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Bedford Boundary Review

Interim Recommendations

January 26, 2012



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Bedford Boundary Review Committee Public Meeting – January 26, 2012

Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Presentation of the Interim Boundary Proposal by the Boundary Review Committee
- Public Input
- Closing Remarks by the Chair and Facilitator



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Schools Included In The Review

- Bedford South School
- Basinview Drive Community School
- Sunnyside Elementary School
- Kingswood Elementary School
- Madeline Symonds Middle School
- Bedford Junior High School
- Hammonds Plains Elementary School



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Committee Members

Robert Wooden - SAC, Bedford South

Debbie Metherall - Principal, Bedford South

Carol Campbell-Waugh - SAC, Basinview

Amy Boutilier - Principal, Basinview

Susan Rizcallah - SAC, Sunnyside

Kim Nadeau and Lynne Sears - Principal and Vice Principal,
Sunnyside

JoAnne Noel - SAC, Kingswood

Andy MacNeil - Principal, Kingswood

Committee Members (cont'd)

Jacqueline Fitzgerald - SAC, Madeline Symonds Middle

Lynn Kazmal-Boudreau - Principal, Madeline Symonds Middle

Dana Shaw (Chair) - SAC, Bedford Junior High

Carmelita Rowe - Principal, Bedford Junior High

Jamey Prince - SAC, Hammonds Plains Elementary

Helen Healy - Principal, Hammonds Plains Elementary

Terry Wadden - Facilitator

Committee Members (cont'd)

Also in attendance at Committee Meetings to provide information during the review process:

- Jill McGillicuddy - HRSB Planner
- Richard Derible - HRSB Administration



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Meeting Dates

- October 24 Organizational Meeting
- November 1 Committee Meeting
- November 7 Committee Meeting
- November 14 Committee Meeting
- November 21 Committee Meeting
- November 28 Committee Meeting
- January 9 Committee Meeting
- January 26 Public Meeting

Meeting Dates (cont'd)

Possible Timeline Following Public Meeting:

- February 6 Committee Meeting
- February 10 Report To The Superintendent *
- March HRSB Board Meeting
- Note: February 3 Final Date for Written Input



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Background

- As a result of the approved motion of the elected board, senior staff has directed the committee to complete the boundary review of Basinview Drive Community, Bedford Junior High, Bedford South, Kingswood Elementary, Sunnyside Elementary, Madeline Symonds Middle School.

Background (cont'd)

As per policy Section 4.5, if the committee expands the scope of the review to include schools not represented in the formation of the committee an invitation will be made to the SAC of the additional school. The scope did expand to include Hammonds Plains Elementary.

Boundary Review

- This review was conducted to respond to changes in demographics.

Creating School Populations Procedures 2.1.1

Goals Of The Committee

- To help alleviate overcrowding at affected schools, while maximizing usage at under-utilized schools.
- To consider the long-term needs of the students and families within the Charles P. Allen Family of schools.
- To operate within our mandate and according to HRSB policies.

CAPITAL PLANNING

- December 2011 - the Superintendent received a letter from the Department of Education outlining capital planning
 - April 2012 –Nova Scotia School Boards will each submit 10 capital projects requests
 - Decision will be made based on a number of factors including school utilization within the Board’s geographical area
 - Capital plans will be reviewed on an annual basis and projects that have not been approved/started in previous request will be reconsidered



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Duties of The Boundary Review Committee

- The duties and responsibilities of the Boundary Committee are listed in Section 5.0 of Creating School Populations Procedures document.

Duties of The Boundary Review Committee - Summary

- Ensures that action notes and attendance are kept for each meeting.
- Reviews data such as enrollment patterns, demographic trends, development prospects, transportation information, facility assessments, and any other data considered relevant.
- Considers boundary scenarios as provided by HRSB Planning and Research.

Duties (cont'd)

- Develops additional scenarios if warranted
- Develops a preferred scenario referred to as the Interim Boundary Proposal.
- Conducts a public meeting for the purpose to explain the interim proposal and to receive public input.
- Conducts follow up meetings to review public input.

Duties (cont'd)

- Prepares a final report and advances the report to the Superintendent.
- The Superintendent will refer the Boundary Review Committee's report to the board with a recommendation.
- Based on the report and the recommendation, the board will determine boundaries for the affected schools.

6.0 DELIBERATIONS OF THE BOUNDARY REVIEW COMMITTEE

6.1 When evaluating the various scenarios the Boundary Review Committee will reference:

- 6.1.1 Long-term viability;
- 6.1.2 Potential enrollment growth;
- 6.1.3 Use of space that is disused due to enrollment decline;
- 6.1.4 The optimum utilization of facilities;

Committee Reference Points (cont'd)

- 6.1.5 The board's policy *C.010 Race Relations, Cross Cultural Understanding, and Human Rights in Learning* that promotes principles that value and celebrate diversity;
- 6.1.6 The impact on the affected students and communities;
- 6.1.7 The impact on the delivery of programs;

Committee Reference Points (cont'd)

- 6.1.8 The Family of Schools structure of the board;
- 6.1.9 The clarity and consistency of the proposed boundary;
- 6.1.10 Student transportation and safety.



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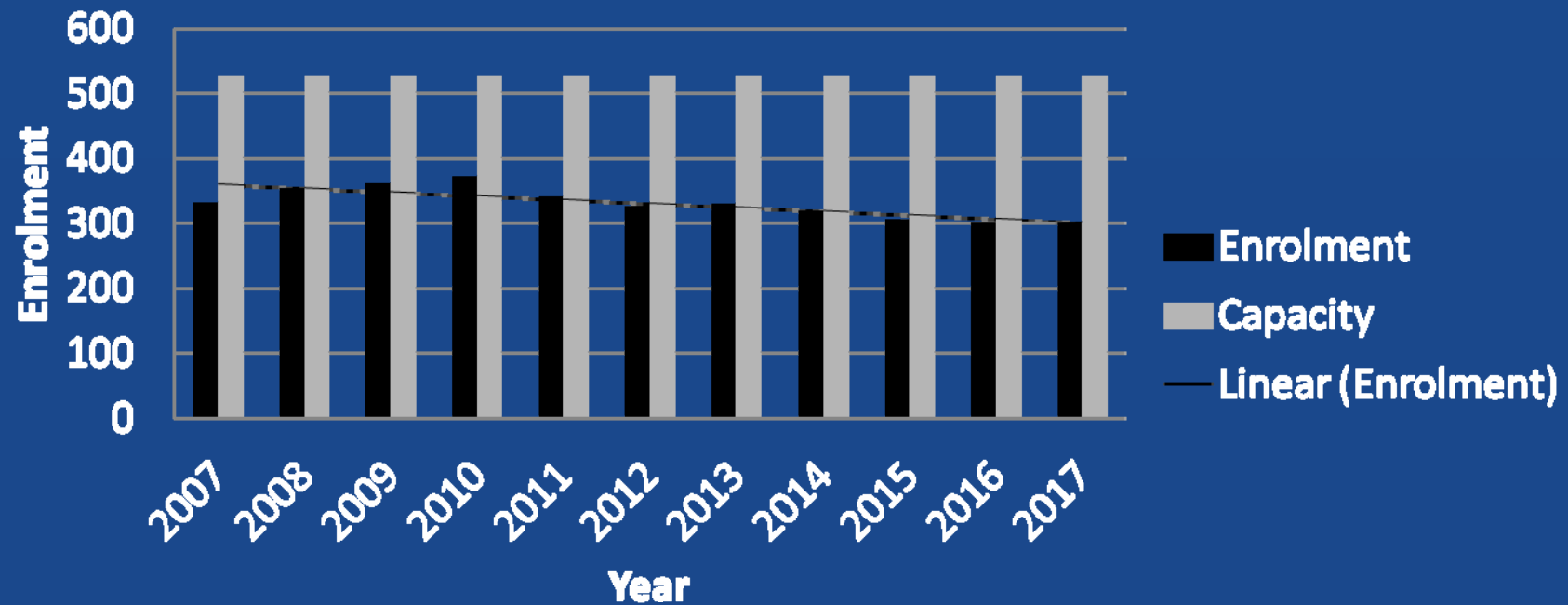
HISTORICAL AND PROJECTED ENROLMENTS

