

Electoral Ward Review - Option 4

At the February 26th board meeting the school board released the Electoral Ward Review '[What We Heard](#)' [report](#). Based on the input received, the board is considering another option, with six (6) wards and six (6) trustees.

In option 4, wards have been created using existing municipal and council divisions. This will create a better representation by population between municipal and student numbers, while taking into account that some areas are more sparsely populated. Since school board elections are held in conjunction with municipal elections, this structure will also create a simplified experience for both voters and trustee candidates by clearly defining electoral lines.

Electoral Ward	Municipal Divisions located in ward	Schools located in ward	Municipal Population (est)	Student Population
Pembina Hills East - Ward 1	Westlock County - Div 1, 2, 4, 5 Village of Clyde	Busby, Eleanor Hall	4,040	375
Pembina Hills East - Ward 2	Westlock County - Div 3, 6, 7 MD of Lesser Slave River*	Pembina North Community, Colony Schools	3,610	258
Town of Westlock	Town of Westlock	R.F. Staples, Westlock Outreach, Westlock Elementary	5,101	1,184
Pembina Hills West - Ward 1	County of Barrhead - Div 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7	Neerlandia Public Christian, Dunstable	5,389	252
Pembina Hills West - Ward 2	County of Barrhead - Div 6 Woodlands County - Div 5*, 6, 7 Town of Swan Hills Big Lakes County*	Fort Assiniboine, Swan Hills	3,752	300
Town of Barrhead	Town of Barrhead	Barrhead Composite, Barrhead Outreach, Barrhead Elementary	4,579	1,410

* Indicates only the portion that is within Pembina Hills School Division

Although specific schools are located within each ward, it's important to note that trustees do not represent any one school or community. They make decisions based on the entire needs of the division. Responsibilities at school sites, and board representatives for ADLC and VVS can still be assigned at the board table as student populations fluctuate.