

TO: The Chairperson and Members of the  
Business and Facilities Standing Committee

FROM: Superintendent of Facility Services

SUBJECT: **ATTENDANCE AREA REVIEW: NEW SOUTHWEST BRADFORD PUBLIC  
SCHOOL**

1. **Background**

The board approved an attendance area review to establish an attendance area for the new Southwest Bradford Public School as set out in Report No. BF-D-2, New Southwest Bradford Public School – Attendance Area Review, dated November 7, 2012. The new public school site is located in the southwest quadrant of the community of Bradford at the southeast corner of Miller Park Drive and West End Drive in the current attendance area for Fieldcrest Elementary School as shown in APPENDIX A.

The area under consideration included all students residing in the attendance area for Fieldcrest Elementary School. Fieldcrest Elementary School was designated the holding school for the new southwest Bradford Public School. The objective of the new school and its attendance area is to provide long term accommodation stability to students in Bradford as a whole, and to reduce accommodation pressures on Fieldcrest Elementary School. This will facilitate a strong sense of community for this neighbourhood and result in four public schools in the community and one school in each of the four quadrants as shown in APPENDIX B.

The attendance area was developed having regard for efficiencies in walking zones, overall capacity, enrolment changes within the general area, balancing enrolment, minimizing the need for portables and considering the location/proximity of schools to one another.

The review was undertaken and the community was consulted to consider the proposed new attendance area. It was further presented that the new Southwest Bradford Public School would be formed up as its own school in September 2013, a year in advance of the anticipated opening of the new school building in 2014.

Currently, enrolment of the Fred C. Cook Public School is accommodated at Bradford Public School. That school population will transfer to the new replacement Fred C. Cook Public School in September 2013, vacating Bradford Public School. This circumstance has provided an opportunity to the community and the board to form up the new southwest Bradford Public School at the vacant Bradford Public School site one year earlier. The primary goal in forming up the new southwest Bradford Public School a year earlier than required is to relieve accommodation pressures at Fieldcrest Elementary School.

2. **Comments**

A public meeting was held on February 7, 2013 at Bradford District High School to inform, consult with the community, and encourage feedback to the proposed attendance area. There was minimal concern with the proposed attendance area itself. Staff indicated that an attendance area change is required due to restrictions on accommodation at Fieldcrest Elementary School and the need to curtail enrolment pressures for the benefit of all 950 students projected in September 2013.

Concerns were raised regarding a number of personal situations that included disruption to family routine and child care. It was indicated that a before/after child care operation would be provided subject to the number of students and an operator. It is expected that there will not be difficulty in justifying and operating a before/after program at Bradford Public School.

Program concerns were raised that related directly to the relocation of students identified as special education students. Staff indicated that special education programs are provided at all locations and individual cases will be considered on their merits with the superintendent.

Concerns were raised because students would be relocated two times and in the case of grade six, then transitioning into the secondary panel. Clarification was provided that students would be in one school community that will provide stability and consistency for all students by having the same transportation, classmates, teachers and administration as they transfer to the Bradford Public School site and then to the new public school building. Concentrated efforts will be made on creating the culture of the new school, notwithstanding the location where students are accommodated. A transition team will be established to provide opportunities to facilitate the transition between facilities.

Concerns were expressed that only present grade seven students will be given the opportunity to remain at Fieldcrest Elementary School with transportation and that the school will be closed to out of area students, including younger siblings and grade six students to avoid two moves. Fieldcrest Elementary School must be closed to out of area students, otherwise the transferring of students out of Fieldcrest Elementary School to relieve over capacity will not take place.

Questions were posed regarding the timing of school availability. The Fred C. Cook Public School replacement school is at this time two to three months ahead of schedule and is anticipated to open for September 2013 giving time for the transfer of students into the vacant Bradford Public School. If the new Southwest Bradford Public School is not available in September 2014, students will remain at the Bradford Public School. There is no consideration of selling or demolishing Bradford Public School by the board at this time. Community partners will be considered for use of the school at the time of its vacancy in 2014,

The far northeast corner of the proposed attendance area, east of Melbourne Avenue and the south side of Holland Street has been at issue in past attendance area changes. Staff encouraged parents/guardians from this area to provide comments to convey their interests prior to a decision on the recommended attendance area.

### **3. Conclusion**

Fieldcrest Elementary School has been designated closed to out of area students in Report No. BF-D-1, Capital Plan – 2012, dated January 9, 2013, to curtail further accommodation pressures and in order to encourage students to attend the new Southwest Bradford Public School, other than the grade seven students who opt for grandfathering.

