

Good afternoon, my name is Montserrat Reynolds. I am here representing the St Michael's Choir School Parent Council. I am here today as CSPC Chair to ask the trustees and the TCDSB Board to write a letter to the city of Toronto requesting an immediate relocation of the shelter at the Bond Hotel.

I am here on behalf of the parents of St Michael's Choir School. We are all concerned regarding the future health and safety of our sons as students at St Michael's Choir School.

We are so proud and feel so grateful that our sons have been given the opportunity to attend this wonderful school.

We are committed to the Cathedral and our boys enjoy singing every week in the Cathedral. If you have heard them sing, then you would have heard the spirituality and beauty of the boys' voices. Though we feel fortunate that our sons are part of this wonderful learning experience, it does not diminish the serious concerns we have about safety at our school.

I know that you are also committed to the safety of all our children and that none of us want anything to happen to our children who range in age from 7 to 17.

We understand that the clients of the Bond Hotel Shelter are part of a vulnerable population. We understand that people deserve shelter; however, as a community we are worried that these clients of the Bond Hotel present a serious health risk to our children. Syringes and switch blades have been found on school grounds. Our children are often confronted by individuals from the shelter.

Unfortunately, this situation has left our students very vulnerable and unsafe.

This is not a community school, we come from all over the GTA. This is not a petition only for Mr. Di Pasquale, but to all the trustees as Choir School families live under your jurisdiction and care.

I am asking you to take the necessary actions to protect our children. I am here today as CSPC Chair to request the trustees and the TCDSB Board take action to keep our children safe and ensure that our children are not harmed or injured.

The first step is to pass a motion that the Chair of the Board write a letter to the city of Toronto requesting that there be an immediate relocation of the shelter at the Bond Hotel.

Thank You