Brenda Waterman – Principal Bel Ayr**
- **George Gray – Principal Ellenvale**
- **Ken MacDonald – Principal Brookhouse**

Judy White – Facilitator

Jill McGillicuddy – HRSB Planner / Resource Support

Debbie Sutherland – School Administration Supervisor

Role of the Committee

- To recommend to the elected Board the appropriate geographical boundary for Portland Estates, Bel Ayr and Brookhouse.
- The committee can provide advice to the elected Board on other issues regarding student placement but the task that we were given is to recommend the physical boundary.
- The final decision rests with the governing school board.

TIMELINES

- **October 25** **Organizational meeting**
- **November 1** **Boundary Review Committee Meeting**
- **November 8** **Boundary Review Committee Meeting**
- **November 15** **Boundary Review Committee Meeting**
- **November 22** **Boundary Review Committee Meeting**
- **November 29** **Boundary Review Committee Meeting**
- **December 6** **Public Meeting**

The potentially impacted schools

- Bel Ayr
- Brookhouse
- Caldwell Road
- Portland Estates
- Ellenvale
- Eric Graves Memorial

Goals of the Boundary Review Committee

- To respond to the Board motion of April 2005 in accordance with Policy B.003 (Creating School Populations)
- To ensure that the boundary can be clearly articulated through geography
- To ensure that students would attend their neighbourhood school

Historical Perspective

The Board passed the following motion April 2005:

- The current catchment area for Portland Estates Elementary School located on the north side of Portland Street be assigned to Brookhouse Elementary School beginning in September 2005.
- The students currently attending Portland Estates Elementary School from this selected area remain at Portland Estates Elementary School until completion of grade 6.

Motion Continued

- All Primary students residing in and all other students moving into this selected area attend Brookhouse Elementary School beginning in September 2005.

Motion Continued

- Portland Estates Elementary School be capped for all students from the new phase 4 of the Portland Hills development. This capping means that although this area is assigned to Portland Estates Elementary, the students will be assigned to the designated school of Bel Ayr Elementary **until** the Board determines that there is room for them at Portland Estates Elementary.

Motion Continued

- The board consider granting sibling rights, sibling rights being, those brothers or sisters of Grades Primary to 5 students who currently go to Portland Estates Elementary; and that these sibling rights be granted through to 2009 and at that time all transportation going to Portland Estates would be subject to the existing student transportation policies of the Halifax Regional School Board.

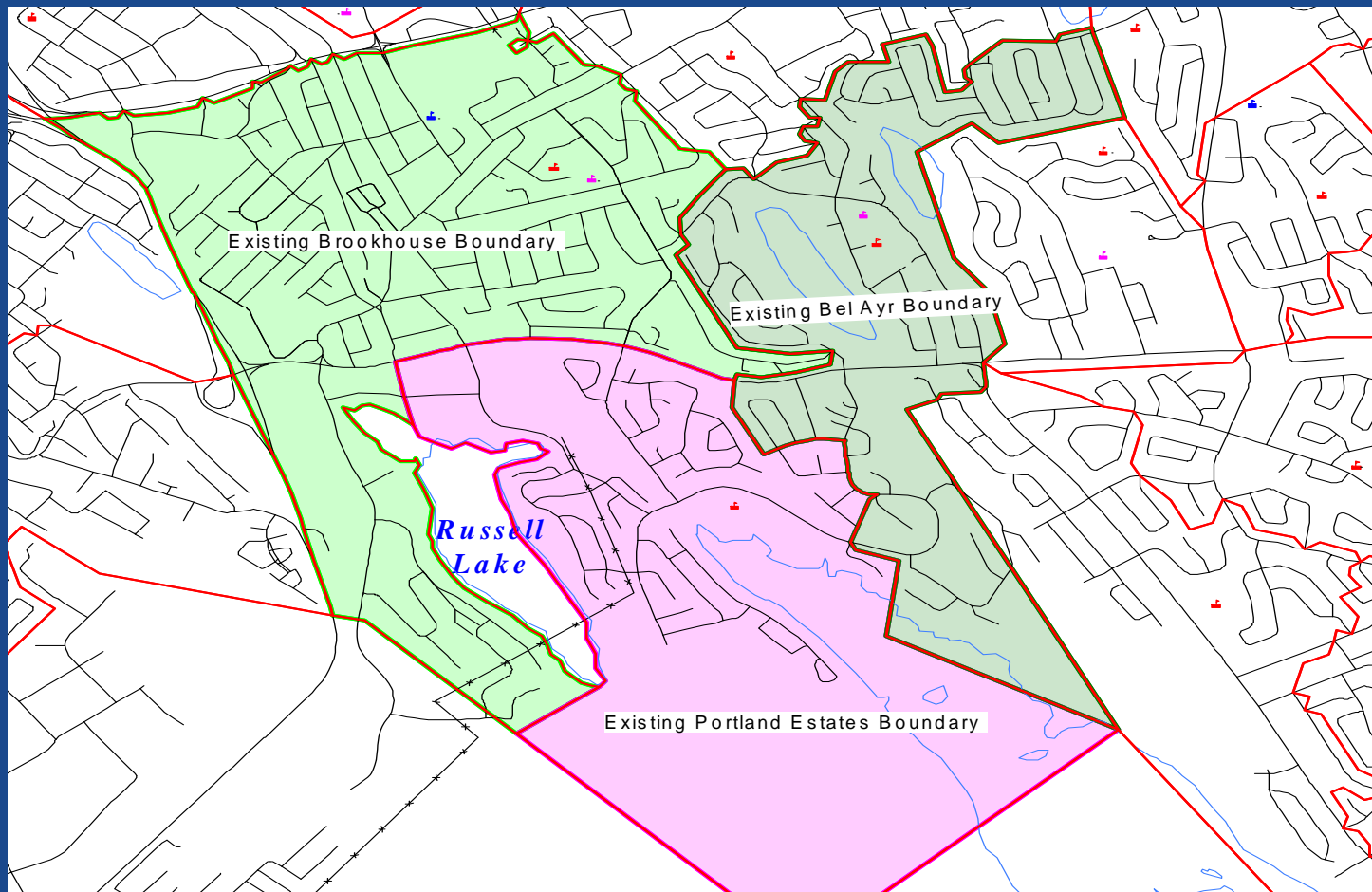
Motion Continued

- That the 26 families, who did not respond to the survey to identify siblings of Portland Estates students, be accommodated on an “as available” basis.