The proposed attendance area changes will provide for greater balance of enrolment between all schools and these changes will address current and future accommodation pressures projected at Fieldcrest Elementary School. The 16 portables located at Fieldcrest Elementary School will be reduced to six in September 2013 and two additional portables will be required at the Bradford Public School site.

The projected enrolment for Fieldcrest Elementary School is as follows:

School	Capacity	JK	SK	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	SE	Total	% of Capacity
2012	492	101	83	104	94	99	89	79	84	86	80	11	910	185%
2013	492	85	116	94	115	108	111	96	88	96	95	11	1015	206%

The projected enrolment with the establishment of the new Southwest Bradford Public School at the Bradford Public School site in 2013 is as follows:

School	Capacity	JK	SK	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	SE	Total	% of Capacity
Fieldcrest 2013	492	85	116	94	115	108	111	96	88	96	95	11	1015	206%
Fieldcrest less SW Bradford	492	45	64	52	63	59	61	53	49	53	52	6	557	113%
SW Bradford at Bradford PS	302	40	52	42	52	49	50	43	39	43	43	5	458	152%

The projected enrolment with the new Southwest Bradford Public School in 2014 is as follows:

School	Capacity	JK	SK	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	SE	Total	% of Capacity
Fieldcrest	492	40	51	66	54	73	66	61	60	57	58	6	592	120%
SW Bradford at SW Bradford	507	45	46	65	51	61	57	59	48	44	49	5	530	105%
Total	999	85	97	131	105	134	123	120	108	101	107	11	1122	112%

The two schools will continue to accommodate new students from developments proceeding to the west in their respective attendance areas.

The recommended attendance areas for Fieldcrest Elementary School and the new Southwest Bradford Public School are set out in APPENDIX C and C-2. The new attendance areas will be implemented in September 2013.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Business and Facilities Standing Committee recommend that the Board approve the attendance areas for Fieldcrest Elementary School and the new Southwest Bradford Public School, as set out in Report No. BF-D-3, Attendance Area Review: New Southwest Bradford Public School, dated March 6, 2013.

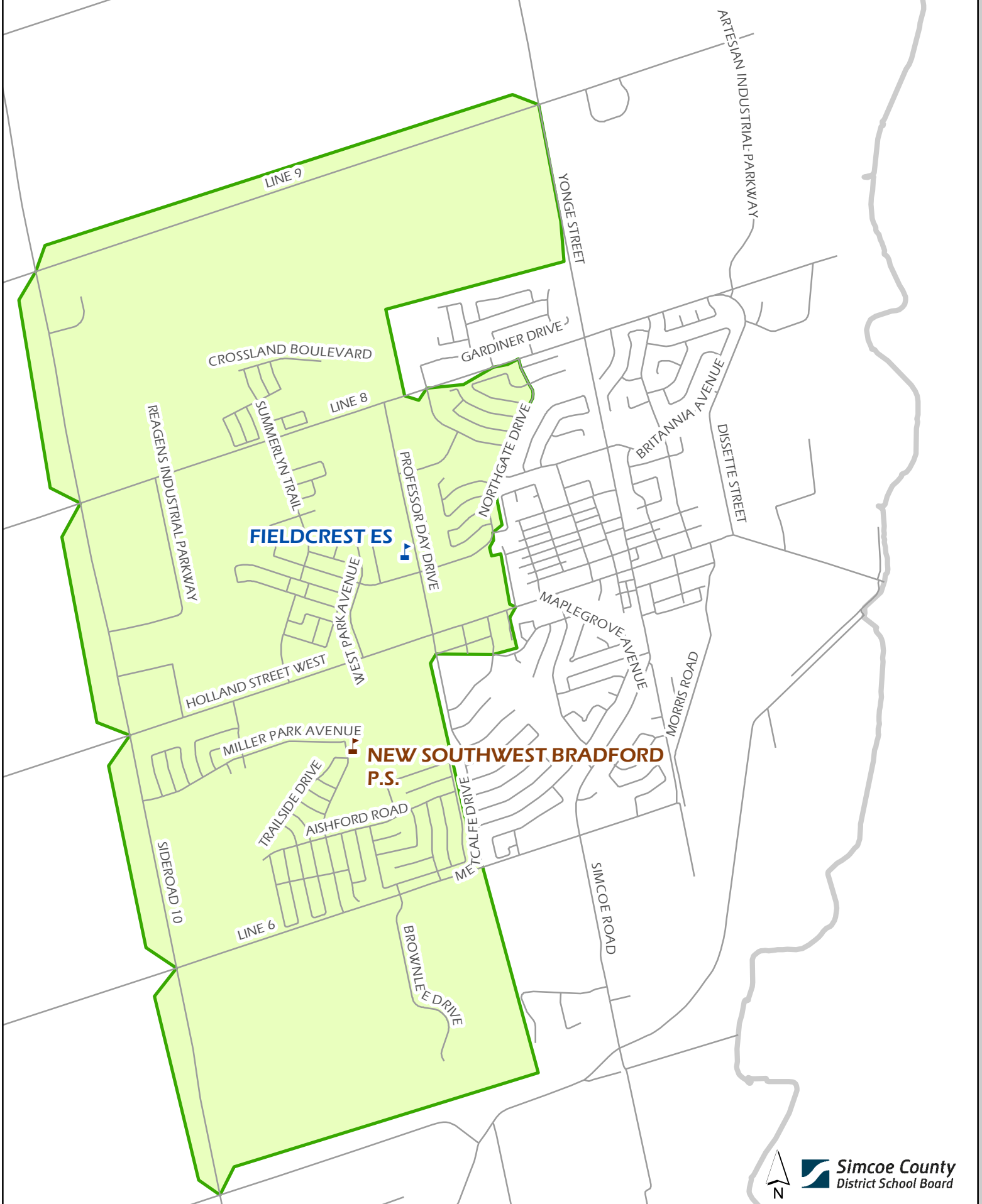
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March 6, 2013