Current Enrolment as of September 30, 2011

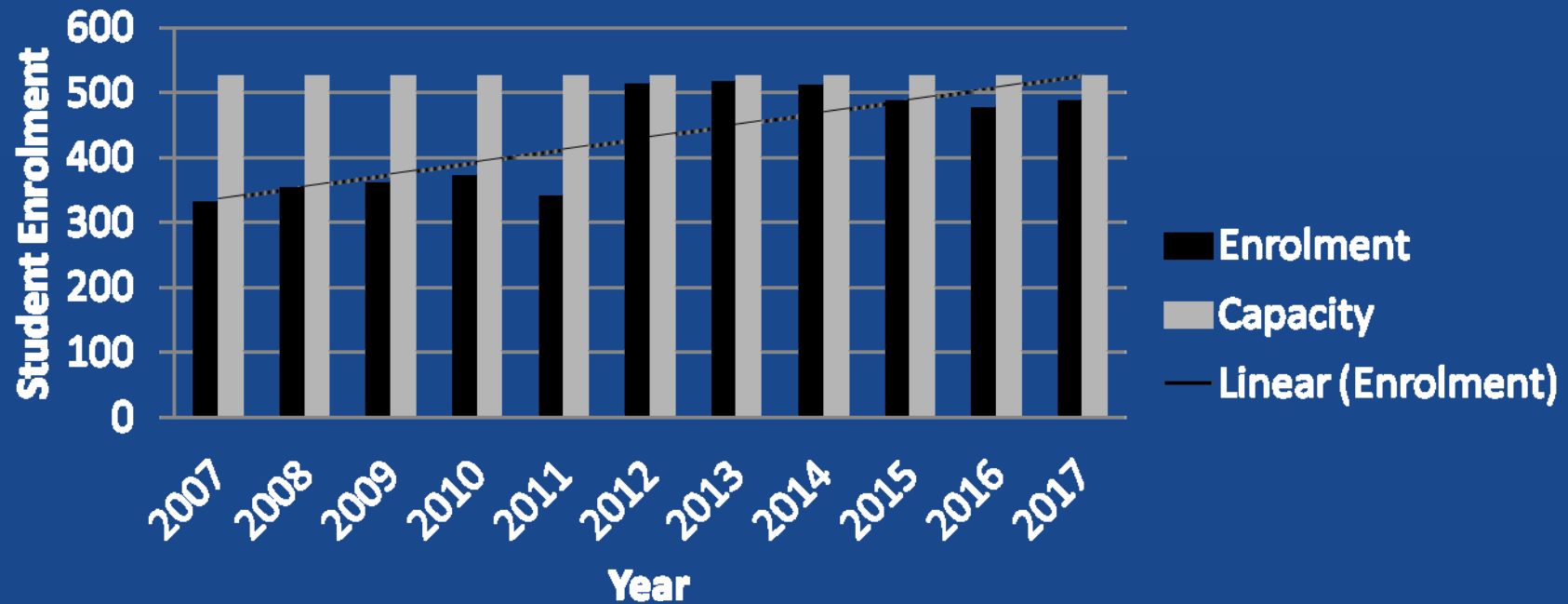
- Basinview Drive Community School – 329 (525)
- Bedford Junior High School – 370 (510)
- Bedford South School – 715 (583)
- Hammonds Plains Consolidated – 600 (575)
- Kingswood Elementary – 551 (675)
- Madeline Symonds Middle School – 678 (635)
- Sunnyside Elementary School – 518 (600)

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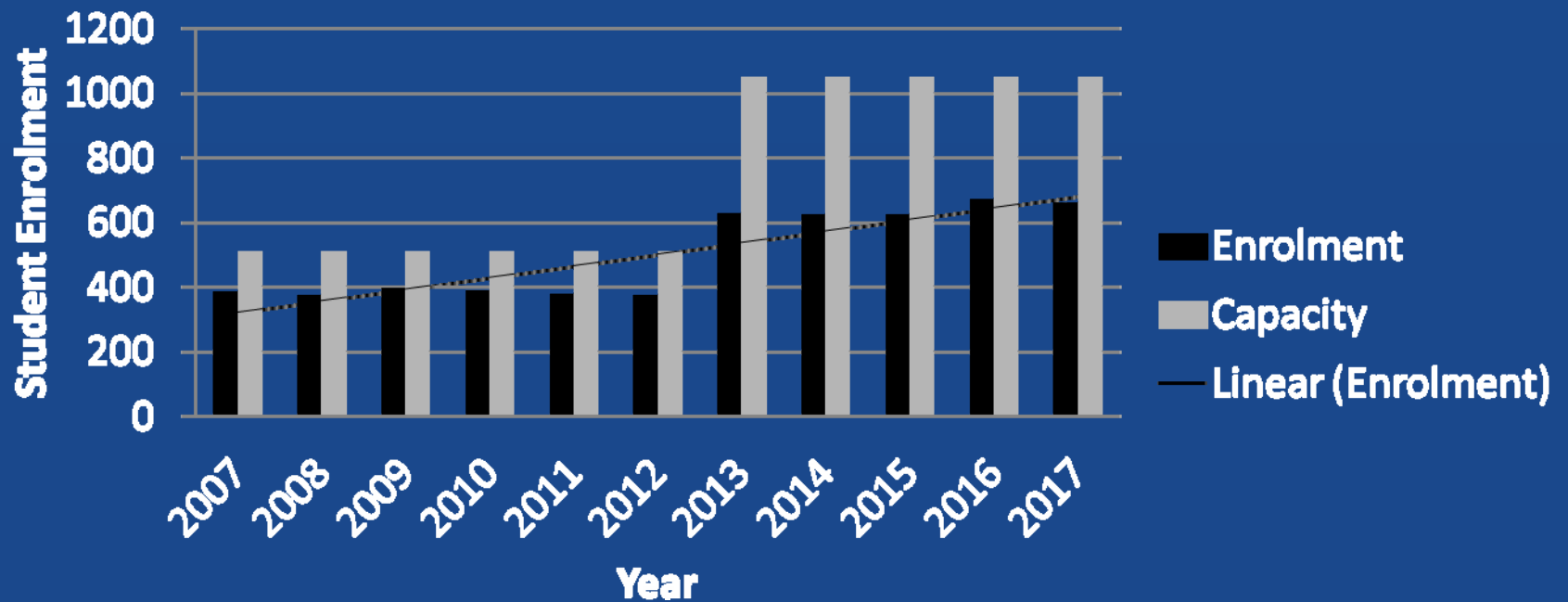
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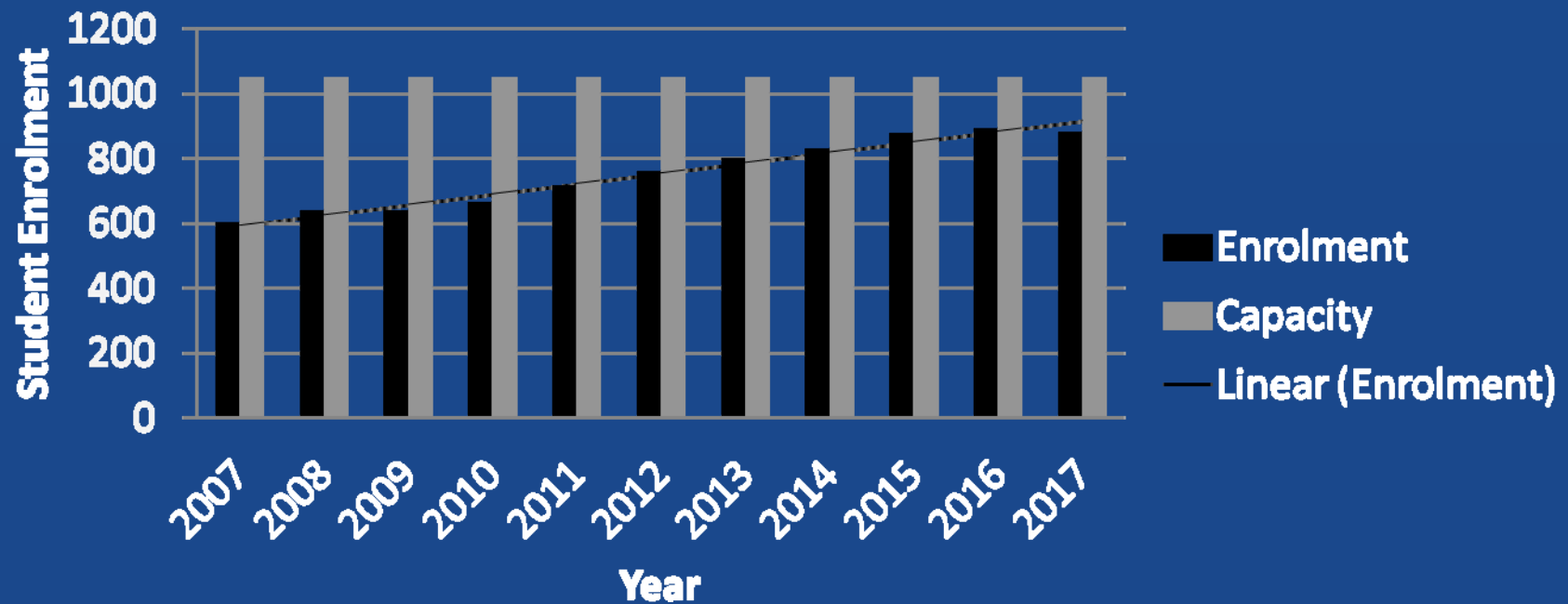
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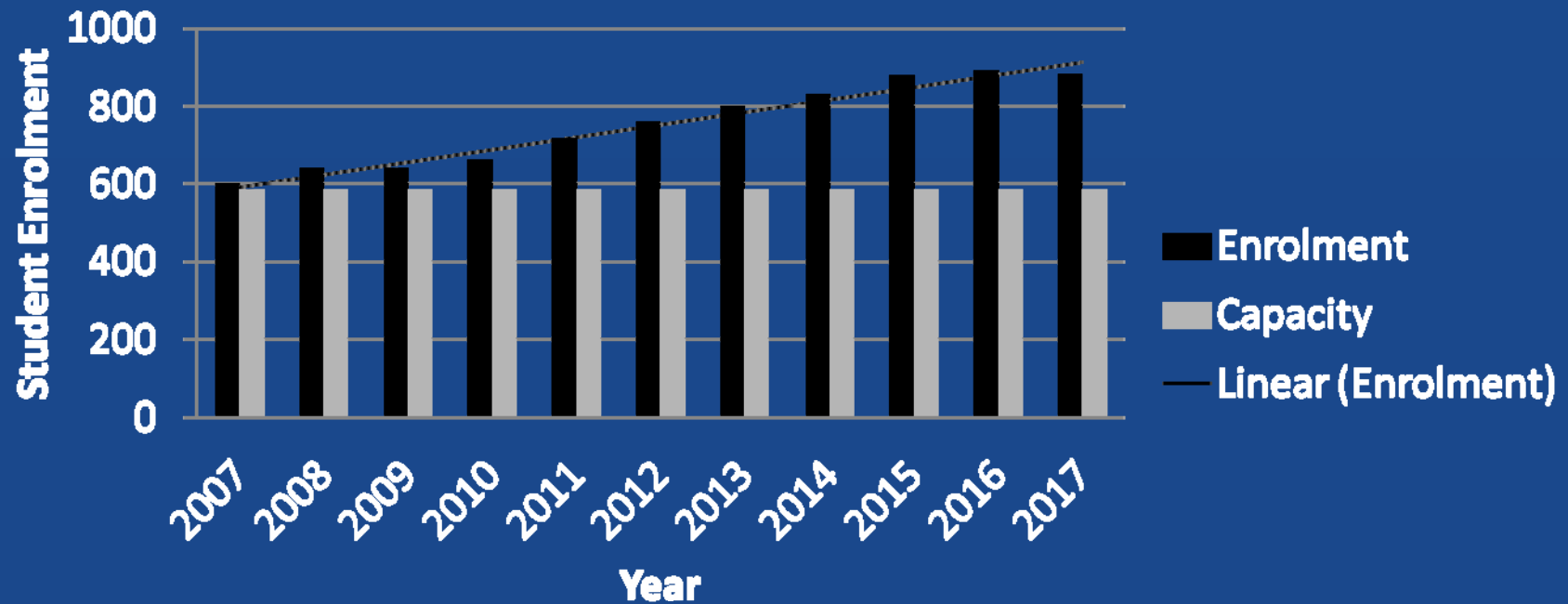
Historical and Projected Enrolment – Bedford Junior High School - Existing