Current Situation

- As Portland Estates Elementary has been able to accept out-of-area students, it has been determined that Portland Estates Elementary now has space for more students to be accommodated at Portland Estates Elementary.

Existing Boundaries – Portland Estates Elementary, Bel Ayr Elementary, and Brookhouse Elementary Schools





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Current Enrolment as of September 30, 2010

- Bel Ayr 240 (350)
- Brookhouse 333 (525)
- Portland Estates 368 (400)
- Eric Graves 202 (390)
- Ellenvale 440 (510)

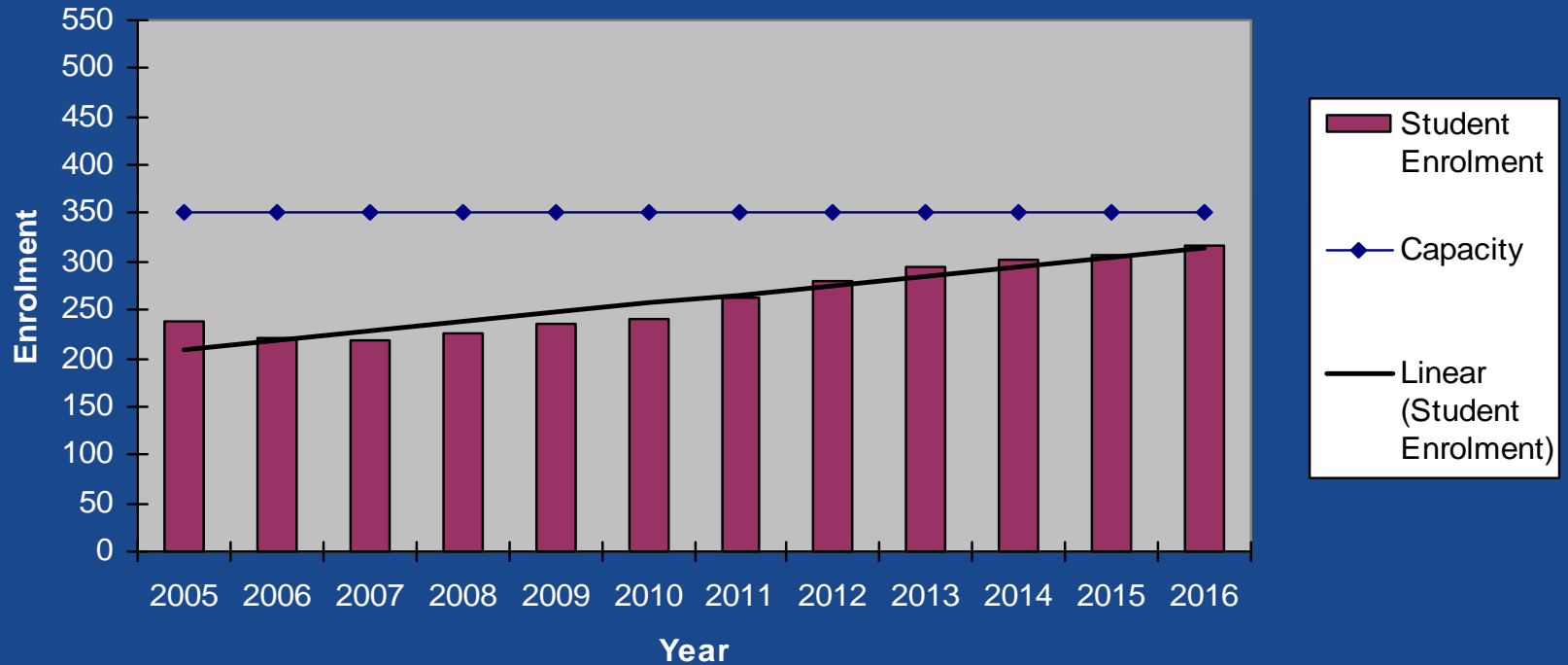
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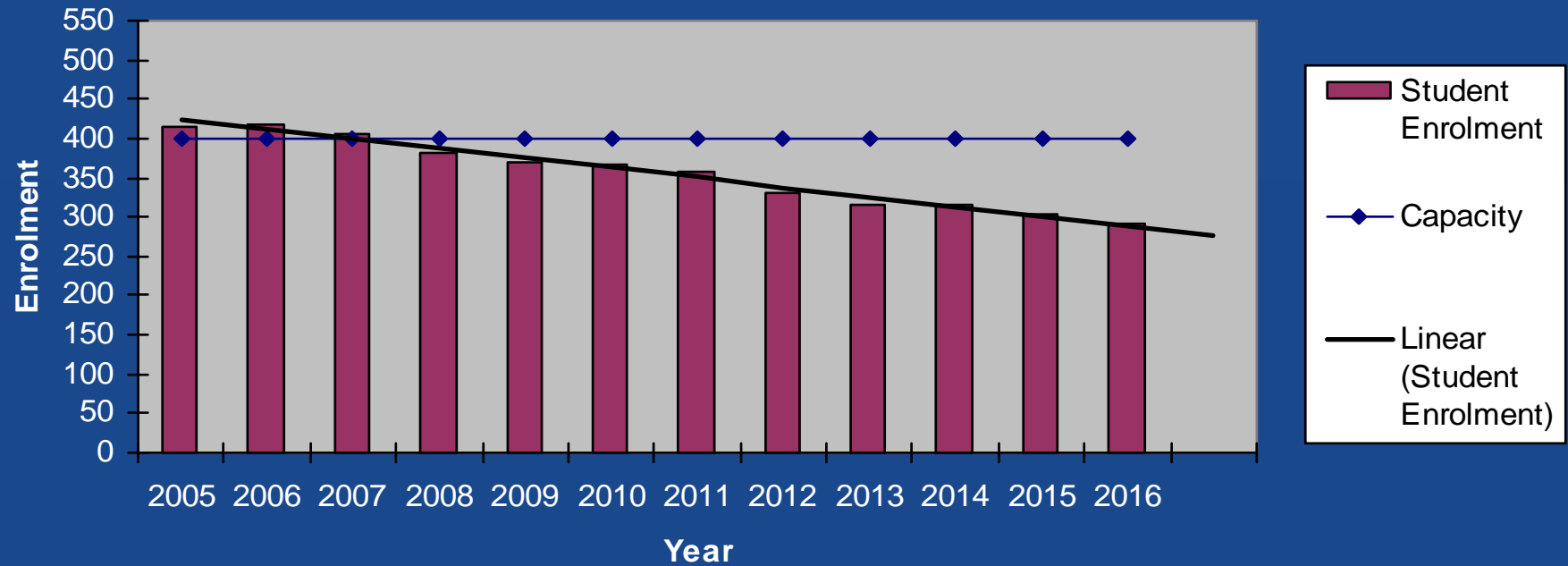
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Historical and Projected Enrolments

