

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Report to the Board

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Meeting Date: 24 March, 2026

Presented by: Sean Heuchert, Superintendent of Business and Finance

Submitted by: Staff

Subject: 2026 Trustee Determination and Distribution

Recommended Action(s):

1. That the distribution of trustees for the 2026 election remain unchanged from the 2022 election, with one representative to be elected from each of Peterborough County, Northumberland County, and the City of Kawartha Lakes, and two representatives elected from each of the City of Peterborough and the Municipality of Clarington.
2. That the decision of the Board to approve the Trustee Determination and Distribution for the 2026 Municipal Election be summarized in an appropriate report and forwarded to the Ministry of Education, municipal election clerks and the secretary of every other District School Board in the jurisdiction.

Background:

A municipal election is scheduled for October 26, 2026. By April 3rd of an election year each District School Board must prepare a report that includes the results of the trustee determination and distribution as outlined on Ontario Regulation 412/00: Elections to and Representation on District School Boards. A copy of this report must be sent to the Minister of Education, municipal election clerks and the secretary of every other District School Board in the jurisdiction.

Trustee Distribution:

Distribution should follow logically from analysis of electors by county and city. The Board will continue to be comprised of seven members. The current group is made up of two from the City of Peterborough, one from Peterborough County, one from the City of Kawartha Lakes, one from Northumberland County, and two from the Municipality of Clarington. Regulation 412/00 details how distribution is to be determined. An electoral quotient is to be calculated for each of the municipalities or wards that individual trustees are to represent.

Electoral Quotient = (Electoral Population of Municipality x 7 trustees)/Total Electoral Population

The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) provides boards with the electoral group numbers. By upper tier municipality, these figures are:

Area	2026	2022
Peterborough County*	5,703	5,920
City of Peterborough	10,083	10,962
City of Kawartha Lakes	4,289	4,477
Northumberland County*	6,012	6,572
Municipality of Clarington	12,376	12,444
TOTAL	38,463	40,375

*The breakdown of municipalities for Counties of Peterborough and Northumberland are provided in Appendix A

For each of the board's electoral regions, the 2026 Electoral Quotient is shown below with the 2022 number for comparison purposes.

Area	2026	2022
Peterborough County*	1.04	1.03
City of Peterborough	1.84	1.90
City of Kawartha Lakes	0.78	0.78
Northumberland County*	1.09	1.14
Municipality of Clarington	2.25	2.15
TOTAL	7.00	7.00

Based on the calculated quotients for 2026, and based on the limited change in comparison to 2022, the Board will continue with the existing distribution and electoral boundaries for trustees.

Jurisdiction	Number of Trustees for Election
Peterborough County	1
City of Peterborough	2
City of Kawartha Lakes	1
Northumberland County*	1
Municipality of Clarington	2
TOTAL	7.00

APPENDIX A - POPULATION OF ELECTOR GROUPS FOR COUNTIES OF PETERBOROUGH AND NORTHUMBERLAND

Peterborough County

Asphodel-Norwood Township	408
Otonabee-South Monaghan Township	851
Cavan Monaghan Township	654
Selwyn Township	2,218
Douro-Dummer Township	1,072
Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Township	192
North Kawartha Township	59
Trent Lakes Municipality	249
TOTAL	5703

Northumberland County

Quinte West City	549
Brighton Municipality	258
Cramahe Township	333
Hamilton Township	856
Cobourg Town	1,474
Port Hope Municipality	1,207
Trent Hills Municipality	723
Alnwick/Haldimand Township	612
TOTAL	6012