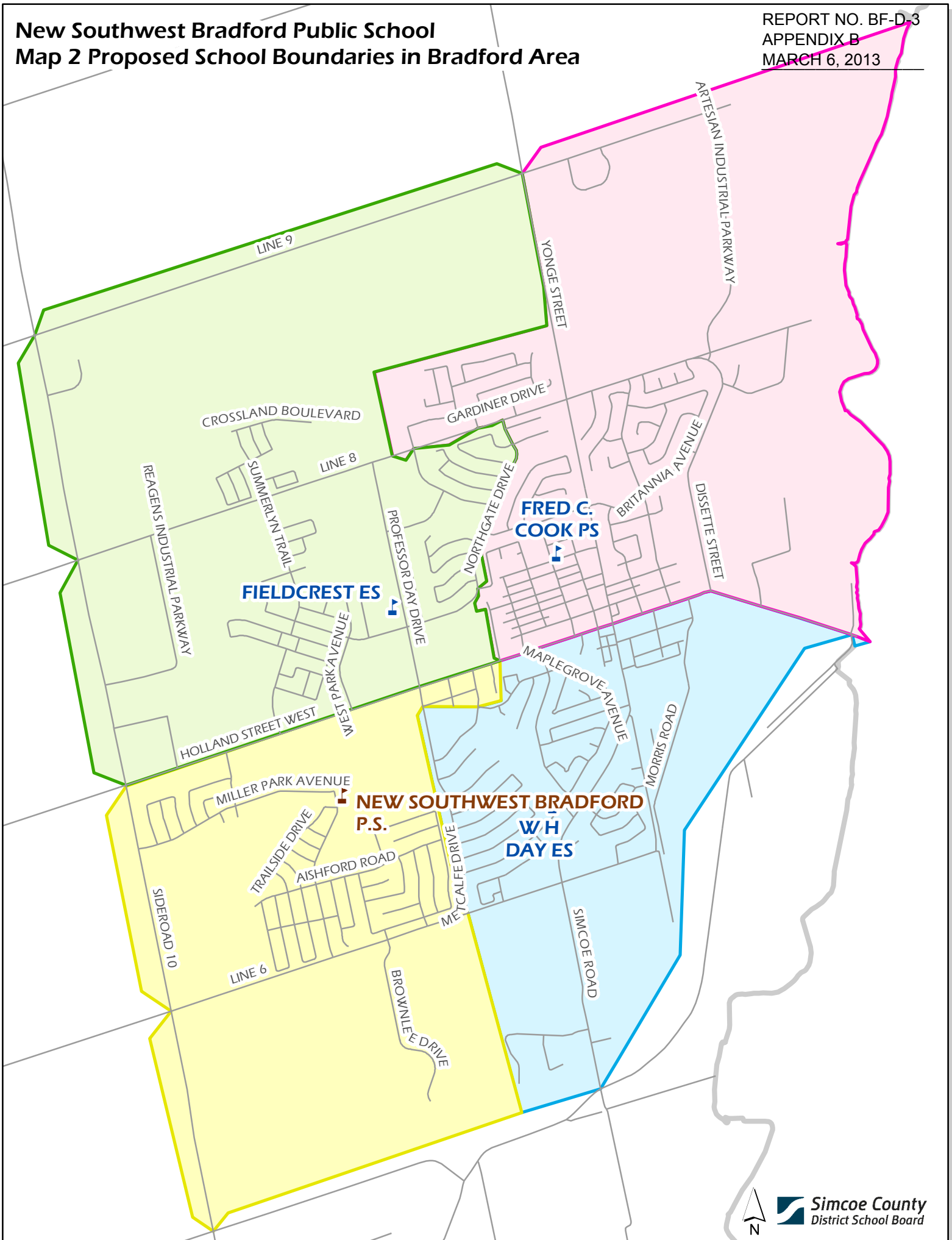
# New Southwest Bradford Public School Map 1 Current Attendance Area - Fieldcrest ES

