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ADDENDUM
REGULAR MEETING OF THE MEETING OF THE
TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
PUBLIC SESSION

Angela Kennedy, Chair

Frank D'Amico, Vice-Chair

Thursday, March 30, 2017

7:00 P.M.

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| Name | Phil Vokins | |
| Committee | Regular Board Meeting | |
| Date of Presentation | 3/30/2017 | |
| Topic of Presentation | Boundary Review - Etobicoke | |
| Topic or Issue | Boundary Review - Etobicoke | |
| Details | Speaking on behalf of a number of parents as delegate (not in support of boundary status quo) | |
| Action Requested | 3 minute speaking slot | |
| I am here as a delegation to speak only on my own behalf | Yes | |
| I am an official representative of the Catholic School Parent Committee (CSPC) | | |
| I am an official representative of student government | | |
| I am here as a spokesperson for another group or organization | | |
| Submittal Date | 3/27/2017 | |



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| Name | Vince Arone |
| Committee | Regular Board Meeting |
| Date of Presentation | 3/30/2017 |
| Topic of Presentation | Elementary School Attendance Boundary Review |
| Topic or Issue | Staff Interim Report: Attendance Boundary Review – St. Gregory, Nativity of Our Lord, Mother Cabrini, St. Marcellus and Nativity of Our Lord |
| Details | I am opposed to the recommendation to retain a Status Quo boundary. I am supportive of the Board investigating a new school site, however, I believe this is a long term solution. |
| Action Requested | I believe the Board of Trustees should consider the Committee Discussion Scenario 1 and not to maintain Status Quo. |
| I am here as a delegation to speak only on my own behalf | Yes |
| I am an official representative of the Catholic School Parent Committee (CSPC) | |
| I am an official representative of student government | |
| I am here as a spokesperson for another group or organization | |
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| Name | Tom Grunstein |
| Committee | Regular Board |
| Date of Presentation | 3/30/2017 |
| Topic of Presentation | Attendance boundaries of St. Gregory, Nativity of Our Lord, Mother Cabrini, St. Marcellus and Our Lady of Sorrows. |
| Topic or Issue | In response to the Interim Report, support for the recommendation that the boundaries remain status quo and that a new elementary school be investigated |
| Details | <p>I'm writing to you today to let that I oppose the proposed to change the elementary school boundary for St. Gregory's. I was devastated hearing about this proposal was being considered. Our house was bought in 2009 on the understanding that our children would attend St. Gregory's. It wouldn't make sense to attend St. Gregory Parish with my children but then send them to a different school. How does the TCDSB expect children from east of Highway 427 to get to and from a school that is west of Highway 427 when there are no safe crosswalks on the bridge? When children want to ride their bikes to school, do you find it safe to have a child ride their bikes across the 427 bridge? Would you feel safe to ride your bike across the 427 bridge? I would say NO! We moved to this area so we can send our children to St. Gregory elementary school. We want our children to attend St. Gregory elementary school and attend weekly mass at St. Gregory Parish. Why is it, that children who live in the area are being pushed to the side, whereas those who don't live in the area are allowed to attend St. Gregory and are kicking out those who are in the right to attend.</p> <p>Please consider alternative solutions. 1. Have stricter rules regarding registering and proof of living within the area. 2. Creating portables and building a new school. The Etobicoke area is in need of a new school, please consider these options.</p> |

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| | <p>By having this proposal, you will see families upset and who would financially supporting the Catholic school board will instead enroll their children in public or private school systems. Would the TCDSB really want to lose Catholics to the public schools or even to private? They will if the boundary changes. Please oppose this boundary change and keep it status quo.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration</p> <p>Tom Grunstein</p> |
| Action Requested | Please oppose this boundary change and keep it status quo. |
| I am here as a delegation to speak only on my own behalf | |
| I am an official representative of the Catholic School Parent Committee (CSPC) | |
| I am an official representative of student government | |
| I am here as a spokesperson for another group or organization | |
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| Name | Sandi Grunstein |
| Committee | Regular Board |
| Date of Presentation | 3/30/2017 |
| Topic of Presentation | Attendance boundaries of St. Gregory, Nativity of Our Lord, Mother Cabrini, St. Marcellus and Our Lady of Sorrows. |
| Topic or Issue | In response to the Interim Report, support for the recommendation that the boundaries remain status quo and that a new elementary school be investigated. |
| Details | <p>My support for Director Gauthier's recommendation that the boundaries remain status quo for St. Gregory's School, as well for the other schools. I suggest that TCDSB find other solutions be explored to deal with the high enrollment in the area. Creating portables and building a new school within the Etobicoke area are the best suggestions. I purchased my home in the area in 2009, in the hope that my children would be attending St. Gregory's School. It's devastating to find out that the TCDSB want to send children across a 400 series highway to walk to and from school. If a child is to attending before/after school programs, participate in school activities or missed the bus, they would be forced to cross the Rathburn bridge over Highway 427! If you have ever walked over that bridge, you would know how fast those cars are going.</p> <p>Back in March 2014, Trustee Andrachuk launched a "Kiss & Ride program to encourage student fitness", but now in 2017 kids can ride the bus? What happened to student fitness?</p> <p>Also, within this time frame, another post from Trustee Andrachuk website "Walking School Bus Program to expand on safe walking routes for students". Please explain how crossing a 400 series highway is a safe walking route for children?</p> |

