

June 15, 2016

Dear Trustee,

We, the undersigned parents of children attending Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School at 101 Birchmount Road, Toronto, stand in protest to the Board's recent announcement that effective September 1, 2016, bus service will no longer be provided for students living closer than 1.5 km from the school.

Your administration is responsible for the budget problems currently faced by the Toronto Catholic District School Board and we working families should not be expected to sacrifice the bus transportation services that we rely on to get our children to and from school.



The question and answer information sheet provided with your letter dated June 13, 2016, notes that the average walk distance across the province is 1.6 km. We remind you that Toronto is a densely populated and thriving urban metropolis, which cannot be compared to other rural school districts in the province.

Families living in Toronto need the income of two working parents to be able to afford to live in this city. Cancelling bus service would significantly impact families, like ours, who cannot afford to take time off work to walk/drive our children to and from school.

Further complicating the situation is the lack of reliable public transit in our neighbourhood with wait times of up to 30 minutes for TTC buses in different directions to and from the school.

Therefore, we urge you to reconsider your position and make only reasonable changes to the services already provided. Otherwise, families like ours may be required to enroll in other public schools, further reducing funding for the Toronto Catholic District School Board.

Sincerely,

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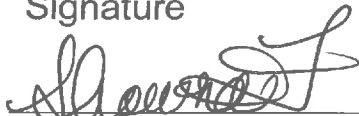
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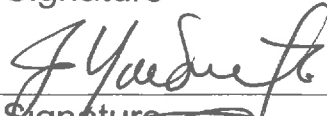
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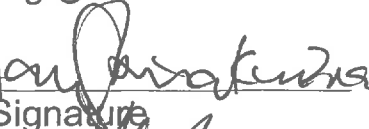
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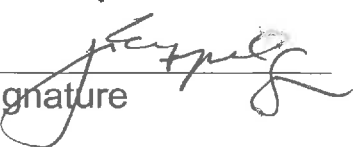
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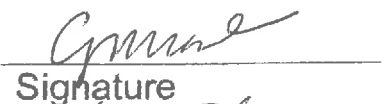
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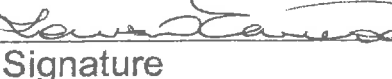
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