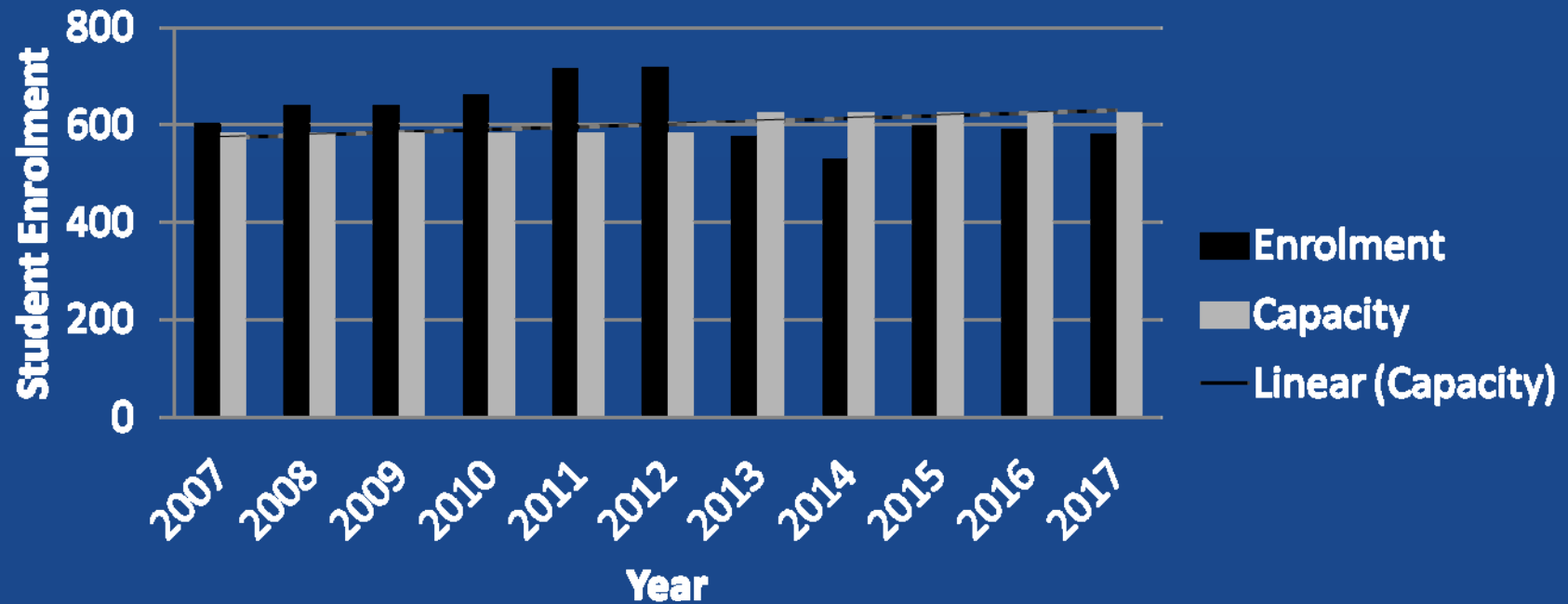
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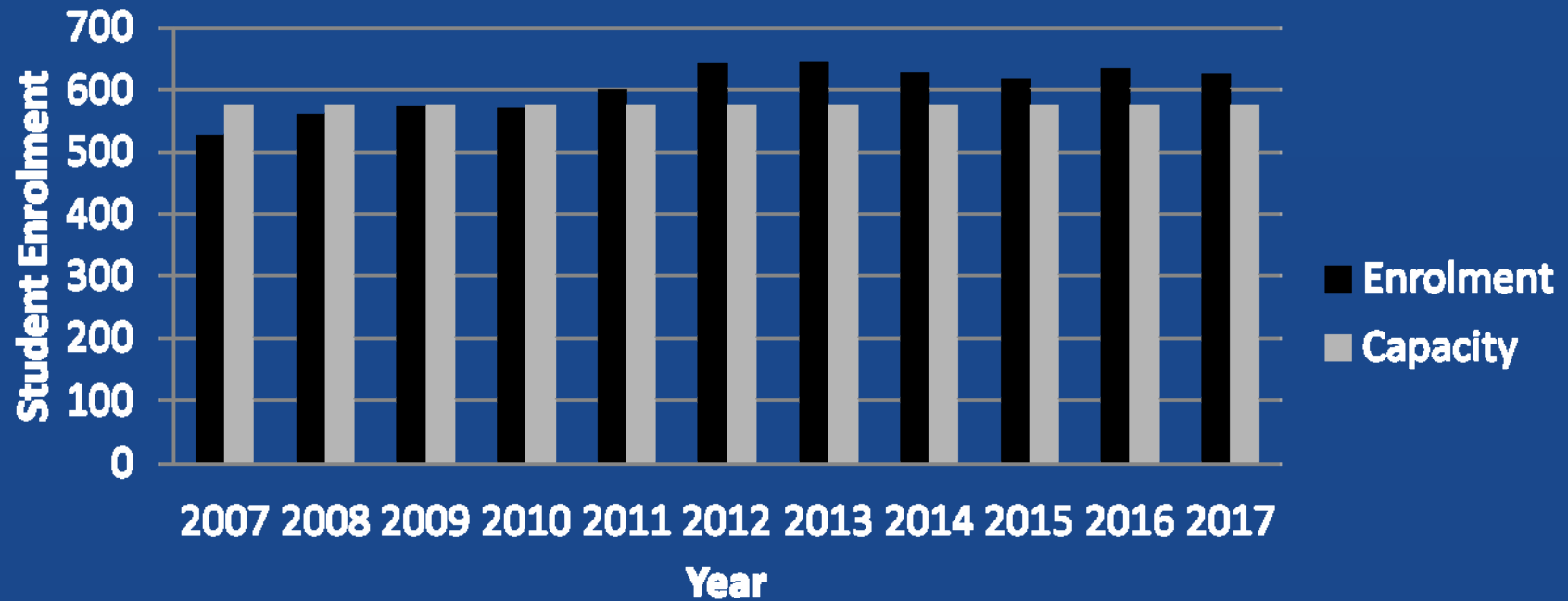
Historical and Projected Enrolment – Bedford South School - Existing