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| | <p>In your report dated March 2, 2017 section 15.d Paragraph - D Evidence/Research/Analysis - 10 Traffic Report, you have listed that between 2012 and 2016, and there were 26 personal injuries. 6 were pedestrian and 2 were cyclists. The times are between 8-9am and 3-6pm. The ages are 0-4, 5 were hurt and from the ages of 5-14, 10 were hurt. Is that not already too many children getting hurt? Let's move forward and start looking a solution for other generations.</p> <p>Enough time has been spent on not fixing the problem. Etobicoke needs a new school. I ask that the board accepts Director Gauthier's recommendations.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration,</p> <p>Sandi Grunstein</p> |
| Action Requested | Please oppose this boundary change and keep it status quo |
| I am here as a delegation to speak only on my own behalf | |
| I am an official representative of the Catholic School Parent Committee (CSPC) | |
| I am an official representative of student government | |
| I am here as a spokesperson for another group or organization | |
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| Name | Sam Perciasepe | |
| Committee | Regular / Special Board | |
| Date of Presentation | 3/30/2017 | |
| Topic of Presentation | verbal presentation | |
| Topic or Issue | Report regarding Elementary School Attendance Boundary Review: St. Gregory, Nativity of Our Lord, Mother Cabrini, St. Marcellus and Our Lady of Sorrows – (Wards 1, 2) | |
| Details | <p>I am opposed to the two recommendations being put forward for approval</p> <p>1) The attendance boundaries for St. Gregory, Nativity of Our Lord, Mother Cabrini, St. Marcellus and Our Lady of Sorrows remain status quo (unchanged).</p> <p>2) That, in accordance with the Long-Term Accommodation Program Plan (LTAPP), staff investigate and assess possible locations in the South /Central Etobicoke area for a new elementary school to alleviate enrollment pressures in this area.</p> | |
| Action Requested | I would like to address the board on this issue at the March meeting. | |
| I am here as a delegation to speak only on my own behalf | Yes | |
| I am an official representative of the Catholic School Parent Committee (CSPC) | | |
| I am an official representative of student government | | |
| I am here as a spokesperson for another group or organization | Yes | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate Affairs, Strategic Planning and Property | <input type="checkbox"/> SEAC | <input type="checkbox"/> Student Achievement & Well-Being, Catholic Education, Human Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Governance Framework | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Board | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular Board | |

Date of Presentation: March 31, 2017

Topic or Issue: Before and After School Programs, Kindergarten to Grade 6

Details:

Action Requested:

Check One Box

- ☐ I am here as a delegation to speak only on my own behalf.
- ☐ I am an official representative of the Catholic School Parent Committee (CSPC).
School _____ Position _____
- ☐ I am an official representative of student government.
School _____ Position _____
- ☒ I am here as a spokesperson for another group or organization.
Name of group Toronto Coalition for Better Child Care

Date: March 30, 2017

Signature: Jane Mercer Digitally signed by Jane Mercer
Date: 2017.03.29 16:13:03 -0400



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| Name | Melissa Giglio | |
| Committee | Regular / Special Board | |
| Date of Presentation | 3/30/2017 | |
| Topic of Presentation | St. Gregory Boundary | |
| Topic or Issue | St. Gregory Boundary Review | |
| Details | St. Gregory Boundary Review | |
| Action Requested | Keep the St. Gregory boundaries status quo. | |
| I am here as a delegation to speak only on my own behalf | Yes | |
| I am an official representative of the Catholic School Parent Committee (CSPC) | No | |
| I am an official representative of student government | | |
| I am here as a spokesperson for another group or organization | | |
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| Name | Jenny P. Mboutsiadis |
| Committee | Regular / Special Board |
| Date of Presentation | 3/30/2017 |
| Topic of Presentation | ATTENDANCE BOUNDARY REVIEW – ST. GREGORY, NATIVITY OF OUR LORD, MOTHER CABRINI, ST. MARCELLUS, OUR LADY OF SORROWS – INFORMATION REPORT (TRUSTEE WARDS 1 AND 2) |
| Topic or Issue | In response to the Interim Report, support for the recommendation that the boundaries remain status quo and that a new elementary school be investigated. |
| Details | In response to the Interim Report, the Glen Park Community Association supports Director Gauthier's recommendation that the boundaries remain status quo, and that a new school be built to address the excess enrolment in the area. |
| Action Requested | That the Board of Trustees accept Director Gauthier's recommendation. |
| I am here as a delegation to speak only on my own behalf | |
| I am an official representative of the Catholic School Parent Committee (CSPC) | |
| I am an official representative of student government | |
| I am here as a spokesperson for another group or organization | Yes Glen Park Community Association |
| Submittal Date | 3/30/2017 |

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

HELD WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2017

PUBLIC SESSION

PRESENT:

Marilyn Taylor, Chair
Ashleigh Molloy, Vice-Chair
Dario Imbrogno
John MacKenzie
Tyler Munro
Giselle Romanino
Gizelle Paine
Raul Vomisescu

Trustees A. Andrachuk
 A. Kennedy – by teleconference
 G. Tanuan – by teleconference

R. McGuckin
C. Fernandes
A. Coke
M. Kokai
D. Reid
P. Stachiw

S. Harris, Recording Secretary

Apologies were tendered on behalf of Glenn Webster and Rosanna Del Grosso who were unable to attend the meeting.