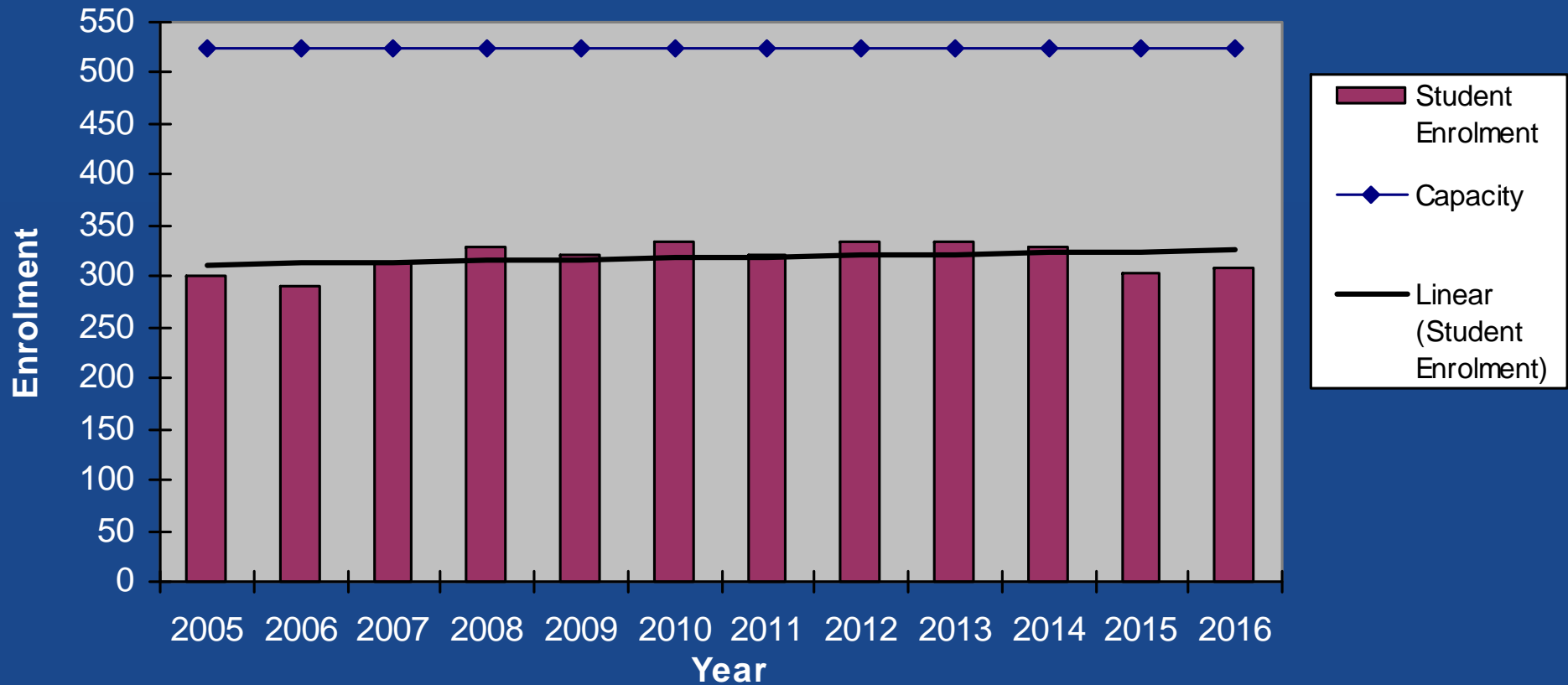
Historical and Projected Enrolment - Bel Ayr Elementary (Existing Boundary)



Historical and Projected Enrolment Portland Estates Elementary (Existing Boundary)

