



**DELEGATION REGISTRATION FORM
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First Name:

Alexandra

Last Name:

Gekas

Please select the applicable Board, Standing, Statutory, Sub or Ad Hoc Committee at which you are requesting to depute.

Corporate Services

Do you wish to Delegate by electronic means?

Yes

Do you require assistance from the Recording Secretary's Office?

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No

Date of Deputation:

2022-12-07

Topic of Deputation:

Boundary Review - St Catharine School/Precious Blood Catholic school



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Key Issue(s):

Student welfare - increased portables, safety for students, infrastructure challenges

Brief Summary of the Topic of Deputation:

Student welfare.

Action Requested:

That the board not proceed with a boundary review and maintain the boundaries for both schools as they currently stand

Please select one of the following options:

I am an official representative of the Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC).

APPENDIX A

Delegation Submission – A Gekas, CSPC Vice Chair – Precious Blood CS

Amending the boundaries for St. Catharine CS and Precious Blood CS will have a profound impact on student welfare. There are numerous safety issues as well as well-being concerns that come to light when considering increasing the enrollment at St. Catharine CS but taking students away from Precious Blood.

The infrastructure does not support the increase in enrollment. Portables, although common across all school boards, are not the solution to increased enrolment. There is strong evidence across many national and international jurisdictions to support the following disadvantages of portables.

- **Poor ventilation:** especially crucial with the Ministry of Education's goal to improve school ventilation due to COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses
- **Inadequate lighting**
- May contain building materials that can release **harmful chemicals** (mold, mildew, volatiles gases from cheap building materials)
- Research suggests that it creates a **poor learning environment**
- **Lack of running water**
- **Lack of restrooms:** there are evidence-based ratios for ratios of washrooms to students. If there is an increased enrollment, St. Catharine CS would not meet these ratios
- **More expensive** to heat and cool
- **Dangerous and vulnerable during a lock-down**
- **Resources** cannot be easily brought in (audio visual equipment)
- Over time, portables have demonstrated to **cost up to 2x the amount** of a brick-and-mortar classroom while offering much less for staff and students.

The facilities at St. Catharine CS there is a lack of **daycare facilities**. Families rely on the availability of before and after school care to maintain their employment while minimizing relocation and transitions of children (baby-sitting, private day care) between facilities. This would also impact the feasibility of Precious Blood CS keeping their before-school and after-school programs open. These programs are crucial in providing a **seamless day** for families.

Above all, these changes to the boundaries would have an impact on the community as a whole. Breaking up boundaries where children play together, families meet, and legacy impact on those who have attending Precious Blood CS is a major concern. Families take pride in sending their children to the school that their parents, grandparents attended. There have been numerous references that children would be sent to a North York school, instead of a Scarborough school, which further divides communities about issues related to neighborhoods and that a metropolitan Toronto still keeps its ideas and judgements about areas of the city.



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First Name:

Grant

Last Name:

Elligsen

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Corporate Services Strategic Planning and Property Committee

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Date of Deputation:

2022-12-07

Topic of Deputation:

St. Catherine Boundary Review

Key Issue(s):

The St. Catherine community has been fighting for a boundary review for over a year now. We have low enrollment and a boundary that is not equitable, while our neighbours at Precious Blood are at capacity and projected to be significantly over capacity within the next 10 years.



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Our school's maximum capacity is already low (141 students) and if/when a moratorium on closing schools is lifted, St. Catherine is likely to be closed. We need to be proactive and save our school!

Brief Summary of the Topic of Deputation:

A high level overview of the St. Catherine community's urgent request for a boundary change.

Action Requested:

That the boundary is expanded to permanently benefit the enrollment of St. Catherine and Precious Blood.

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APPENDIX 'A'