MOVED by Gizelle Paine, seconded by Ashleigh Molloy, that the Agenda, as amended, be approved.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Andrachuk, seconded by John MacKenzie, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held February 8, 2017 be approved.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Ashleigh Molloy, seconded by Sandra Mastronardi, that Item 6a) be adopted as follows:

- 6a) **Rae Roebuck, Project Coordinator, Toronto Coordinated Service Planning Strategy & Partner, First Leadership, regarding Coordinated Service Planning** – received.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Andrachuk, seconded by Trustee Tanuan, that the presentation be received and referred to staff to come back in one month's time with a more comprehensive report on what the partnership would look like, what benefits the Board and SEAC would receive from this partnership and whether there would be any financial constraints to the Toronto Catholic District School Board.

The Amendment was declared

CARRIED

The Motion, as amended, was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Tyler Munro, seconded by Gizelle Paine, that Item 6b) be adopted as follows:

- 6b) **Marilyn Dolmage regarding Research on Evidence of Effective High School Inclusion: Research, Resources and Inspiration** - received

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by Ashleigh Molloy, that Item 9a) be adopted as follows:

- 9a) **SEAC Monthly Calendar Review** - received

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Dario Imbrogno, seconded by Giselle Romanino, that Item 9b) be adopted as follows:

9b) **Special Education Superintendent Update March 2017** – received.

MOVED in AMENDMENT by Trustee Andrachuk, seconded by Ashleigh Molloy, that staff direct Principals to have a broadcast list of Special Needs students and that the information regarding the TCDSB Special Education Parent Conference be sent electronically to the families of those Special Needs students.

The Amendment was declared

CARRIED

The Motion, as amended, was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by John MacKenzie, seconded by Giselle Romanino, that Item 9c) be adopted as follows:

9c) **Verbal Report regarding Exploring Opportunities to Offer the STYLE Program to Secondary Schools (Requested November, 2016)** – received.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Andrachuk, seconded by Dario Imbrogno, that Item 9d) be adopted as follows:

- 9d) **Verbal Report regarding Parliamentary Procedures Presentation Date** – received and that the Parliamentarian be invited on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 for an Orientation Session with SEAC Committee Members.

Staff was directed to send a reminder to all SEAC Committee members and to reconfirm their attendance prior to April 4, in order to cancel the Orientation Session, if necessary.

Results of the Vote taken, as follows:

In Favour

Trustees Andrachuk
 Tanuan
 Kennedy
 Dario Imbrogno
 Tyler Munro
 Gizelle Paine
 Marilyn Taylor

Opposed

John MacKenzie
Sandra Mastronardi
Ashleigh Molloy
Giselle Romanino
Raul Vomisescu

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by Gizelle Paine, that Item 9e) be adopted as follows:

- 9e) **Draft Report on Accountability Framework for Special Education 2016-2017** – received.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

Sandra Mastronardi wished for it to be recorded that she voted against the Motion.

MOVED by Ashleigh Molloy, seconded by John MacKenzie, that Item 9f) be adopted as follows:

- 9f) **Draft Report regarding Educational Assistant and Child and Youth Worker Efficiencies in the Elementary and Secondary Panels** – received.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Giselle Romanino, seconded by John MacKenzie, that Item 9g) be adopted as follows:

- 9g) **Special Education Plan – Autism and Learning Disability Framework Updates** – received.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by Giselle Romanino, that Item 9h) be adopted as follows:

- 9h) **Invitation to Consultation regarding Draft Parent and Student Charters of Rights – March 27, 2017** - received.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by Giselle Romanino, that Item 12a) be adopted as follows:

- 12a) **MASCE Meeting Highlights – February 8-9, 2017** – received.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Tyler Munro, seconded by Ashleigh Molloy that Item 13a) be adopted as follows:

- 13a) **Third Consecutive Absence** that Mary Pugh be excused legitimately for her third consecutive absence as an exception due to a death in her family.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by Giselle Romanino, that Item 13b) be adopted as follows:

- 13b) **Inquiry from Giselle Romanino regarding Summer School Communication** – received.

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Giselle Romanino, seconded by Sandra Mastronardi, that Item 13c) be adopted as follows:

- 13c) **Inquiry from Sandra Mastronardi regarding the Review of the Special Education Plan by SEAC – received.**

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Giselle Romanino, seconded by Sandra Mastronardi, that Item 13d) be adopted as follows:

- 13d) **Inquiry from Sandra Mastronardi regarding Response from the Ministry of Education on the Autism Minority Report – received.**

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Giselle Romanino, seconded by Sandra Mastronardi, that Item 13e) be adopted as follows:

- 13e) **Inquiry from Sandra Mastronardi regarding Course Calendar 2017-18: Autism ISP Classes - received.**

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Sandra Mastronardi, seconded by Giselle Romanino, that Item 13f) be adopted as follows:

- 13f) **Inquiry from Gizelle Paine regarding the Submission of the SEAC Chapter Associations Letter to the Ministry of Education—received.**

The Motion was declared

CARRIED

MOVED by Trustee Andrachuk, seconded by Sandra Mastronardi, that the meeting adjourn.