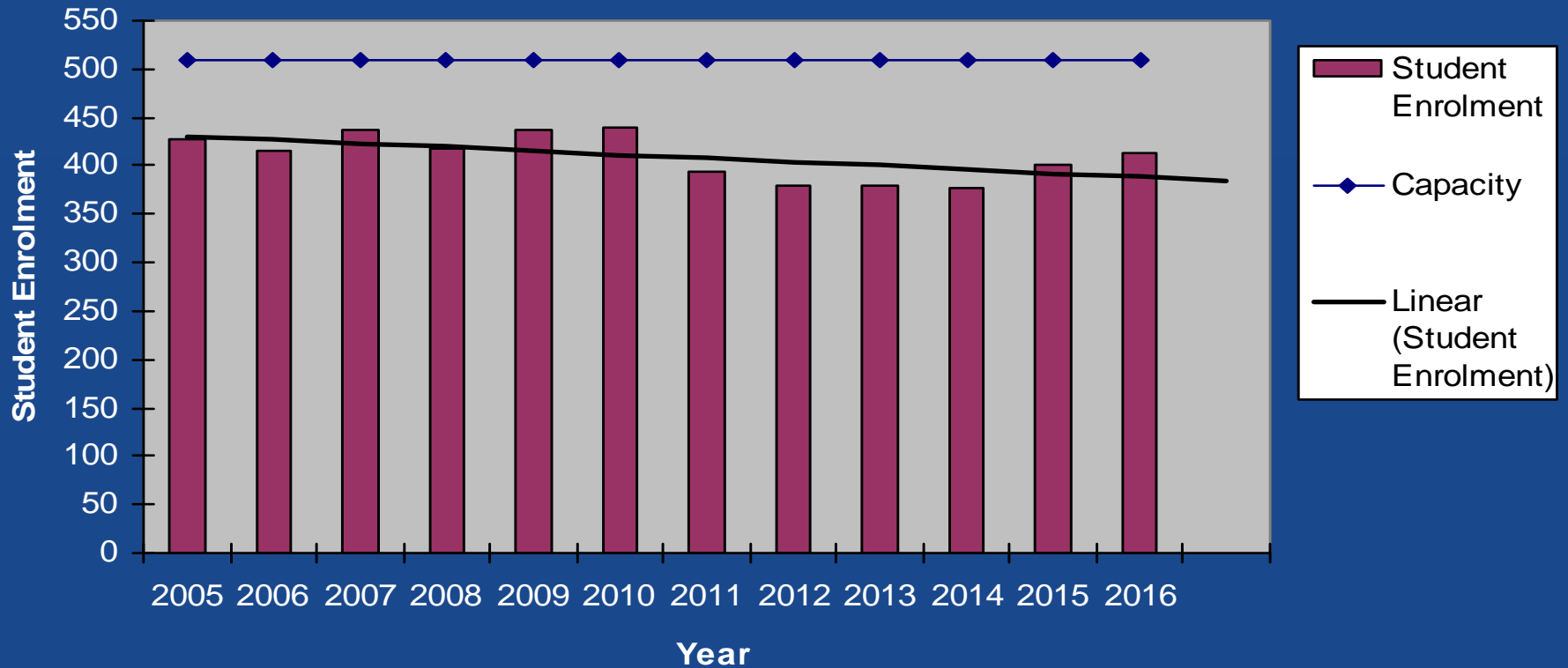


Historical and Projected Enrolment - Brookhouse Elementary (Existing Boundary)



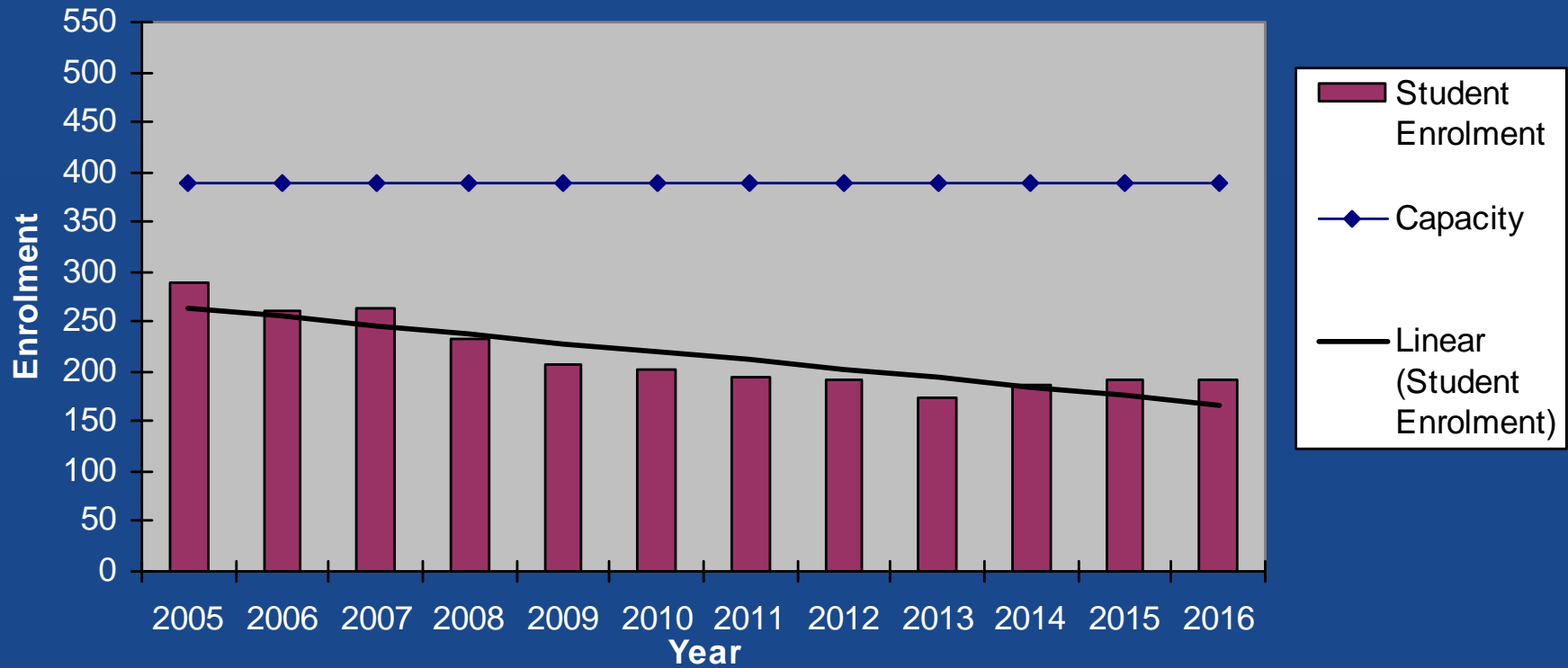
Source: Halifax Regional School Board and Baragar Demographics

Historical and Projected Enrolment - Ellenvale Junior High (Existing Boundary)



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Historical and Projected Enrolment - Eric Graves Memorial (Existing Boundary)

