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St.Catherine boundary review

Good Evening trustees and board members,

My name is Jenny Masselis, I'm school council treasurer and a very active community member at St.Catherines school. I'd like to delegate today on behalf of our school community and the victoria village members that currently attend St.Catherines school. Back in March 2020 I originally wrote a letter to Trustee Kennedy asking that the boundaries be considered for our school. As a member of the Victoria Village community for the past 8years, I felt that our area was not being serviced by a Catholic School. Unfortunately Precious Blood doesn't seem to fit in our area as we are located in North York and Precious blood in Scarborough. Many of our students attend preschool just a few blocks from St.Catherine and in the boundary. Once I called the school to inquire about enrolment I was surprised to find it was optional attendance as we were considered out of boundary. Both precious blood and St.Catherines are just over 2kms away from Victoria Village. St.Catharines is currently being underutilized while the 3 surrounding schools of Annunciation, St.Bonaventure and Precious blood continue to experience at or above capacity. Our low school enrolment directly impacts our community, our children, the ability to fundraise and the ability to host competitive clubs and sports teams. As Victoria Village continues to grow, with a community of 178 units planned to open in the next 1.5years, as well as the golden mile projects, we need to be proactive so that Precious blood does not become over capacity. Victoria Village already has a bus that is servicing some of the 19 students attending our school from this area. St.Catherine's can accommodate more students from the area, with little impact to surrounding schools and the community and I'd like to suggest using Sweeney drive as a new southern boundary. We know that we can improve our school, we just need the assistance and support from trustees and the board.

I appreciate your time.