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The Motion was declared

CARRIED

SECRETARY

CHAIR



REPORT TO

REGULAR BOARD

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING TO REVIEW REPORT
FROM EXECUTIVE SEARCH COMMITTEE**

*"Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you.
Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith."* Hebrews 13:7

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Paul Matthews, General Legal Counsel

RECOMMENDATION REPORT

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R. McGuckin

Associate Director of Academic Affairs

A. Sangiorgio

Associate Director of Planning and Facilities

C. Jackson

Executive Superintendent of Business Services and Chief Financial Officer

Angela Gauthier

Director of Education

A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

To accommodate holding a Special Board Meeting on April 26, 2017, this report proposes that the Board of Trustees approve moving the Regular Board meeting scheduled for April 26, 2017, to April 19, 2017, and cancelling the Corporate Services Committee meeting originally scheduled for April 19, 2017. Matters which would have appeared on the April 19, 2017 Corporate Services Agenda will appear on the Regular Board meeting agenda to be held on April 19, 2017.

B. PURPOSE

1. The Chair of the Board has called a special private Board meeting for April 26, 2017, to deal with matters related to the search for a new Director of Education.

C. BACKGROUND

1. The Regular meeting of the Board, currently scheduled for April 26, 2017, is proposed here to be rescheduled to April 19, 2017, and the Corporate Services Committee meeting originally scheduled for April 19, 2017, be cancelled.
2. On April 19, 2017, the Regular Board meeting will consider matters that were to appear on the April Regular Board meeting, as well as matters that were to be considered at the April Corporate Services Committee Meeting.

D. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Trustees approve:

- 1) Moving the Regular Board meeting scheduled for April 26, 2017, to April 19, 2017; and
- 2) Cancelling the Corporate Services Committee meeting originally scheduled for April 19, 2017.

Dear Trustees,

I am writing in regards to the Elementary Attendance Boundary Review for St. Gregory, Nativity of Our Lord, Mother Cabrini, St. Marcellus.

I have three children who attend St. Gregory. While I am sympathetic towards the recommendation for the attendance boundaries remaining status quo, I am opposed to adding portables at St. Gregory. This is not the answer. South/Central Etobicoke is an area experiencing significant growth. The addition of portables will not solve the oversubscription at the school or account for the residential growth expected in the area.

With a cap of 5 FDK classes and added enrolment pressure from the Extended French program, enrolment could grow to over 960 students given current enrolment trends. Does this mean our children will be eating lunch on the hallway floors? Have rotating recesses? What about extra-curricular activities – do my children have a chance of ever making a school team?

I agree with the Long-Term Accommodation Program Plan (LTAPP), to assess possible locations in the South /Central Etobicoke area for a new elementary school to alleviate enrolment pressures in this area. This direction will not only solve the current issue it will alleviate the concerns of the community in regards to boundary alignments and transportation safety.

Since consensus cannot be reached with the proposed boundary review options, it's time to make the best decision to enrollment pressures – opportunity for a new school in the area – so that attention can be focused on what matters the most – the academic learning and safety of our children.

Sincerely,

Mary-Anne Cedrone

Concerned Parent

From: [Lucas Cescon](#)
To: [Delegations](#)
Subject: Comments re. Potential St. Gregory Boundary Change
Date: Wednesday, March 29, 2017 8:34:15 PM

Hello,

As a parent of a student who will be attending St. Gregory beginning fall, 2017, I am writing to voice my opposition to any changes in the school boundary, and, in particular, any changes that would force students to cross highway 427 (by foot, bus or other means) to attend school.

As someone who recently moved to the community with the expectation that my children would be able to attend St. Gregory, my position is that any change to the boundary without sufficient notice or grandfathering provisions (i.e., even for children not yet old enough to attend school but who live in the current St. Gregory catchment area) would be categorically unfair to new residents to the neighbourhood.

I will be unable to attend tomorrow's (March 30) meeting, however do wish my position to be noted for the record.

Please contact me if you would like additional information or would like to discuss further.

Many thanks,

Lucas Cescon

From: [Monika Singer](#)
To: [Delegations](#)
Cc: [Oskar Singer](#)
Subject: St. Gregory Boundary Review
Date: Wednesday, March 29, 2017 8:34:27 PM

To the TCDSB,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the proposed boundary change for St. Gregory's Catholic elementary school. My family and I live on Agar Crescent in Etobicoke, a location that would be excluded by the proposed boundary change thus diverting our daughter to attend Nativity of Our Lord. Although we have no concerns about the school itself (Nativity), I am deeply concerned about the safety risk of having elementary school children cross Hwy 427 to get to their school. This would involve crossing 8+ lanes on an overpass with several unregulated crossings. I think that this in and of itself makes it completely unreasonable to proceed with such a proposition, not mentioning other factors such as poor quality data on which the decision was based, income inequality of families resulting from the proposed changes at the two schools, the challenges of busing children reliably to address the safety risk, and so forth.

I urge the TCDSB not to proceed with the proposed plan and alter the existing boundary.