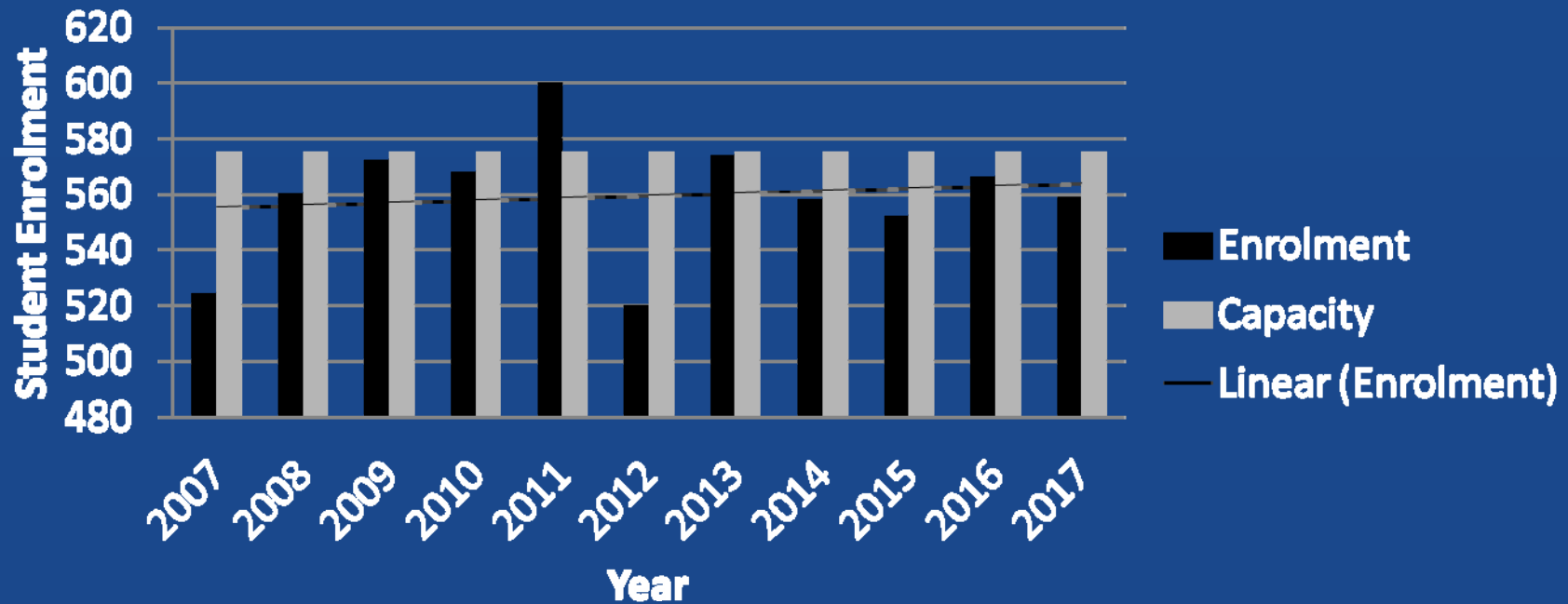
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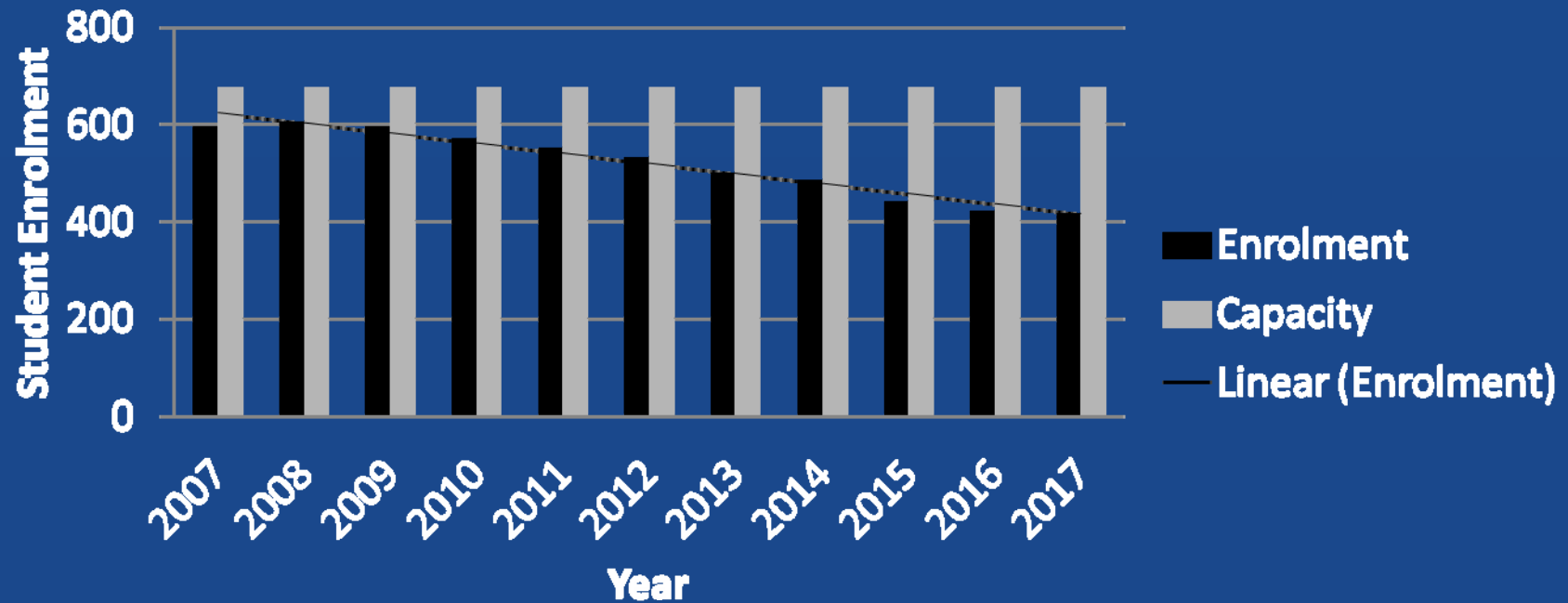
Historical and Projected Enrolment – Hammonds Plains Consolidated - Existing