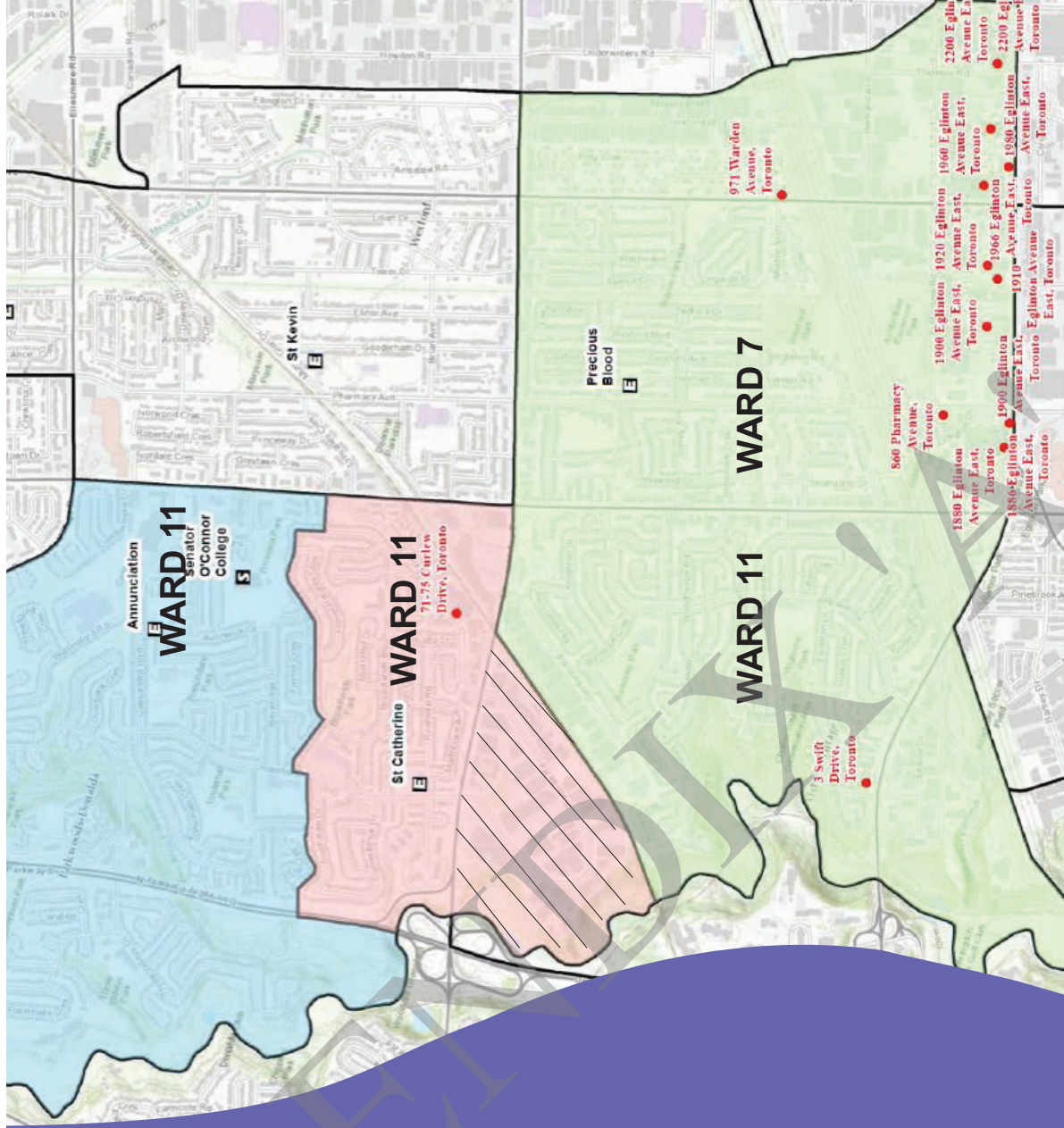
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St. Catherine Catholic School Boundary Review Proposal