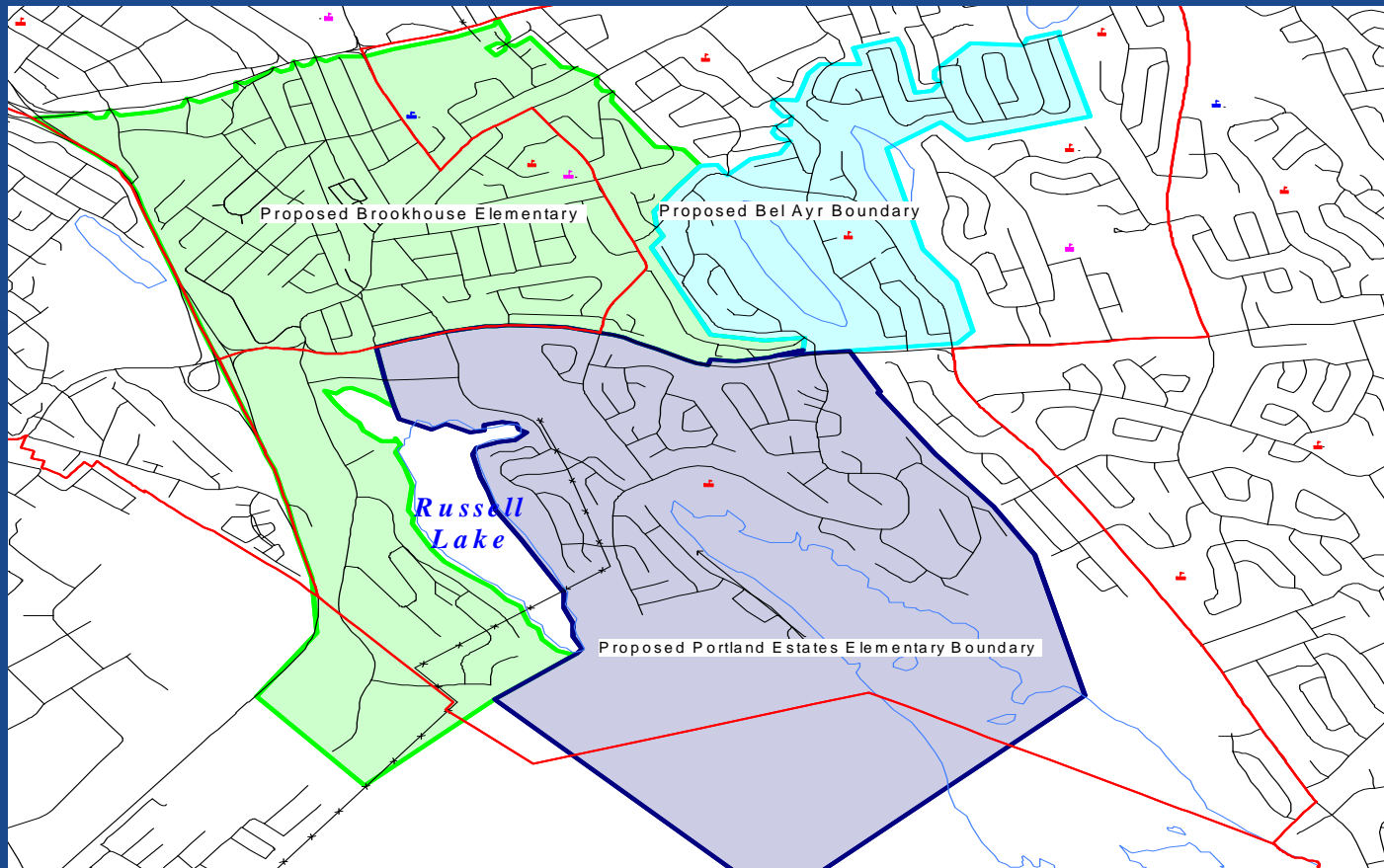




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Interim Boundary Proposal

INTERIM BOUNDARY PROPOSAL

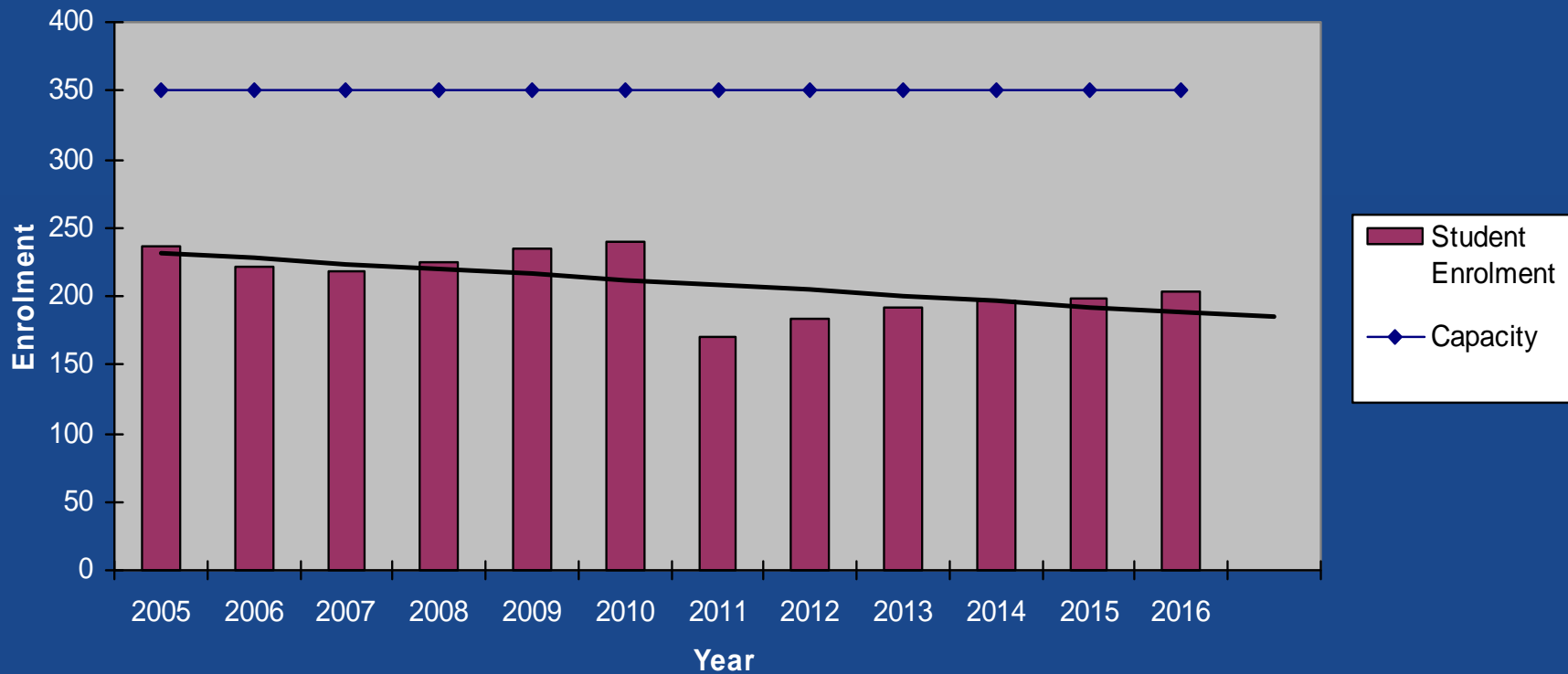


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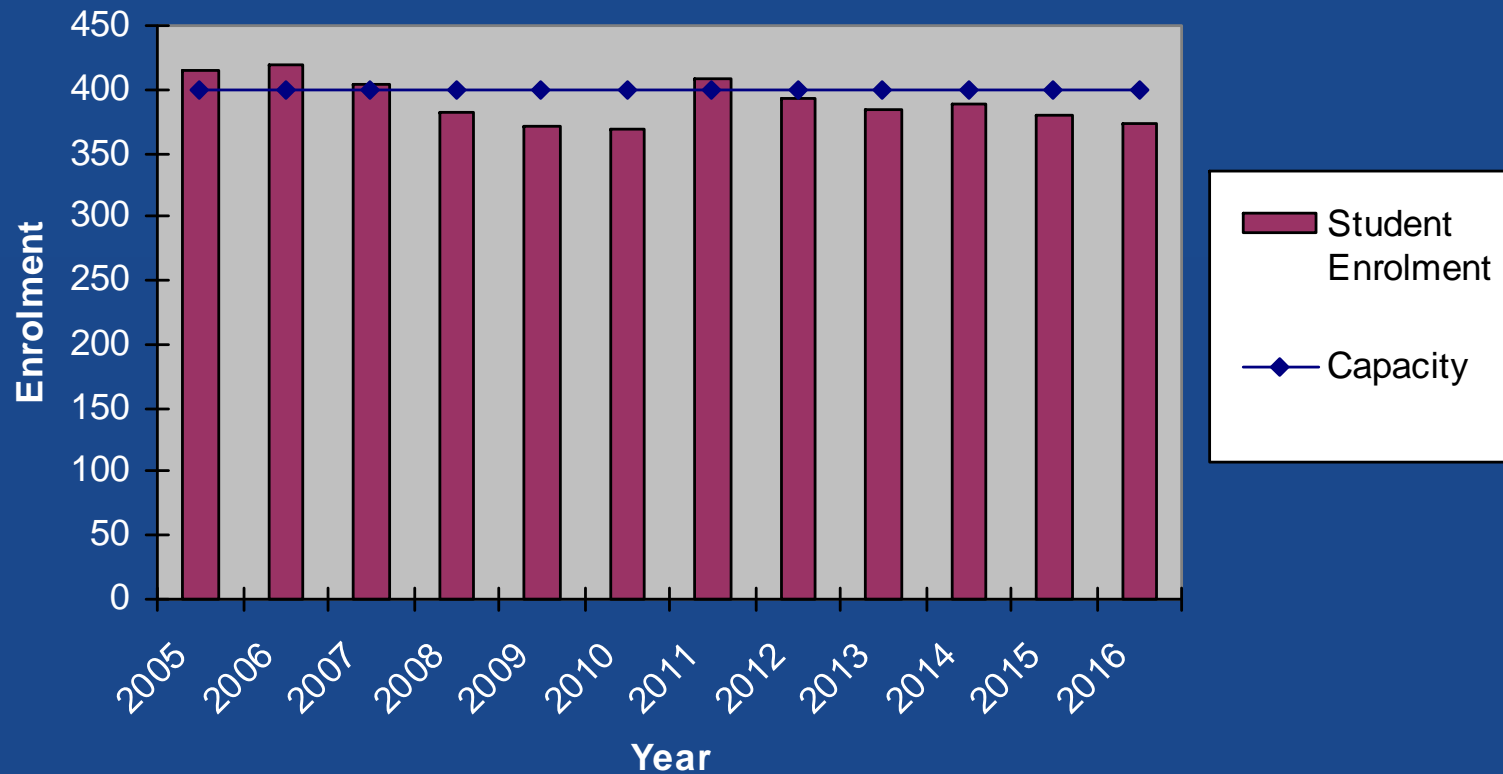