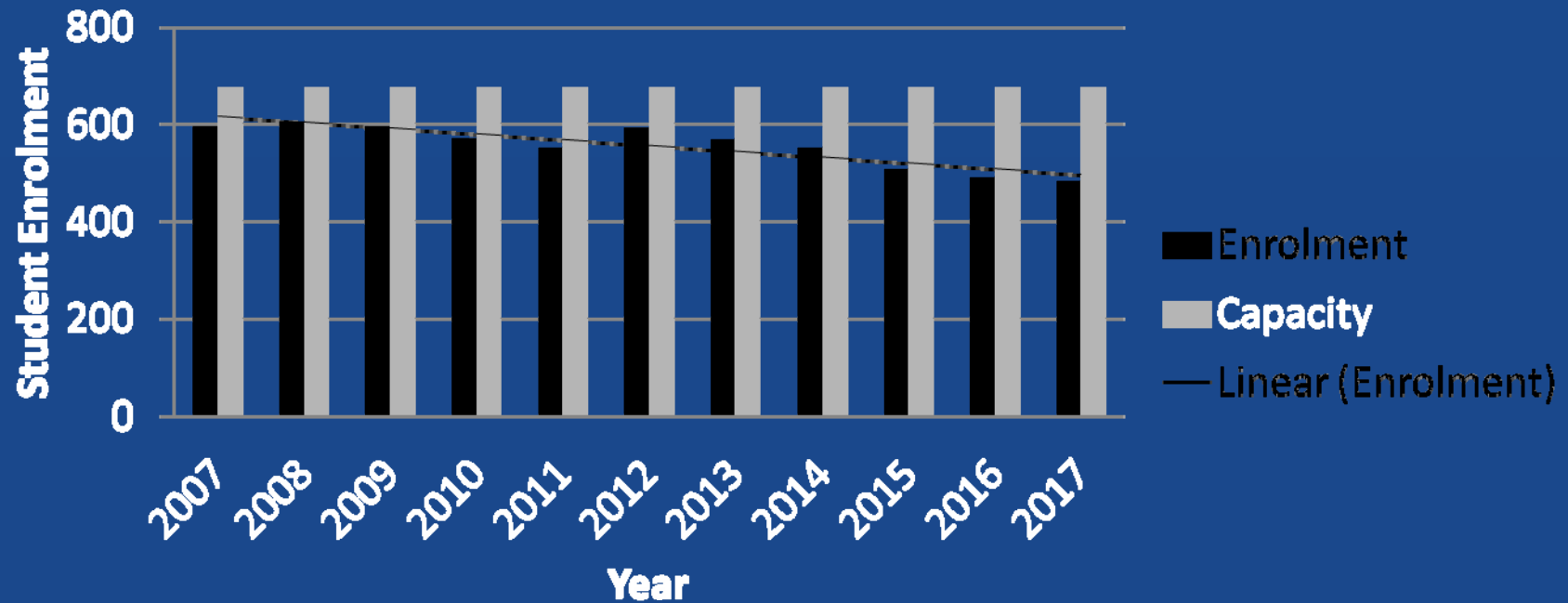
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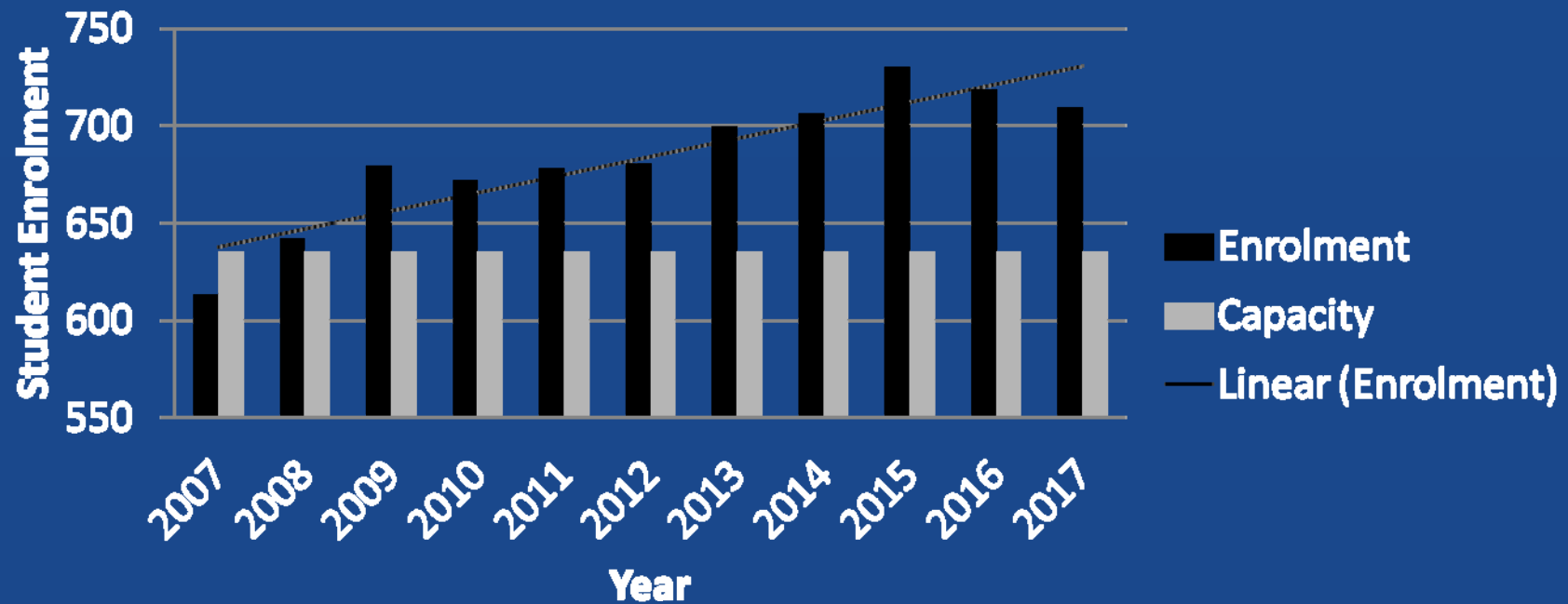
Historical and Projected Enrolment – Kingswood Elementary School - Existing