Sincerely,

Monika and Oskar Singer

From: [Connie Mazzulli](#)
To: [Delegations](#)
Subject: St. Gregory Boundary Review - March 30, 2017
Date: Wednesday, March 29, 2017 10:08:37 PM

To Whom it May Concern,

I would like to state that I am opposed to the boundaries for St. Gregory remaining status quo. I will be attending the meeting tomorrow but do not wish to speak because some of the people who do not want the boundaries to change have been hostile towards others who are not of the same opinion. I will not be affected by the change as my son is in grade 6. I live in the area that would be affected by this change and many of those opposed are neighbours. I was very appalled by their conduct during previous meetings and am worried that their opposition to the change has more to do with property value than with their kids having to be bussed across a bridge over the highway. Flyers were distributed by them stating property values will be affected. This prompted older residents who are not stakeholders to attend the first meeting. Others stated that they spent over their budgets in order to move to this area specifically so that their children could attend St. Gregory School. I would like to know from them why St Gregory is the best school for their children. It can't be academics as I was informed that our scores for EQAO were not even close to those of Nativity of our Lord's.

It is very upsetting to see our music class being held on the gym stage while there is a gym class going on at the same time. This is happening because our music room is now the staff room. Also, our Kindergarteners are having rotating recess because of lack of space in their yard.

I ask you to please act in the best interest of the children. They're well being is the most important issue here.

Thank you,

Connie Mazzulli

From: [Mark Schmidt](#)
To: [Delegations](#)
Subject: St Gregory Boundary Review Written Submission - Mark Schmidt
Date: Thursday, March 30, 2017 8:35:22 AM

Hello TCDSB boundary review Committee,

I would like to submit the following regarding the proposed boundary change for St. Gregory school.

I wanted to reiterate the question I posed to the boundary review committee during the first public input meeting:

My question was along the lines of personal accountability. Making a decision to send kids to attend elementary school across the 427 is a big concern of my families. I realize that you have proposed busing as a solution however, there are many concerns with the reliability of this solution along with the potentially fatal outcome should a child miss the bus and have to walk home from their elementary school. This is not a normal boundary review, as the major concern is creating a migration path across a 400 series highway, with no alternate routes or choices. Additionally, there are no options to control any of the four uncontrolled on or off ramps that enter or exit the highway.

That being said, my question was around the personal accountability of each member of the committee and the TCDSB. You have a very difficult decision to make that, in this rare case, takes the safety and lives of children in your hands. While we trust you will make a decision to keep our children safe, should you decide otherwise and decide to force children across the 427, are you, each of you, personally ready to live with the consequences that a child may be injured or killed while walking across the highway? This is not your typical boundary review and forcing children to cross a highway, with four uncontrolled intersections will, at some point, cause injury to a child, parent or caregiver.

The reason this question is personal to my family is that on November 11th, 2015, our Grandmother was walking across Lawrence Avenue and was struck and killed by a distracted driver. When the police arrived on scene, she was still breathing and died shortly after, in the middle of the street, before the ambulance could arrive. I apologize for being graphic but it's something my family and I have had to live with since the accident. We miss her everyday. While she was our Grandmother, I couldn't even imagine if this were to happen to a child.

Please, take this message seriously. It's inevitable that a child will, at some point, miss their bus and decide to walk to or from school. All it takes is one child, to make this decision, and walk across the highway for a fatal accident to happen.

My question again is, should the committee make the decision to send children walking across the highway to their elementary school, is each committee member prepared to live with the consequences should a child be injured or killed while walking to or from their elementary school?

Again, thank you for your time and we, as a community, trust that many of you as parents yourselves, will make the right decision to keep our kids safe.

Regards,

Mark Schmidt

From: [Lisa Schmidt](#)
To: [Delegations](#)
Subject: St. Gregory's boundary review
Date: Wednesday, March 29, 2017 10:26:59 PM

As a concerned parent and community member, I continue to be in support of the Director of Education's recommendation to keep the boundary of St. Gregory's school status quo.

The idea of having young students walking over a busy 400 series highway and crossing with uncontrolled on/ off ramps is completely unacceptable.

I continue to hope that other solutions and suggestions for finding and/ or building a new school will be put forward. There are many options that need to be considered as our children should not be placed in danger to get to and from school.

Lisa Schmidt

From: [Kathy Schmidt](#)
To: [Delegations](#)
Subject: Boundary Change
Date: Thursday, March 30, 2017 9:10:25 AM

Please do not change the boundary. Having children cross the 472 bridge on Rathburn Rd and Burnhamthorpe Rd to get to school is NOT SAFE! Bussing is not an option, as there will always be some days that children will walk (missed the bus, extra curricular activities etc.). The curbs are low, the bridges are slippery when wet, and not to mention the children that will hang over the rail to watch the cars on 427!

Kathy Schmidt

From: [Marta Pozniakowski](#)
To: [Delegations](#)
Subject: Re: Written Submission Only for St. Gregory Boundary Change
Date: Wednesday, March 29, 2017 10:32:06 PM

Good afternoon,

On behalf of myself and my husband Jack, we wish to strongly support the interim report and the status quo boundary for St. Gregory. We are located at 295 Burnhamthorpe Road, on the southeastern edge of the area which would have been transferred to Nativity of Our Lord, 3.3 km away. Nativity is the 5th furthest Catholic elementary school from us. We are parents of a 21 month old who would be protected from the proposed boundary change.