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Historical and Projected Enrolment - Bel Ayr Elementary - Interim Boundary

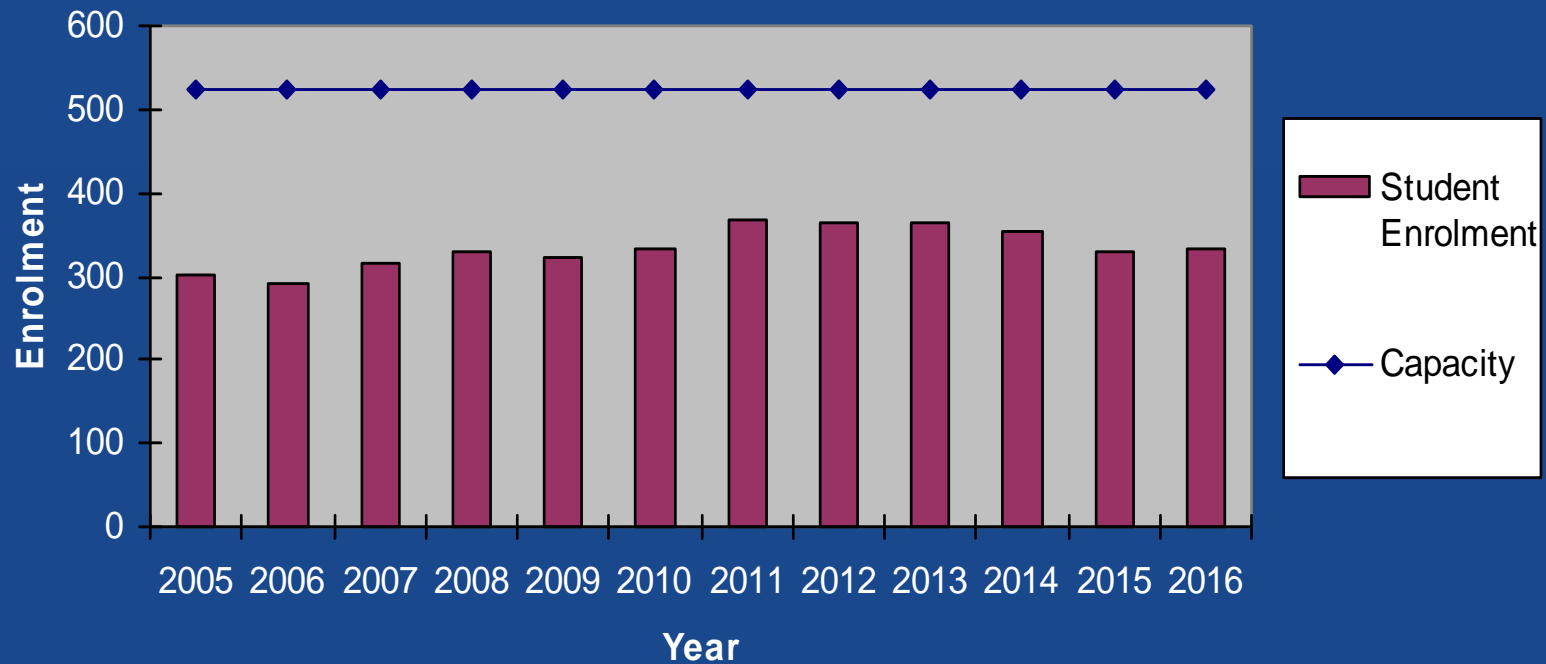


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Historical and Projected Enrolment - Portland Estates Elementary - Interim Proposal



