



TORONTO CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

DELEGATION REGISTRATION FORM FOR STANDING OR OTHER COMMITTEES

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Delegation No. _____

- Public Session
- Private Session
- Three (3) Minutes

Name	Theresa Cook
Committee	Regular / Special Board
Date of Presentation	1/16/2020
Topic of Presentation	Relocation of Loretto Abbey
Topic or Issue	I learned on Sunday January 12th that there is a plan to temporarily move Loretto Abbey to Nelson A Boylen SS. This school is not close to us, it is not in our community and this poses a serious hardship on not only my children and my family but others as well. This planned move will be very disruptive to their days with 2 1/2 hours of commuting daily, affecting their study hours, increasing their stress and impacting their ability to get to their extra-curricular activities and after school jobs. There was no announcement made to involve parents in this decision. I feel that there must be other options explored to keep the students in their current community.
Details	I understand that renovations are needed for Loretto Abbey. I understand that the boiler needs attention and that this involves accessing pipes that may disturb asbestos. I find the process of how this is being pushed through unacceptable. I believe uprooting the students to a different community goes against providing accessible education and affects their wellbeing. At a time when there is such an emphasis on promoting mental health in teens, this move to uproot the students goes against this; it is in complete contrast to promoting mental health - causing stress on long daily commutes each way, sacrificing extra curricular activities and jobs, losing study time because of the commute and losing friendships for students who are not able to travel to the new location. There is uncertainty with the duration of the move as they are aware that that discussed 18 months duration will certainly be more as construction rarely

	is completed on time. This adds to their stress level having this uncertainty.
Action Requested	There must be options to keep the students in their community. There must be other buildings that can be used (whether owned by TCDSB or otherwise), or it must be further analyzed to remain at Loretto Abbey and access half of the school for education while closing off the other half for renovations. I understand portables will be required at Nelson A Boylen school, this can also be done at Loretto Abbey. I understand there are health and safety concerns, however, if it can be done in hospital setting that run 24/7 than it should be able to be done at Loretto Abbey.
I am here as a delegate to speak only on my own behalf	Yes
I am an official representative of the Catholic School Parent Committee(CSPC)	No Loretto Abbey My children go to Loretto Abbey, however, I am not on the parent council
I am an official representative of student government	No
I am here as a spokesperson for another group or organization	No
I have read, understand and agree to comply with the rules for Delegations as per the TCDSB Delegations Policy T14	Yes
Submittal Date	1/14/2020