

Statement to the Corporate Services Strategic Planning and Property
Committee for a boundary review for St. Catherine

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Objective

- As a community member we support a boundary review of St. Catherine School to enhance the community with increased enrollment by supporting Catholic families to attend catholic school in their own neighbourhoods

Community Concerns

- St. Catherine is a vibrant school and plays a significant role in community engagement. Increases in enrollment would continue to enhance this engagement. Students connect with the community through many activities that support the diverse community
- One section of St. Catherine Catchment area includes a light industry area that has no housing however, this is changing as industrial buildings are being replaced with homes
- An area adjacent to this light industry does not have any catholic school presence and is poorly serviced by the TCDSB. This area is in the southeast corner of North York and is known as Victoria Village
 - Catholic students are currently bussed to Scarborough
 - Many families who live in North York want to send their children to school in North York not out of their community to Scarborough
 - The ratio of students attending public school is much higher in this area compared to other parts of Toronto which is an indicator of families who want to keep their children educated in North York