December 7, 2022

Grant Elligsen, CSFC
Chair

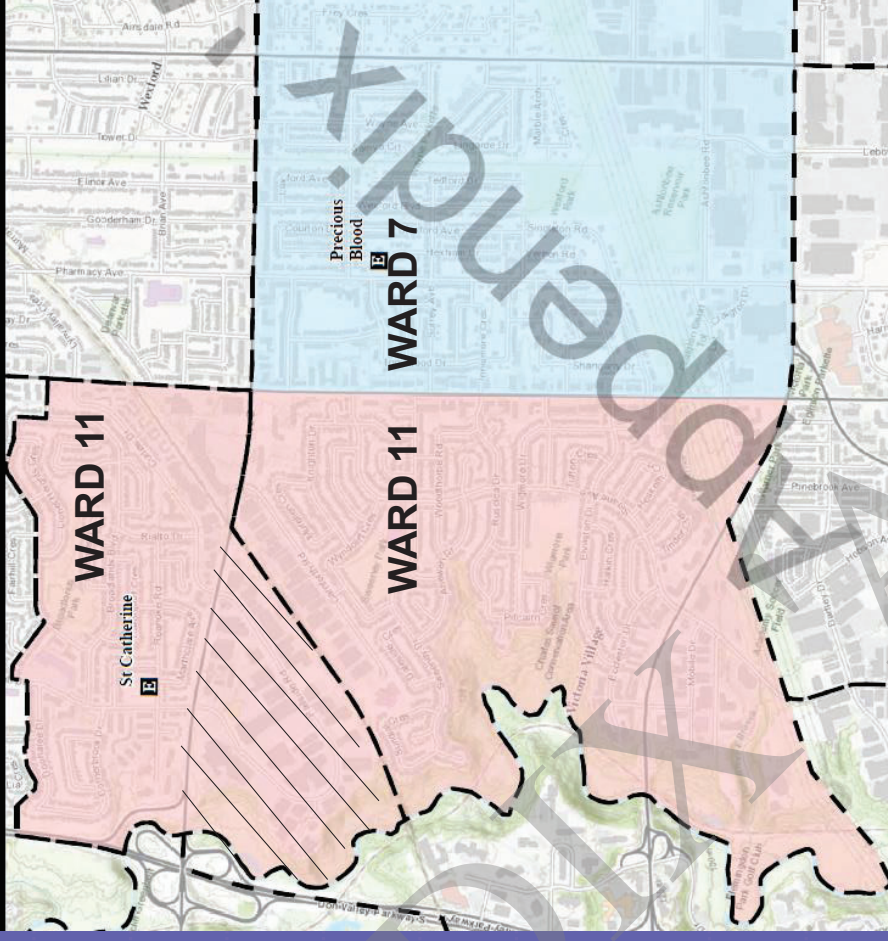
Current Boundaries



07/12/2022

Board Presentation October 14, 2021

St Catherine Boundary Review - Sce



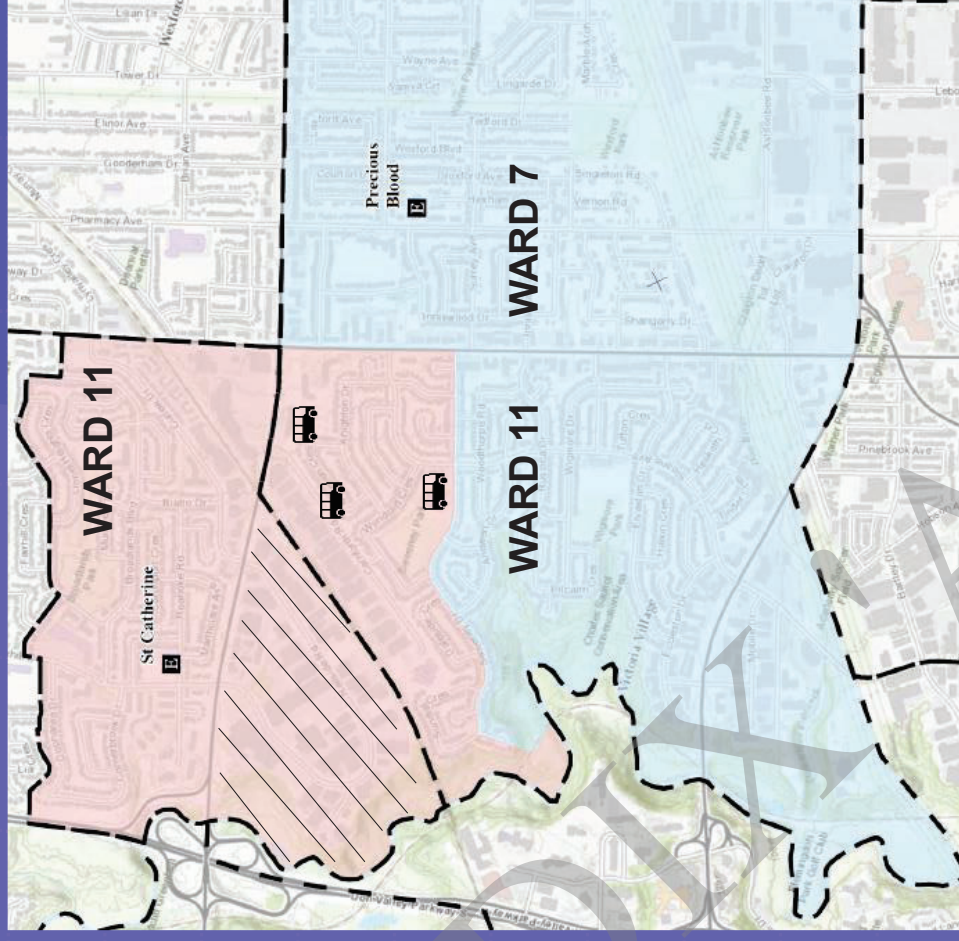
Board Presentation May 16, 2022

ST CATHERINE	OTG	Current	Projected Enrollment					
			2022	2024	2026	2028	2030	2032
Status Quo: Pupil Count		112	92	76	70	59	46	48
Status Quo: Rate of Utilization (%)	141	79%	65%	54%	50%	42%	33%	34%

PRECIOUS BLOOD	OTG	Current	Projected Enrollment					
			2022	2024	2026	2028	2030	2032
Status Quo: Pupil Count		422	395	383	483	592	726	852
Status Quo: Rate of Utilization (%)	486	87%	81%	79%	99%	122%	149%	175%

ST CATHERINE	OTG	Current	Projected Enrollment					
			2022	2024	2026	2028	2030	2032
After Boundary Change: Pupil Count		112	92	98	114	125	134	158
After Boundary Change: Rate of Utilization (%)	141	79%	65%	70%	81%	89%	95%	112%

PRECIOUS BLOOD	OTG	Current	Projected Enrollment					
			2022	2024	2026	2028	2030	2032
After Boundary Change: Pupil Count		422	395	361	439	526	638	742
After Boundary Change: Rate of Utilization (%)	486	87%	81%	74%	90%	108%	131%	153%



Programming

- Currently host the Empower reading program.
- School only designed for 141 students.

TCDSB Investments

- Recently painted for 50th Anniversary
- New boiler ~6 years old
- Outdoors upgrades, including \$25,000 for Kindergarten yard
- New windows
- New roof ~11,000 sq.ft.