Why We Oppose the Boundary Change

Our family's position is that the proposed boundary is unreasonable and unfair to us, for the following reasons:

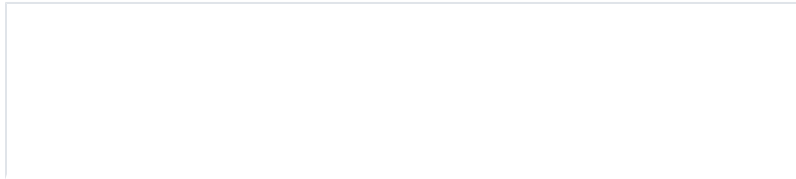
1. The long distance and highway crossing from our location to Nativity of Our Lord will make it impractical and unsafe for our children to walk or bicycle to school.
2. We are located within the parish boundary for Our Lady of Peace, although St. Gregory is also a practical solution for us. We have no connection with Nativity of Our Lord parish and would never attend it.
3. Our children would be forced to attend a school unrelated to our neighbourhood or parish. This could potentially lead to them being excluded by other children and even bullied.
4. The proposed location would result in a lengthy school bus ride for our children, even while kindergarten aged. Combined with full day kindergarten, this will result in a deeply exhausting experience for our children at a very small age.
5. The proposed location would be very inconvenient for working parents like ourselves to drive and drop off children, and would represent an obstacle to Anna's return to the workforce.
6. The proposed location would make it difficult or impossible for our children to participate in extracurricular activities.
7. Our children will be unfairly singled out for removal from their community and a lengthy, unsafe commute. We do not deserve a vastly inferior educational experience to most other Catholic parents in Etobicoke and Toronto.
8. Although French immersion at Our Lady of Peace is an option, we would expect that a very high percentage of local residents would attempt to place their children in French immersion at Our Lady of Peace. This will lead to increased demand and

crowding at Our Lady of Peace.

9. Although the Mimico Creek is allegedly a natural boundary for St. Gregory, it is not a major physical obstacle to us. Highway 427 is a real and dangerous barrier.

Exclusionary Behaviour at St. Gregory

We are also concerned at the exclusionary behaviour and rhetoric of some parents at St. Gregory, and believe that this is inappropriate for a Catholic elementary school that represents the community. We note that a website giving the impression of a private school has been set up that tracks enrolment at the school, giving the impression the school is overcrowded. We also question whether the parent council exercises an inappropriate level of control over discretionary funding of approximately \$60,000 per year, based on our review of the parent council minutes and budget



Your truly
Marta & Jack Pozniakowski

From: [Joanna Whittaker](#)
To: [Delegations](#)
Subject: I oppose a boundary change for St Gregory's
Date: Thursday, March 30, 2017 12:11:48 AM

Dear TCDSB,

My name is Joanna Whittaker and I currently live off of West Deane Park at Rathburn & Martin Grove, which is in the area that the Board is considering removing from the St. Gregory catchment. **I oppose the proposed removal.**

I'm writing to you [today](#) because I am unable to attend the public meeting at the Catholic Education Centre to let you know about my extreme disappointment and anger upon hearing of a proposal to change the elementary school boundary for St. Gregory's at Rathburn & Kipling.

When I heard this proposal was being considered, I was devastated. We bought our house in 2015 based on the understanding that our children would attend St. Gregory's. Both of my sons were baptized in St. Gregory Parish and we have been regular parishioners at the church since moving to the area.

My family and I are currently active members of St. Gregory's parish. It wouldn't make sense to attend St. Gregory Parish with my children but then send them to a different school.

How could it possibly be safe for my children, once they are old enough, to cross the 427 bridge to go to school when they want to ride their bikes?

How does the TCDSB expect children from east of Highway 427 to get to and from a school that is west of Highway 427 when there are no safe crosswalks on the bridge?

We have established our roots within the St. Gregory community and we are so happy there. We moved to this area so we can send our children to St. Gregory elementary school. We want our children to attend St. Gregory elementary school and attend weekly mass at St. Gregory Parish.

Please consider alternative solutions such as:

- stricter rules regarding registering and proof of living within the area so that out of boundary children don't displace neighbourhood children
- creating portables or
- building a new school.

If this change is approved, you will see a lot of families upset by this and parents who were intending on financially supporting the Catholic school board will instead enrol their children in public or private school systems. I would likely be one of those parents.

o I do not want my community to be removed from the St. Gregory elementary school boundary.

o Please oppose this boundary change proposal and keep status quo

Joanna Whittaker, CPA, CMA

From: [Cynthia Li](#)
To: [Delegations: stgregory.boundary@tcdsb.org](mailto:stgregory.boundary@tcdsb.org)
Subject: ATTN: Board of Trustees - Letter in response to the Interim Report of the boundary review for St. Gregory Catholic School
Date: Thursday, March 30, 2017 8:40:14 AM

To the Board of Trustees:

This letter is in response to the Interim Report of the boundary review for St. Gregory Catholic School.

