

Toronto Catholic District School Board

Attention: Brendan Brown, Director of Education
Derek Boyce, Associate Director
Adrian Della Mora, Associate Director of Academic Affairs and Chief Operating Officer
Michael Loberto, Superintendent of Planning and Development Services
Joe Bria, Superintendent of Education
Trustee Teresa Lubinski, Ward 4 TCDSB Trustee

Dear TCDSB Board and Staff,

RE: Support for Trustee Teresa Lubinski's Motion on Bishop Allen Academy Temporary Relocation Site at the TCDSB Corporate Services Meeting on November 14, 2024

I am writing regarding the location of Bishop Allen Academy's temporary relocation site during the construction of the new BA facility, projected to begin in September 2026.

The TCDSB has recently acquired the former Scarlett Heights property at 15 Trehorne Drive and Royal York Road from the TDSB. Ward 4 Trustee Teresa Lubinski has submitted a Motion requesting that TCDSB staff prepare a report to evaluate the feasibility of using the former Scarlett Heights as a temporary relocation site for Bishop Allen Academy during the expected two-year construction period.

I strongly support Trustee Lubinski's Bishop Allen Motion and advocate for Scarlett Heights as a viable and strategic temporary relocation site for Bishop Allen Academy. My support is based on the following considerations:

1. The temporary relocation site should remain as close as possible to the existing Bishop Allen Academy location, preserving cohesion of the school community and minimizing disruption to students' academic, physical, social, mental, spiritual, economic, and civic lives.
2. Transparent public consultation, involving all relevant stakeholders, should be a priority in the temporary relocation site selection process.
3. Selecting the former Scarlett Heights as the temporary relocation site aligns with community preferences and mitigates the risk of students and families leaving the Catholic school system.
4. The Catholic board should be strongly aware that neighbouring TDSB such as ECI have noticed a higher volume of applicants due to the uncertainty with the Bishop Allen rebuild.

5. Please take into consideration the need for many families to remain within a realistic proximity to Bishop Allen during the rebuild in terms of TTC accessibility and after school activities.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of my request and for your support in advancing Trustee Lubinski's Bishop Allen Motion. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Mary Clare Spracklin

Parent of children attending Bishop Allen and Our Lady of Sorrows School
