

# **Petition to Oppose the Use of Scarlett Heights as a Temporary Facility for Bishop Allen Academy**

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## **Why this petition matters**

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### **Media inquiries**

We, the undersigned parents, guardians, and community members of Ward 2, strongly oppose the proposed use of Scarlett Heights as a temporary facility for Ward 4's Bishop Allen Academy. Scarlett Heights was acquired specifically to serve Ward 2 students as a new high school, and we believe this space should remain dedicated to its original purpose.

### **Background**

Ward 2 families have long waited for a new high school to alleviate the pressures on our current secondary schools, particularly Michael Power - St. Joseph High School. After years of advocacy, partnership, and dedication, a significant investment was made to acquire Scarlett Heights with the intention of addressing our students' needs. As it stands, Ward 2 has only one Catholic high school, which has led to overcrowding and limited options for our children.

### **Concerns**

The proposed motion to repurpose Scarlett Heights as a temporary facility for Bishop Allen Academy during its construction period would delay the much-needed opening of a new school for Ward 2 students. The delay could set back this project by several years, undermining the purpose of the original investment and the hopes of Ward 2 families who have waited patiently for this new school.

### **Our Request**

We urge the Board to maintain Scarlett Heights for Ward 2, fulfilling the initial plan to establish it as a new high school dedicated to our community. We ask that the TCDSB reject the proposed motion to repurpose Scarlett Heights as a temporary facility for Bishop Allen Academy. We believe that other options should be explored for Bishop Allen's temporary needs without compromising the needs of Ward 2 families.

### **Action**

Please sign this petition to express your support for keeping Scarlett Heights dedicated

to its intended purpose for Ward 2. Together, we can ensure that the Board honors its commitment to our students and our community.

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