Ward 11

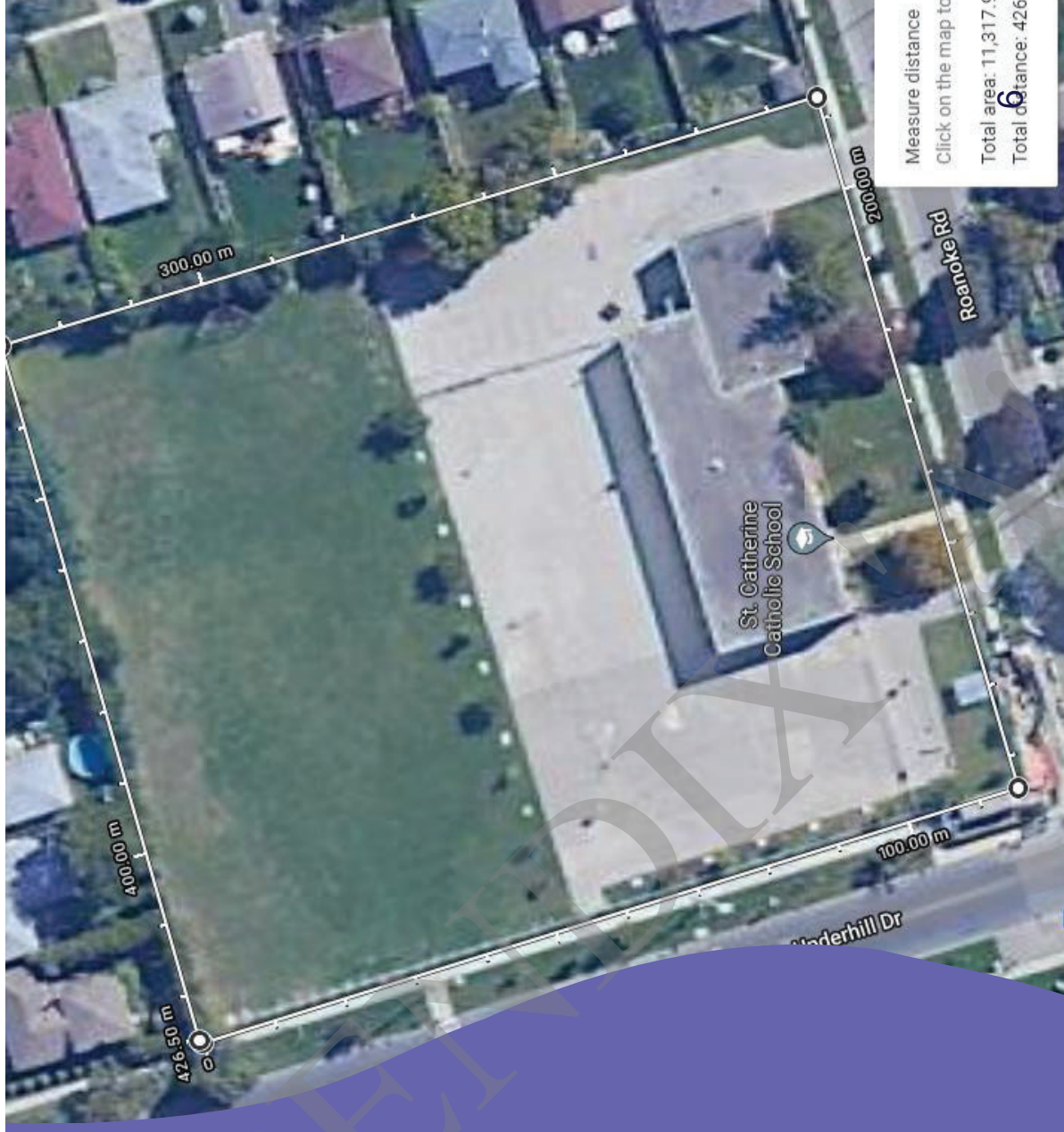
- St. Catherine deserves to be equitable with respect to neighbouring schools.
- Boundary review will direct students to St. Catherine rather than CSPC marketing our school in other boundaries.