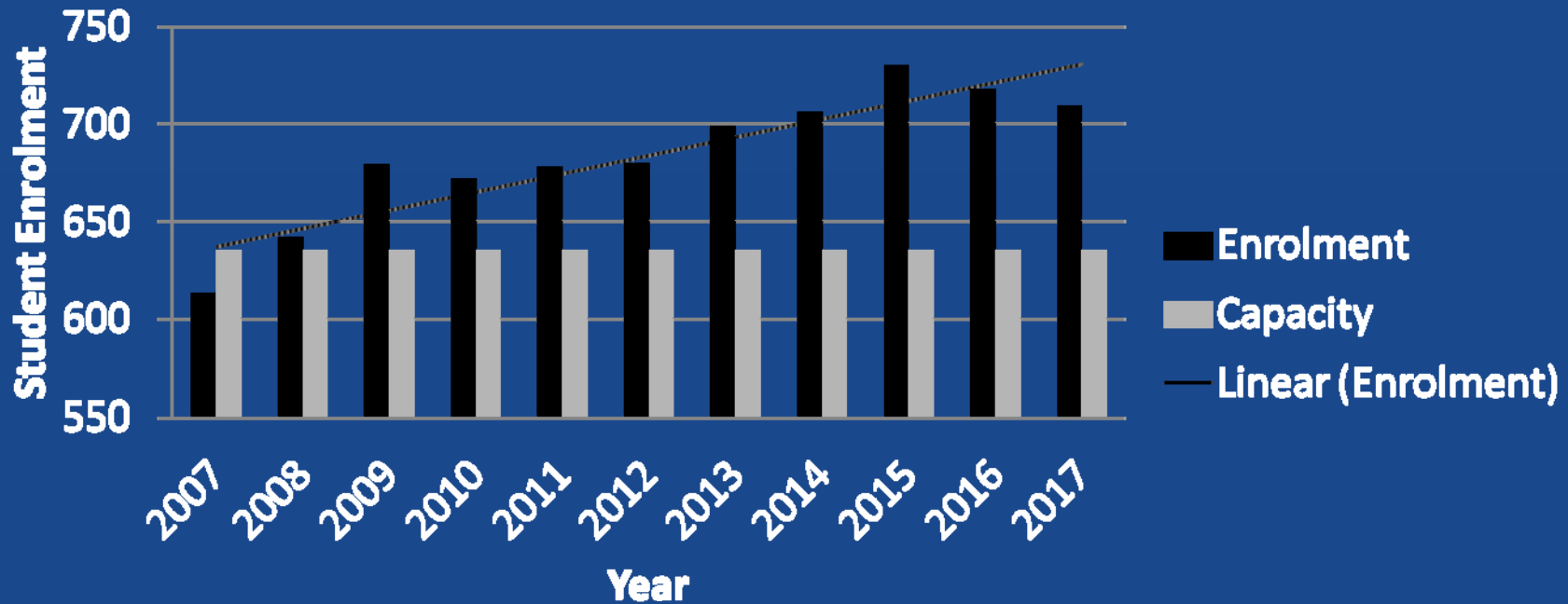
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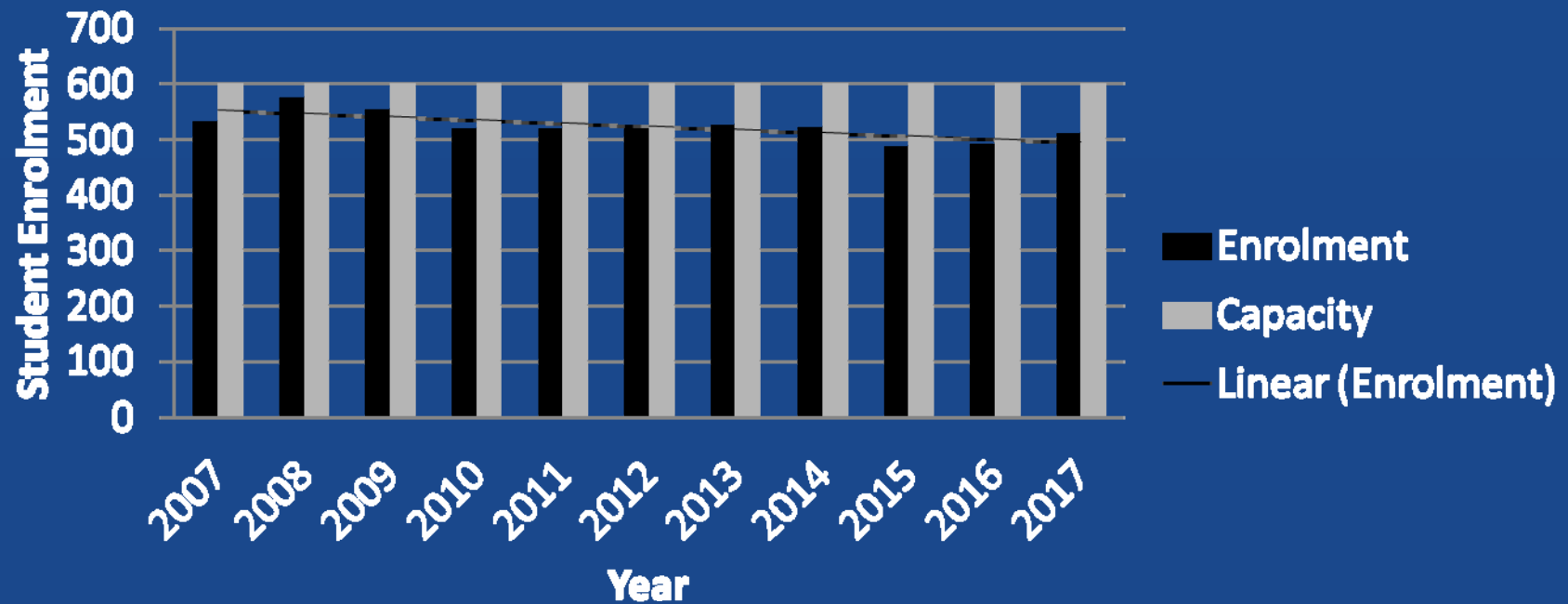
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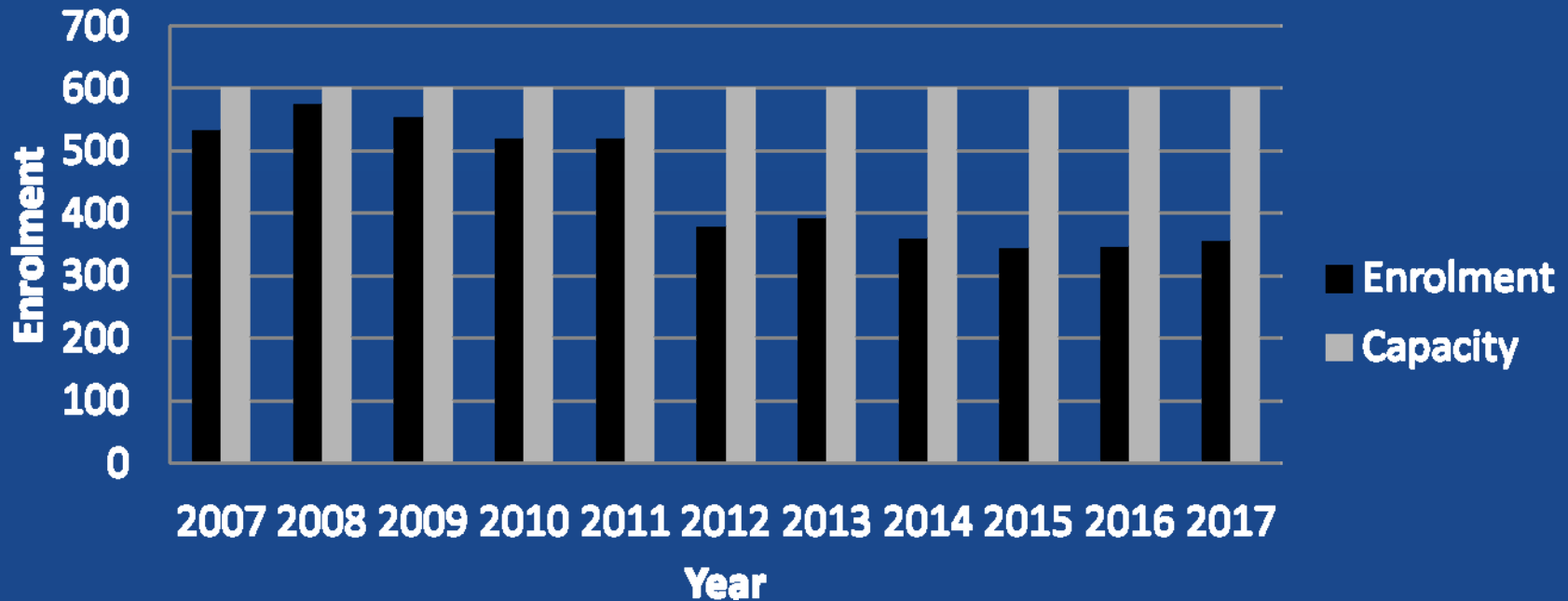
Historical and Projected Enrolment – Madeline Symonds Middle School - Proposed



Historical and Projected Enrolment – Sunnyside Elementary - Existing



Historical and Projected Enrolment – Sunnyside Elementary - Proposed



Reference Materials

- Report No.11-08-1313 (Request for Bedford Boundary Review)
- Creating Schools Population Policy
- Capital Plan
- Baragar Demographics
- HRSB Historical and Projected Enrolment Data
- HRSB Current Enrolment Data
- HRM Regional Plan - presentation on future development in Bedford and surrounding areas