Historical and Projected Enrolment - Brookhouse Elementary - Interim Proposal

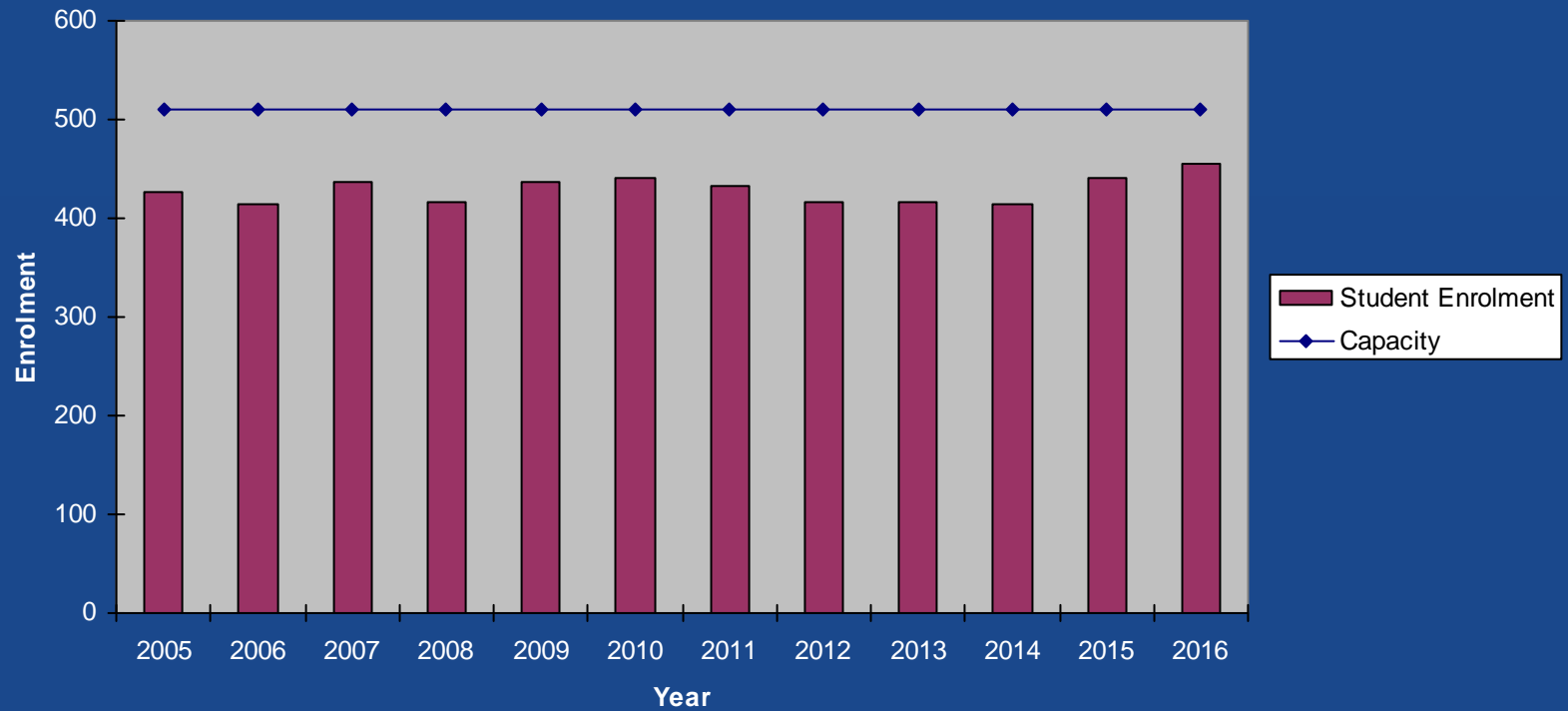


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Historical and Projected Enrolment - Ellenvale Jr High - Interim Proposal