Other Considerations

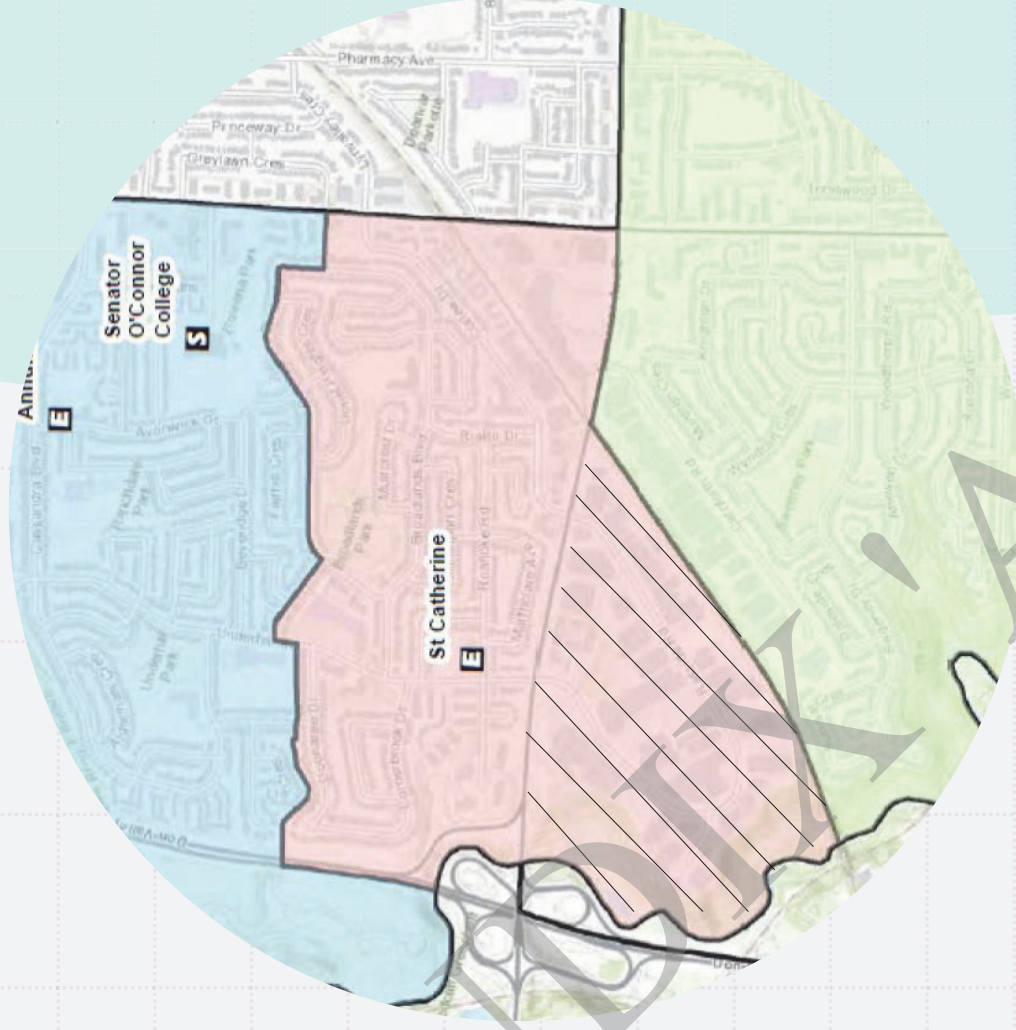
Threat of Closure? Overcrowding at Precious Blood?

Expand St. Catherine!

07/12/2022



The St. Catherine Community Thanks you!





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First Name:

Jennifer

Last Name:

Howitt

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Corporate Services

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Date of Deputation:

2022-12-07

Topic of Deputation:

St. Catherine Catholic School Boundary Review

Key Issue(s):

Requesting consideration of changing the current boundary of St. Catherine Catholic School

Brief Summary of the Topic of Deputation:

Deputation will bring forward key issues to be brought to the attention of trustees in order to further reiterate the importance of the boundary review and change



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Action Requested:

The expansion of St. Catherine Catholic School's current boundary to include Victoria Village

Please select one of the following options:

I am an employee of the Board.

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Delegation: Wednesday December 7, 2022

Re: St. Catherine Catholic School Proposed Boundary Change

Good evening trustees and board members. My Name is Jennifer Howitt and I am an employee of the TCDSB and a parent of three children at St. Catherine Catholic School. This evening I would like to address the issue of the proposed boundary change to St. Catherine Catholic School to include Victoria Village. I feel very strongly about the importance of keeping the St. Catherine community strong and thriving. Not only do my children attend, but I myself am a graduate of the school as is my mother and aunt and uncles. The current enrollment projections are deeply troubling and I feel that it is necessary to take action right away. The projections presented by the board indicate that in four very short years the enrollment at St. Catherine school will be down to 50% unless a change is made. A school running at 50% capacity raises many issues at which the forefront is equity. It seems that the simple solution is to increase the boundary restrictions which are currently prohibiting our school from reaching its full potential. The Victoria Village area is already a part of the St. Catherine community in regards to its trustee boundaries and it makes perfect sense that it should be included in the catchment area for the school as well.

There are a variety of equity issues which need to be addressed and acknowledged when considering this proposed boundary change. As a member of the parent council I understand the importance of school fundraising and parent involvement and engagement. An under subscribed school is simply unable to raise the funds necessary to fully support our students compared to a school with a larger parent pool to draw from. We simply have less volunteers and fundraising capabilities compared to a school that is running at full capacity.

The St. Catherine community cares deeply about getting involved in sports teams and activities which are available through the TCDSB. An under populated school is simply incapable of being able to participate in the sports events offered by the TCDSB due to the lack of students for each division. By allowing the school to fall to a 50% (or lower) capacity, automatically limits the amount of activities that our students can take part in. Many families rely on the activities and sports provided within our school as they simply cannot afford to pay privately for these same activities. By not allowing the school to grow to its full potential the TCDSB is taking away the ability for students to reach their own full potential. In the 2020/2021 Directors report , Dr. Brendan Browne vowed to ensure that students will reach their full potential through the Equity Action Plan, and promised 'to ensure equity at all levels of our system as we strive to close the achievement gap, enhance students' physical, mental, and spiritual well-being, and ensure equity of opportunity and outcomes for all.' Allowing students the

opportunity to participate in a variety of activities in their school environment is paramount to ensure that these goals are met.