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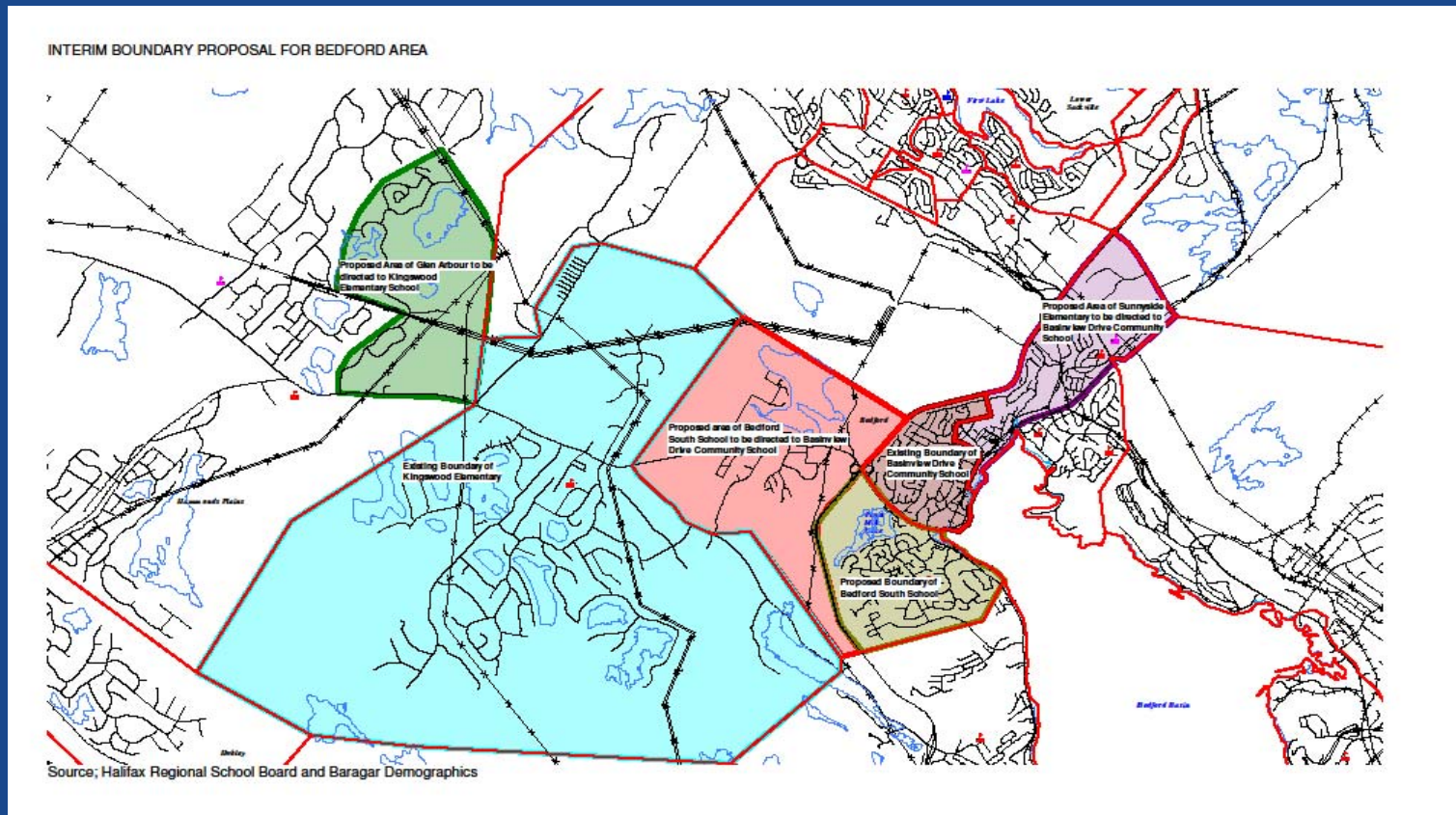
HRM Regional Plan

- Most of Bedford South will be completed by the end of next year.
- Areas 3 and 4 (by BMO Centre) has been approved for development and construction has begun.
- Areas 2,5,and 9 (Larry Uteck Blvd. area) have been approved. This area could take another five years before development.

HRM Regional Plan (cont'd)

- There are lots that have been on the books for some time in White Hills, Glen Arbour, Kingswood North.
- No other significant development is pending within the Charles P. Allen Family of schools' boundaries.

INTERIM BOUNDARY PROPOSAL

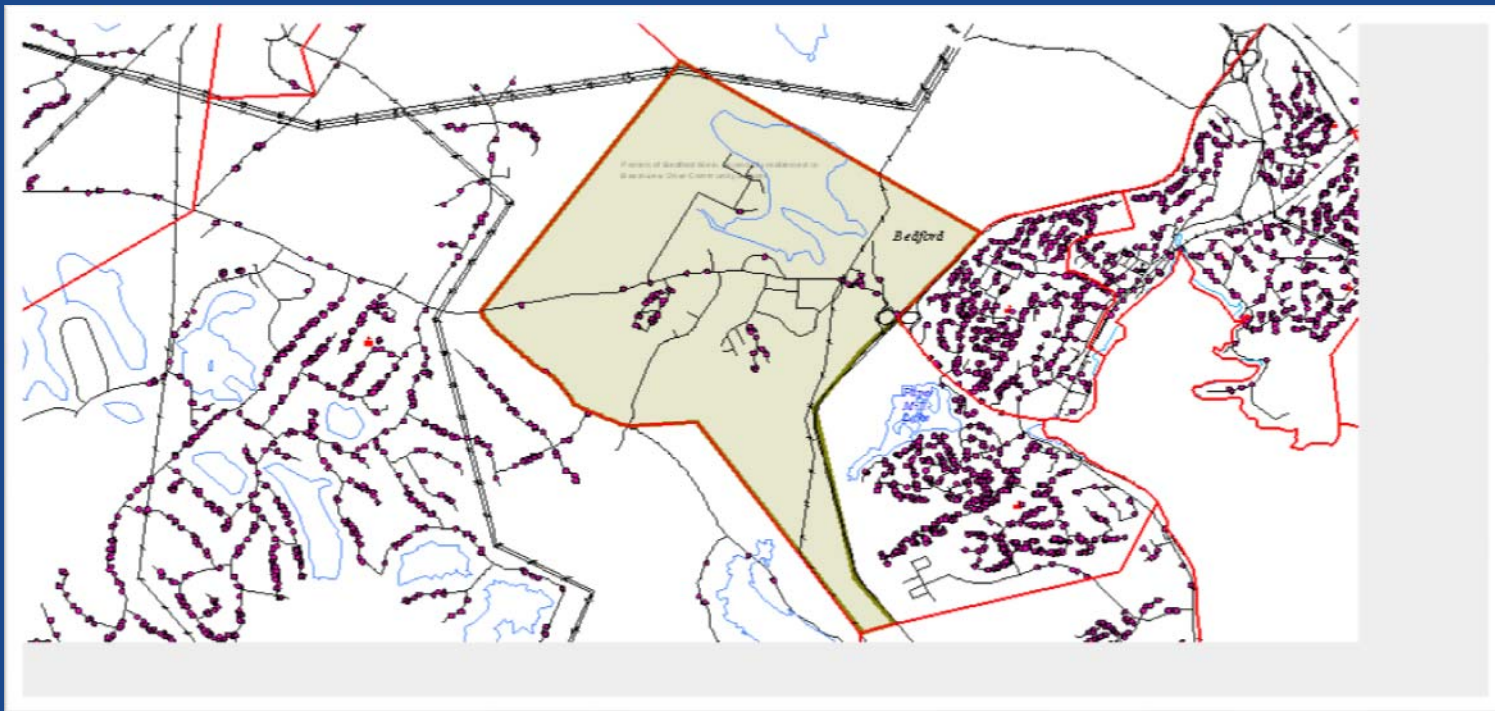


Interim Boundary Proposal

We will look briefly at each section of the Interim Boundary Proposal, which we will refer to as follows:

- “Bedford West”
- “Sunnyside”
- “Glen Arbour”
- “BJH”

INTERIM BOUNDARY PROPOSAL – BEDFORD WEST PORTION



Source: HRSB and Baragar Demographics

Interim Boundary Proposal - Bedford West

- “The proposed boundary for Bedford South will be altered with the removal of streets that are located west of the Bicentennial Highway. Students residing in this area will be directed to Basinview Drive Community School (P-6) and Bedford Junior High School (7-9).”
- Pink section on map.

Interim Boundary Proposal - Bedford West

- This proposal affects a newly populated area of Bedford (6.1.6).
- There was some discussion about the idea of Bedford West students going to Kingswood and Madeline Symonds Middle School, but this was not feasible due to lack of capacity at Madeline Symonds for future growth in the grade 7-9 population in Bedford West (6.1.1 and 6.1.2).