My youngest is only in Senior Kindergarten - with 8 more years at St. Gregory, I can only imagine that the school community will undergo significant, and likely undesirable, changes by the time she graduates if enrollment continues to increase. Enrollment at our school already exceeds that of some smaller secondary schools in the TCDSB and will soon rival that of several other secondary schools across the Board. For older children, one could argue that the large population might be good preparation for Grade 9, but for the younger students, such a large school would be extremely overwhelming.

As enrollment grows, it will become increasingly difficult for students to make competitive school teams even though participation in clubs and school teams should be considered an essential component of primary education. There will be less space for active free play with 10+ portables on the playground. To provide adequate supervision during lunchtime, students in portables will likely need to eat inside the school, perhaps taking over the hallways or gym, which would lead to cancellation of lunchtime intramural activities. We have already lost a dedicated music room, with music classes taking place on the stage of the gym while gym classes are being run concurrently.

With an under subscribed school nearby that can accommodate additional students, it is my view that the status quo for current boundaries, which would result in continued oversubscription to St. Gregory, should only be considered as a last resort.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Li

From: [Syed Ali](#)
To: [Delegations](#)
Subject: Boundary Review
Date: Thursday, March 30, 2017 8:59:25 AM

Dear TCDSB,

I would like to express my concern for the proposed solution of sending children across highway 427 to get to school. Children deserve the ability to walk to and from school which promotes healthy living. Additionally, with four on and off ramps, and distracted drivers speeding over the bridge, I am concerned a parent, guardian, or child will get hurt or worse, lose their life. Please consider the economical and safe solution of adding portables to the St. Gregory school yard as an alternative solution. Please make the decision to keep our children and community safe!

Thank you for your consideration

Syed Ali

From: [Sam Mickail](#)
To: [Delegations](#)
Subject: St Gregory school boundary change
Date: Thursday, March 30, 2017 9:07:19 AM
Attachments: [image002\[3\].png](#)

Hello TCDSB,

Please put portables at St. Gregory school as a solution for the enrollment issues there. Yes, the community consists of many young families (for now) but in a few years they will no longer be attending the school. A simple, flexible, and scalable solution would be to add temporary portables to deal with the extra kids. Also, having busses send kids to elementary school is not good. What happens if, even once, a child misses the bus and has to walk home from school. They will be forced to navigate across a busy highway with many cars and dangers. I am an adult and it's a stressful experience for me to walk across that bridge. Please DO NOT change the boundary for St. Gregory school and come to a solution that does not endanger the lives of our elementary school students. Portables, new school east for the 427, etc.

Thank-You



March 29, 2017

To the TCDSB Director and Board of Trustees:

Re: Interim Report - Attendance Boundary Review - St. Gregory, Nativity of Our Lord, Mother Cabrini, St. Marcellus and Our Lady of Sorrows

I am sending this letter to express my opposition to the recommendations made in above Interim Report. Specifically, I am opposed to keeping the St. Gregory Boundary Status Quo. I have been following the Boundary Review process and continue to be supportive of a change in boundary as many others are. Specifically, I support the scenario referred to as Committee Discussion Scenario 1.

While I am very sensitive to those who are opposing a change in boundary, I am at odds with some of the information I have read and has been discussed. I have lived in my community for over 15 years and currently have two children attending St. Gregory. On my particular street, my children have friends, some of which attend St. Gregory and others who do not. We have neighbours, some of which attend St. Gregory Parish and some of which do not. These facts do not diminish the neighbourhood relationships and community that we have. In fact, these differences bring us closer together.

Safety of our children is of utmost importance. Based on the data presented in the report, there have been no incidents involving bussing of children. This is very reassuring as a parent. However, we have experienced an increase in traffic on Rathburn near St. Gregory. We are close enough to the school that we do not qualify for transportation but far enough that walking along Rathburn at peak times can be concerning, necessitating the children to be dropped off. My concern is with an increase in school population, there will be an increase in traffic. Again, we do not qualify for busing as those that could be impacted by the boundary change would have. There also is busing already over the 427 for students. I do not understand why the report states that busing is now unacceptable. Why has it been acceptable for those currently being bused and not now?

I accept that St. Gregory will need to have two portables this coming September given the current student population at the school. However, I am opposed to the potential further increased use of portables when there is another school close by that can accommodate them. According to the Report, Nativity of Our Lord School is at 80% capacity. Portables are never

ideal, costly and come with a whole host of issues. The Board has recognized this and have focused on reducing portable use over the years.

There is a significant knock on effect as a school population grows. Most concerning to me is ensuring there is no compromise to implementation of the curriculum when there will be greater distractions, more students to manage and less administration on a per student basis. EQAO scores have been steadily declining at St Gregory as the school population has been steadily increasing. Of note, EQAO scores at Nativity of Our Lord are some of the highest in the area. I am also concerned that programming will be removed to accommodate more students. The Extended French program has been at the school for many years and am concerned at comments raised that this program could be removed from the school. I encourage the trustees to support more of these programs at our schools.

Re-aligning the boundaries and right sizing all of the schools in this neighbourhood is the most rational way to move forward. I hope the Trustees take this into consideration as they deliberate the facts. I support a change in boundary not “status quo” and support Committee Discussion, Scenario 1.