There is also an obvious inequity in allowing the boundary to remain the status quo for students at Precious Blood. The board projections state that in the year 2032 St. Catherine will be functioning at an abysmal 34% and Precious Blood will be operating at 175%. I cannot understand how the board can sit idly by and allow for this projection to come to fruition. It seems inequitable for both the Precious Blood community as well as the St. Catherine community.

The St. Catherine Community is requesting a boundary change to include the Victoria Village neighborhood in the St. Catherine catchment. This would ensure that students are crossing fewer major intersections to access their home school as currently Precious Blood students coming from Victoria Village have to cross not one, but two major intersections. Families who live in Victoria Village already feel connected to the St. Catherine community as it is in the same North York area where their addresses reside. In addition, parents should be sending their children to a school that is represented by the trustee whom they had the opportunity to vote for. Currently, the Victoria Village community send their children to a ward zone outside of their voting realm.

As a parent, community member and staff member of the board I feel very strongly that the board reconsider the current boundaries for St. Catherine as they lie. By including the Victoria Village community the board would be committing to the fair and equitable treatment of the students and families at St. Catherine Catholic School and would ensure that the school is able to run at its full capacity while also ensuring that the students at Precious Blood are not attending a school that is grossly over capacity. It is for the best interest of the students and families of both schools that the board approves this proposed boundary change.

Thank you for your consideration.



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First Name:

Jenny

Last Name:

Masselis

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Corporate Services Strategic Planning and Property Committee

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Date of Deputation:

2022-12-07

Topic of Deputation:

St. Catherine Boundary Review

Key Issue(s):

Expand the boundary of St. Catherine to make it more equitable for the future

Brief Summary of the Topic of Deputation:

Realign the boundary to increase our population.

Action Requested:

Trustees to vote in favour of a boundary review for St. Catherines



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Thank you Trustees and Board members for inviting me to speak tonight and delegate on behalf of St. Catherines. My name is Jenny Masselis and I'm the Council treasurer.

As a member of Victoria village I feel there's really no Catholic school to call home, I'd like to change this. I want to see all of Victoria Village come together and belong to the St. Catherine community. I'm requesting our boundaries be changed to extend to the entire community of Victoria Village.

As a Victoria village member we feel more connected to our North York community. Its where we live, work and play. We grocery shop, visit family restaurants, go for coffee with friends, our place of work, and where our kids' activities are. From young ages, our kids meet at the local parks, the outdoor skating rink and the community center just a few blocks from St. Catherines.

In fact it was because of my sons preschool class at the local community center that I discovered St. Catherines.

I had spoken to several parents about the school, and rumors of St. Catherine closing, parents did not want to send their kids. It was very disheartening to hear.

When it came time to register for school, I was shocked to realize our Catholic home school was in a different community, outside of our North York boundaries, in Scarborough and much further than any of our normal routes.

We decided at that time to apply for optional attendance and we're extremely happy to be accepted. From the moment we walked in I appreciated the community feel.

As we often like to walk or bike to school I cannot imagine feeling safe biking along Lawrence, crossing Victoria Park and pharmacy to get to Precious blood.

While biking to St. Catherines, its much closer and just a short cross as less busy Lawrence lights.

Many members of the area are sending their kids to several different Catholic schools, St. Bonaventure, Our lady of Fatima, Annunciation, :Precious blood and our lady of wisdom.

We need to change this and have 1 school for the area. Where we can feel more like a community. Both public schools in the Victoria village area, Sloan PS and Victoria Village PS are at or above capacity.

As a Victoria village member We vote in Trustee Kennedys St. Catherine Ward. However if kids went to the suggested home school of precious blood, we would be unable to vote for our trustee representing the school.

St. Catherines has several out of bounds students, many are referred to us each year because our surrounding schools are already at or above capacity. We have had students refused entry from St. Bonaventure, Annunciation and Precious blood.

As council treasurer for the past 4 years, I'd like to focus on some of the financials. While our school has been able to fundraise approx \$5k each year, many surrounding schools will triple this. It doesn't make it very equitable when we are unable to provide the same events, sporting opportunities or school improvements as other schools in the board.

Over the past 5 years the board has put a considerable amount of funds into our school, to update the building and yard. These include with approximate costs:

New boiler \$13,000
Radiators \$6,000
Mats in the gym \$1,000
Playground Grant \$4,000
Kinder yard upgrade \$25,000
New Roof \$150,000
Remediated water and mold damaged \$10,000
New Fence \$10,000
Painted outdoor Activities \$200
School painting \$1,000
New school sign \$1,000

That's nearly 500 Thousand, half a million!

If the board keeps putting funds into our school why cant they help us get people into the building as well.