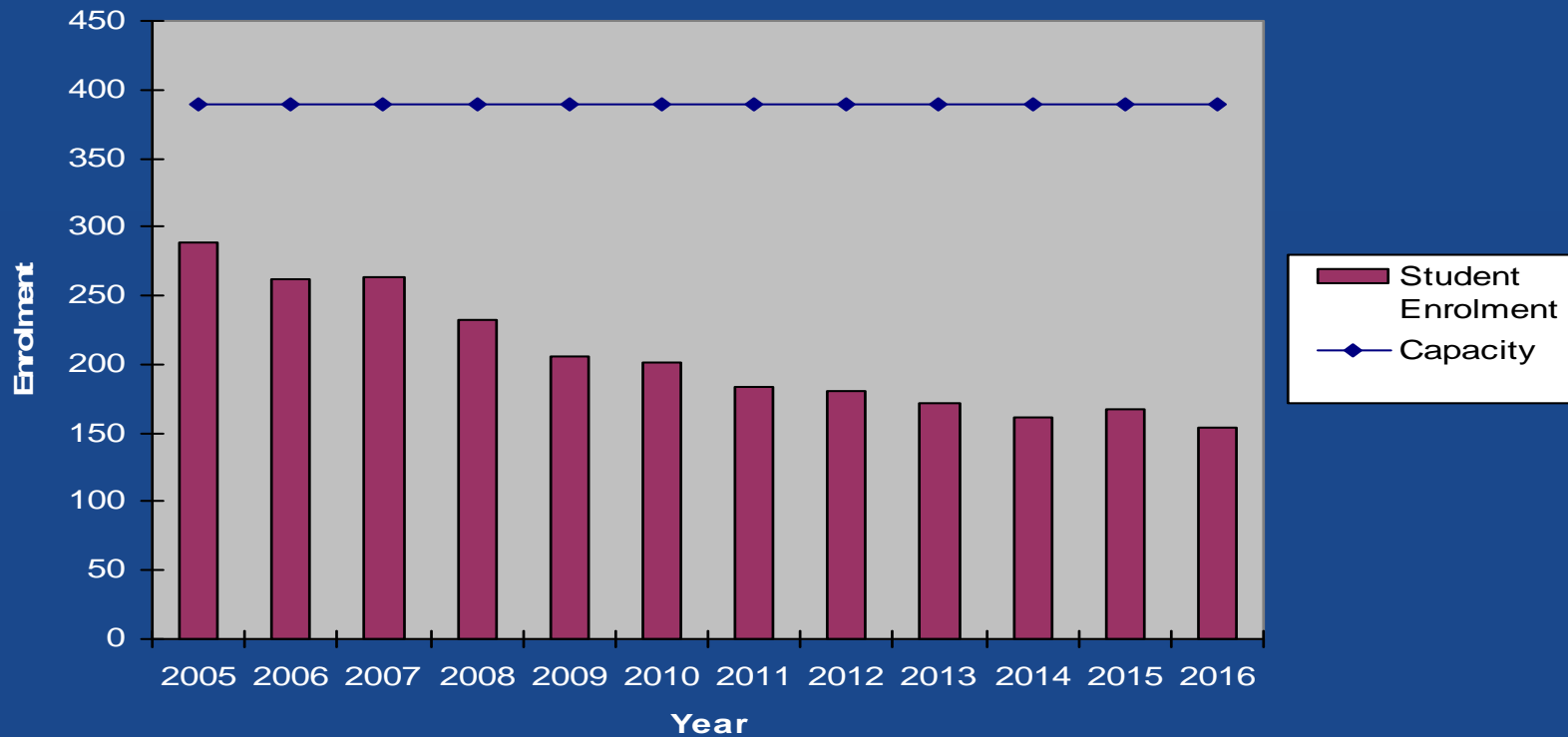


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Historical and Projected Enrolment - Eric Graves Memorial Jr. High



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Boundary Interim Proposal

6.1.1 Long term viability

- Although boundaries may be reviewed at a later date, our goal with this proposal was to have a viable solution that would be acceptable and serve the schools for at least the next five years

6.1.2 Potential enrolment growth

Projected enrolments for 2011

- Bel Ayr – 171 students;
- Brookhouse – 367 students; and
- Portland Estates Elementary – 408 students

6.1.4 Optimum utilization of facilities

- The newest school Portland Estates Elementary School would not be under utilized.

6.1.6 Impact on Affected Students and Communities

- Some students would be redirected to their neighbourhood school
- Some students would be changing junior high schools

6.1.7 Impact on Delivery of Programs

- Delivery of the Public School Program is maintained at all sites

6.1.10 Student Transportation and Safety

- Transportation in this area is mainly courtesy bussing.
- Courtesy bussing is decided on an annual basis at the Board level not by boundaries
- Student safety would not be jeopardized.

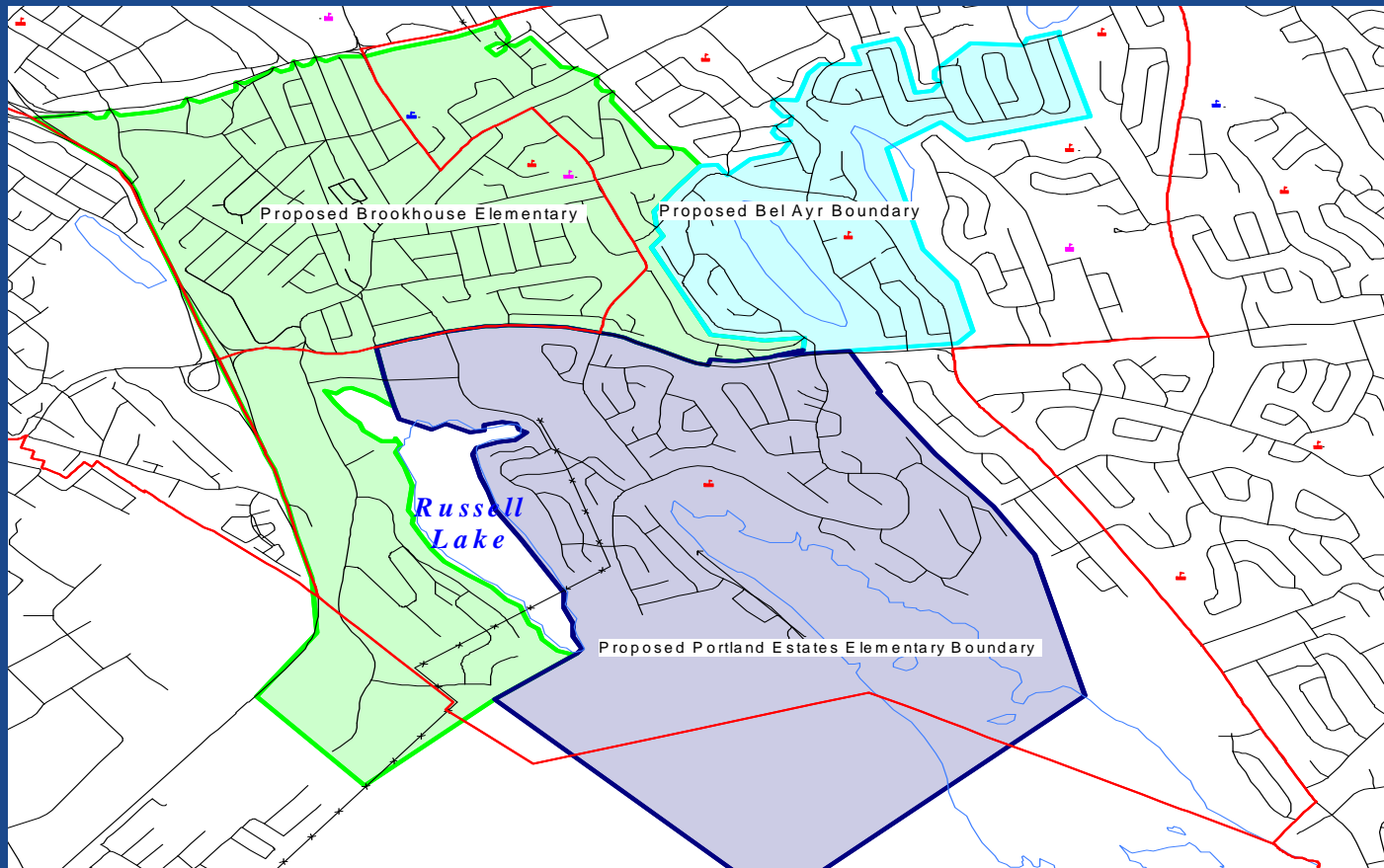
Other Considerations

- The boundary is clearly articulated through geography.
- Families have the opportunity to attend their neighbourhood school.
- Staffing at each school is determined by formula and is based on enrolment so this will not impact the schools.

Meeting Format

- All speakers must go to the microphone and state and spell their name and give their address.
- The meeting is being transcribed so that the committee can review all comments at the next meeting prior to deciding what the final boundary proposal will be.
- The committee is here to listen but not to debate the interim boundary.

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