Sincerely,

Lori Tenuta

From: [Paul Natale](#)
To: [Delegations](#)
Subject: Boundary
Date: Thursday, March 30, 2017 9:07:57 AM

Dear sirs;

The changing of boundary where children have pass a major highway like the 427 highway is a very bad idea putting children and parents in harms way. Putting portables or expanding the existing building at St. Gregory is a much better plan for the safety of the children for all current and future children living in the community.

The safety of our children has to play as first priority. We are totally against any plan to have our children cross a major highway.

Concerned parent

From: [+antoinette.catalfamo](#)
To: [Delegations](#)
Subject: St. Gregory's boundary dispute
Date: Thursday, March 30, 2017 9:11:58 AM

I am a resident living within St. Gregory's boundaries and I would like to voice my opinion in regards to the boundary dispute.

After thoughtful consideration and upon reviewing the facts, I would like to state that I oppose keeping the status quo.

Thank you for your consideration.

Antoinette Catalfamo.

From: [Michael Natale](#)
To: [Delegations](#)
Subject: St Gregory catchment boundary
Date: Thursday, March 30, 2017 9:28:18 AM

Hello TCDSB,

Please consider alternative solutions and leave the St Gregory boundary as status quo. Sending children across a busy highway is not a solution. Bussing is not an option. Children WILL get hurt! Please consider other safer options such as a new school in the catchment area or portables in the St Gregory school yard. I firmly oppose children having to cross a 400 series highway to get to their elementary school.

Michael Natale

From: [Jenn Maund](#)
To: [Delegations](#)
Subject: St Gregory Boundary review
Date: Thursday, March 30, 2017 9:29:58 AM

Hi,

My name is Jennifer Maund, and I am unable to attend tonight's meeting regarding the boundary change. **I am writing in support of Director Gauthier's recommendation to keep the boundary as status quo.** Considering the alternatives proposed, this is the most logical course of action. She has attended the meetings and heard the community speak passionately about keeping the boundary as is. She has heard our concerns about safety, and the development of our children if the boundary change happens. She understands that changing the boundaries does not solve the over crowding problem, but provides temporary relief. She has looked at all the information provided, including the additional information requested by Ann Anderchuck and has still come to the conclusion that the boundary should remain as it is. I strongly support this decision.

If the board really wants to address the over crowding issue in their schools they need to look at other alternatives such as extensions to their schools, a new school location, or even auditing schools with closed boundaries to ensure those who attend are actually residing in the catchment. Perhaps there are other solutions that would work, but changing the boundary will not be an effective way to deal with over crowded school and will end up causing more problems.

Thank you for taking time to hear my voice in support of keeping the boundary as it currently is.

Jennifer Maund

From: [Bernice-cahute](#)
To: [Delegations](#)
Subject: St Gregory Boundary Review
Date: Thursday, March 30, 2017 10:42:50 AM

Good Evening All,

This email is in support of Director Gauthier's report to maintain the status quo regarding the boundary for St Gregory's School. This is a positive outcome for our community.
The proposed boundary changes would put children in danger because they have to cross a 400 Series Highway.
Thank you Director Gauthier for listening and acting on our concerns.

Sincerely,
Bernice Cahute

From: [G](#)
To: [Delegations](#)
Subject: Boundary change
Date: Thursday, March 30, 2017 11:01:32 AM

Hi,

I don't want the boundary to change and that the board should look for alternative solutions to avoid kids having to cross the highway to get to and from school. Regarding St Gregs in Etobicoke

From: [Tina Vocella](#)
To: [Delegations](#)
Subject: St. Gregory Catholic School - Boundaries Review
Date: Thursday, March 30, 2017 10:08:12 AM
Importance: High

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to relay my concern and disapproval of the boundary changes that may be effecting St. Gregory. I do not believe it is in the best interest of the students to allow for a boundary change that promotes children of such young ages to cross a major highway to attend at elementary school on a daily basis. The safety of the children must come first and be of high priority to the TCDSB.

Regards,
Tina Vocella

From: [Kelly Lima](#)
To: [Delegations](#)
Subject: Boundry Review - St. Gregory
Date: Thursday, March 30, 2017 10:15:33 AM

Hello Catholic School Board and Trustees,

Please do not send children across the 427 to get to school. I seriously opposed the thought of changing the catchment area of St. Gregory school to send kids walking across 16 lanes of live traffic with four on and off ramps. It's dangerous and is a bad idea. I support the Director of Educations proposal to leave the St. Gregory boundary status quo. Please make the right (and safe) decision.

Thanks,

Kelly Lima

From: [Veronika Ivanova](#)
To: [Delegations](#)
Subject: St gregs/nativity of our lord boundary changes
Date: Thursday, March 30, 2017 10:59:56 AM

Hello,

I have become aware of the new boundary changes that are being proposed for the following schools and I just wanted to say that I think it is very dangerous to make kids cross the highway just to get to school if they don't have an option of school bus.

Thank you

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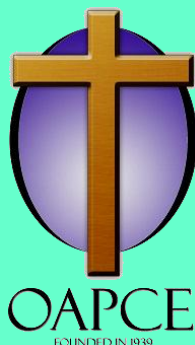
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