In closing, our neighboring schools are at capacity. With development south of us all along Eglinton and board needs to be proactive about a short and long term plan to accept new students into the TCDSB family. Precious blood will be greatly impacted with the new LRT Golden mile development and they have no room to increase building size or portables in the already small, concrete only yard.

Please extend St. Catherines boundaries to allow all of Victoria village members to experience a large yard, grass, many which live in apartments and don't have access to this at home.

We need the boards help to keep our school open, and viable for the long term. The only way to do this is increase our boundaries. Please trustees vote in favor of increasing our boundary size to include all of Victoria village and help us foster a growing community school.

Jen Masselis

APPENDIX 'A'



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Gerry

Last Name:

Nolan

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Date of Deputation:

2022-12-07

Topic of Deputation:

St. Catherine's Boundary Review



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Key Issue(s):

Opposition of the Precious Blood community to the proposition of sending approx. 62 students from within the current Precious Blood boundaries to St. Catherines, under Financial basis, student welfare concerns, the detriment to the PB community.

Brief Summary of the Topic of Deputation:

Projections

- 1) condos being built are small units and expensive - not conducive for families (More data coming from Gerry)
- 2) enrolment across the board is decreasing - how realistic is it to expect an increase - if we move students / possibility of moving back as enrolment decreases and St. Catherine CS ends up closing

Financial costs

- 1) Transportation - already buses going to PBCS, now at least one more bus will be needed in almost the same area
- 2) if students are grandfathered - you could have two buses doing the same route for multiple years
- 3) we understand there is a moratorium on schools - increased enrolment may keep school opening for longer after moratorium ends - costs exponential
 - 1 principal
 - 1 secretary
 - additional teachers - esp. specialty teachers, special education and ESL
 - general upkeep and maintenance of school (it did have a major roof issue last year)

Student Welfare

- 1) will need portables - move from PBCS where in a classroom in building
- 2) Student Safety in portables - Lockdowns - why move students out of the building when they can be inside
- 3) our school is close to the families on Sweeney. That means their friends are within walking distance (i know they are bused bc of the major road, Vic Park), but they are also close to precious blood church and the community of Wexford.
- 4) only one set of washrooms -
- 5) No daycare on site at St. Catherine's - will the change in boundary impact feasibility of keeping our daycare open. This program provides a seamless day for families and students.



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If school continues to grow beyond 141. If they keep taking students from other schools - lack of washroom additional washroom facilities

3) Pride in our community - many legacy families want their children at PBCS - parents and grandparents attended the school

4) we are all part of Toronto - we keep hearing about being a North York school - makes it seem that being in Scarborough is the real issue here.

Detriment to PBCS

- decrease in staff will result in less activities/clubs for students

- decrease may result in loss of VP - two admin make a huge difference in any school community - always someone available to support staff and students, especially when Principals have meetings, etc.

- as a larger school we can run houseleagues and multiple clubs because we have more staff

- in a smaller school you keep drawing from the same people / you don't get role models often (males for male students and females for female students)

- smaller school - sometimes the dynamic in a particular grade doesn't work -no opportunity to place students in different classes in the same grade & they are together for years in a potentially difficult situation for a student

- more combined or split classes. There are opportunities, but in a small school some students are in a combined class every year

- May change number of ESL/Spec Ed staff

- newcomers/Equity - we are proud of our diverse student population

School board staff have now sent two reports that this should not proceed. It is counterintuitive to make this change, especially when both communities are not in agreement. Voting to move students away from PBCS in the hopes of trying to make St. Catherine CS a viable school is fiscally, morally, and ethically irresponsible. (need to work on wording)

Across the province, schools are being bused to schools that have healthy populations and space to provide adequate access to facilities, activities, and staff.

Action Requested:

To follow staff's recommendation and NOT go ahead with any proposal that negatively affects enrollment at Precious Blood Catholic School.



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APPENDIX 'A'

Precious Blood Catholic School Delegation Presentation
Re: St. Catherine Catholic School Boundary Review
December 07, 7pm

Topic of Deputation:

Precious Blood Catholic School Parent Community's concerns and opposition to the proposed St. Catherine Catholic School's boundary review.

Key Issues:

Student welfare, detriment to the Precious Blood Catholic School community, opportunity and financial cost to our greater Catholic community. Lastly, the projected enrolment numbers are not aligned with data available from the City with respect to the Golden Mile redevelopment

Precious Blood Presentation:

Precious Blood Catholic School is proud to be an inclusive school, welcoming to newcomers, and a school for all of Toronto (Scarborough and North York). We take pride in the fact that we receive a lot of equity funding from the Board because it's a reflection of our diverse community, which welcomes newcomers to Canada with open arms, promoting our shared Catholic values.

We would be remiss as part of our greater Catholic community if we didn't touch on the prudent issue of fiscal responsibility and our collective responsibility as taxpayers to look at the financial and even opportunity costs of these proposals. Portables come with a cost and that cost is well justified when we look at areas of growing demographics and enrolment numbers, but not when we have excess physical capacity within the greater community. Transportation costs have to be considered in the calculus for this boundary review, with the duplication of busing costs for a generous transition period, being properly compounded by tangible student welfare concerns. Lastly, we would ask this Board to fully consider the opportunity cost of devoting more staff and community resources to moving this scenario forward through the formal process. There are now two reports to this Board, recommending to not move ahead with a boundary change at this time and it feels this may well be ignored.