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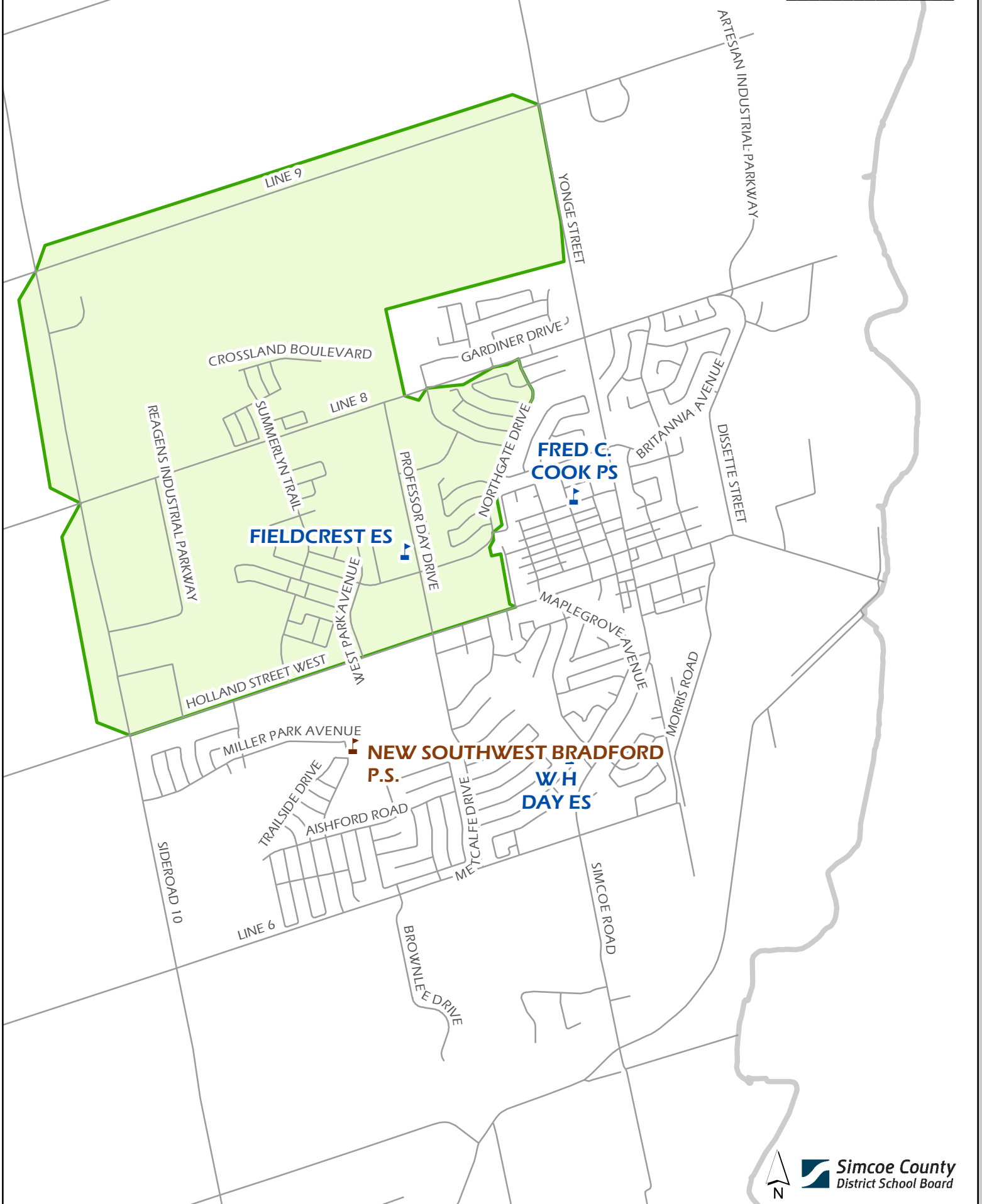
# New Southwest Bradford Public School Map 2 Proposed School Boundaries in Bradford Area

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# New Southwest Bradford Public School Map 3 Proposed Fieldcrest ES Attendance Area

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## Map 3 Proposed New Southwest Bradford PS Attendance Area