Interim Boundary Proposal - Bedford West

Rationale highlights:

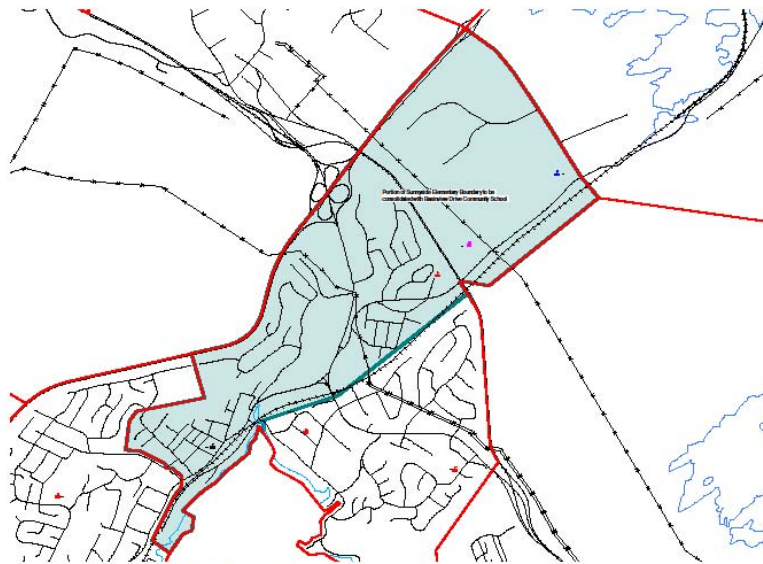
- This would reduce current overcrowding at Bedford South (6.1.4).
- This would help to maximize space at Basinview (6.1.4).
- This would ensure that there would be capacity to handle anticipated future growth in Bedford West (6.1.1 and 6.1.2).

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PROPOSED INTERIM BOUNDARY - SUNNYSIDE

Option 1C - Portion of Sunnyside Elementary to be consolidated with
Basinview Drive Community School



Source: Halifax Regional School Board and Baragar Demographics



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Interim Boundary Proposal - Sunnyside

- “The proposed boundary for Sunnyside Elementary School will be altered with the removal of streets from Duke St. to Rutledge and north of the railway being redirected to Basinview Drive Community School (P-6).”

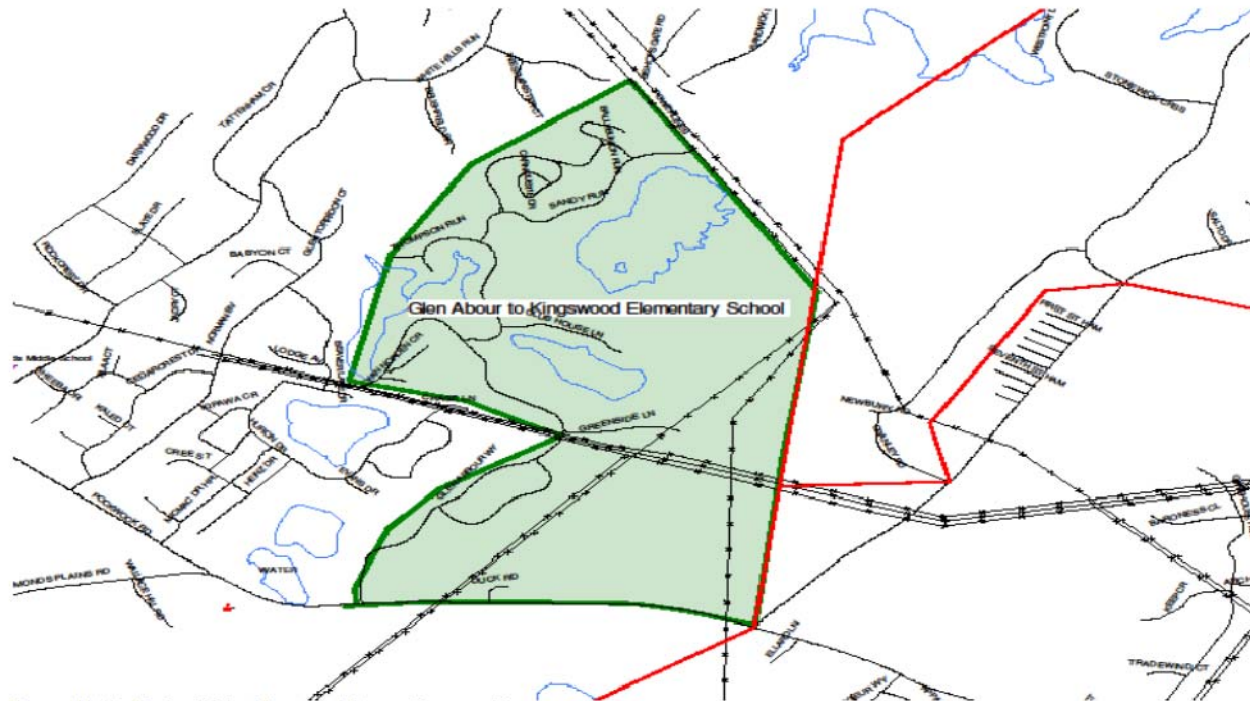
Interim Boundary Proposal - Sunnyside

Rationale highlights:

- This change will maximize use of the facilities at Basinview and make these facilities (such as this large gym, cafeteria, library, and resource rooms) available to more of the Bedford population (6.1.3, 6.1.4, 6.1.7).
- The committee feels that these recommendations will serve the Bedford community for at least five years and beyond, and help to position the Eaglewood site for future capital funding (6.1.1).

INTERIM PROPOSAL – GLEN ARBOUR

Glen Arbour Area to be consolidated with Kingswood Elementary School



Source: Halifax Regional School Board and Baragar Demographics

Interim Boundary Proposal – Glen Arbour

- “The proposed boundary for Hammonds Plains Consolidated will be altered with the removal of streets from the Glen Arbour Community. Students residing in this area will be redirected to Kingswood Elementary School (P-6).”

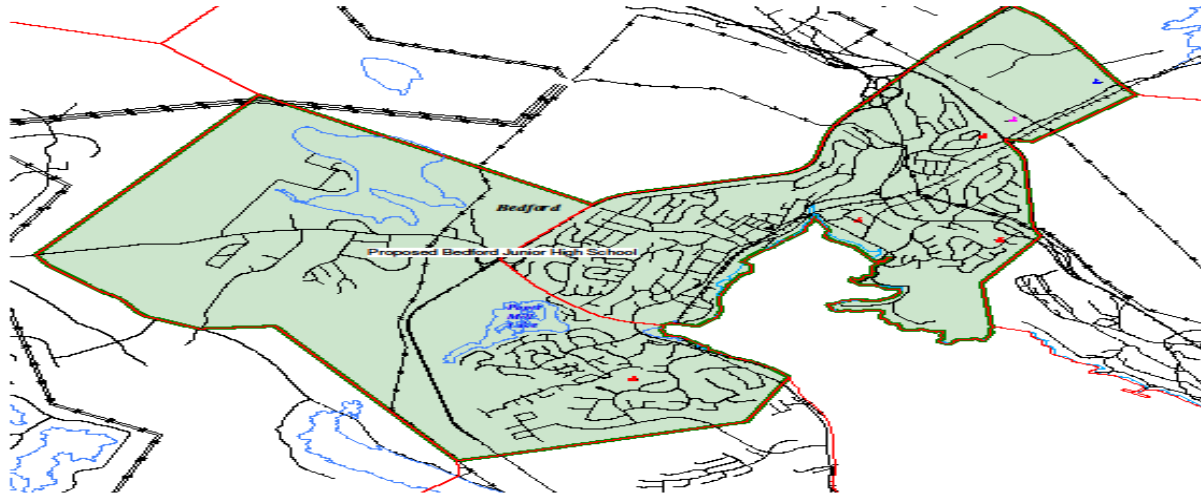
Interim Boundary Proposal – Glen Arbour

Rationale highlights:

- After consultation with Baragar Systems and being informed that there is a positive migration in the Hammonds Plains area the committee decided that Kingwood had room to accommodate more students, but that overcrowding at Hammonds Plains was an ongoing concern (6.1.2, 6.1.3, 6.1.4).

INTERIM PROPOSAL – BEDFORD JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Option 4 - Proposed Bedford Junior High School - Consolidation of Junior High Population



Source: Halifax Regional School Board and Baragar Demographics



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Interim Boundary Proposal – BJH

- “All 7-9 students in both Bedford South and Bedford Junior High will move to the current Charles P. Allen building when the new high school opens in 2013.”

Interim Boundary Proposal – BJH

Rationale highlights:

- This proposal addresses the chronic overcrowding at Bedford South with a long-term solution, addresses the deficits of the current Bedford Junior High building, and makes use of the empty Charles P. Allen building (6.1.1, 6.1.2, 6.1.4)



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Interim Boundary Proposal – BJH

- The committee sought (and received) reassurance that the new Bedford high school is on schedule to be open in September 2013, and that the CPA building would be ready to receive the junior high students in September 2013.