At Precious Blood we have 3 classrooms that are not currently being utilized as classrooms due to our current enrolment numbers. Keeping St. Catherine's at enrolment of sub 100 students or even the hoped for 150 students has fixed costs (full time Principal, secretary, and custodian) yet neither enrolment number is truly sustainable from an approach which is fiscally responsible. We currently have a cost of living crisis in Canada

and we should be looking at the needs of the greater community and not solely the much narrower interests of preserving a very small school.

This re-drawing of boundaries to support St. Catherine's relies heavily upon enrolment numbers that staff has provided which do not seem aligned with numbers the City of Toronto directed us to and we would be looking at:

<https://www.unitedwaygt.org/ileo-in-action/re-imagining-the-golden-mile-from-chain-stores-and-parking-lots-to-a-new-massive-mixed-use-community/>

- A projected area that would surpass PB boundaries (VP to Birchmount)
- Total Golden Mile area to potentially increase by 40,000
- Of the 40,000 the most ambitious plan asks developers that 20% of builds be 2-3 bed units
- 2-3 bedroom units would be your potential family demographic which would be maximum 8,000 falling into that category
- Based on the current neighbourhood public to catholic school ratio of 3:1 we arrive at a potential population increase of 2,000 that meet our Catholic families demographic.
- TCDSB has indicated that a new elementary school is likely to be built in the Eglington area to accommodate this redevelopment.
- Case studies of other schools (with redeveloped areas within city) were asked for and not provided to support the credibility of these generous enrolment projections.
- We actually foresee downward pressure on PB enrolment even without this proposal from St. Catherine's.

Ultimately, this proposed plan fails our greater community from a financial, opportunity cost and most importantly, a student welfare perspective. Not having consensus within the greater community should be carefully considered. This plan on balance is quite reckless in that it creates tangible issues for Precious Blood students and will negatively effect their quality of education. St. Catherine's will still have sustainability issues even if this plan goes ahead and thus you could be creating a much larger crisis. The definition of insanity as doing the same thing over and over again, yet expecting a different result has been borne out over the past couple decades here.

I would ask this Board to consider how this decision may age in terms of public opinion and also your collective, executive accountability to the greater community. In my past life working in the PMO in Ottawa, we often asked ourselves, does this decision we're taking meet the Globe and Mail test? Frankly, I'm not sure voting against the will of the Precious Blood community furthers our shared mission statement.

Action Requested:

Precious Blood Catholic School is requesting that this proposed plan be voted down.



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First Name:

Magdalen

Last Name:

Stiff

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Date of Deputation:

2022-12-07

Topic of Deputation:

Boundary Review of Precious Blood Catholic School

Key Issue(s):

The proposed boundary changes negatively impact Precious Blood School.

Brief Summary of the Topic of Deputation:

- decrease in staff will result in less activities/clubs for students
- decrease may result in loss of key staff



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- May change number of ESL/Spec Ed staff
- removing kids from PB will negatively impact extra curricular activities
- No opportunities for single grade level classes in St Catherine's

Action Requested:

Precious Blood does not support the change of the boundaries that St Catherine's is proposing.

Please select one of the following options:

I am an official representative of the Catholic School Parent Council (CSPC).

APPENDIX A

Thank you

My name is Magdalen Stiff and I am the Secretary on the Precious Blood Parent Council.

After two and a half years of unprecedented disruptions, nothing matters more than stability in our schools.

These changes to our boundaries, are another example of unnecessary disruptions.

A disruption that has negative consequences for our children, teachers and our community.

A reduction in students at Precious Blood could result in the loss of valuable faculty members for our school.

Faculty members that are members of our community whose livelihoods depend on enrollment at Precious Blood.

Less students, means less students for clubs, extra curricular activities like sports and a potential loss in specialized teachers for subjects like music phys-ed and health.

In terms of St. Catherine's... a school that already has so few students, these children are also at a disadvantage.

Even if we agreed with the proposed boundary changes...what does that future look like for the students of St. Catherine's?

Will there even be enough students to run sports teams? Or clubs? Will classrooms always need to have split grades to justify staffing?

How will a school with such small enrollment support their students?

The proposed boundary change is not a win for Precious Blood, and it is certainly not a win for the kids of St. Catherine's.

To date, the school board has sent two reports that these changes should not proceed.

After two and a half years of unprecedented changes, two and have years of dealing with a pandemic, families deserve to have stability in their schools.

The parent council at Precious Blood is not in agreement with adjusting the boundaries of Precious Blood.

Moving kids away from precious blood to St. Catherine's in hopes of making the school viable, is shortsighted ...

Across the province, schools are being bused to schools that have healthy populations and space to provide adequate access to facilities, activities, and staff. This is the solution for St. Catherine's.

The students of St. Catherine's deserve the resources of a fully-enrolled school.

We do not support the proposed changes and we do not support this plan.

Thank you.

APPENDIX A