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Re: Consideration of Sibling Admission Policy--Quinne Gordon , OLPH

Thank you for taking the time to reconsider the admission policy for in-district siblings at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School. We, the Gordon family are active members of the Moore Park and OLPH community. We have three daughters, all of whom we had planned to attend the school. Our daughter Quinne Gordon, was set to join her big sister Reese in September 2015. We have a family history with OLPH. In addition to my parents marrying at OLPH church, my mother was a teacher with the Board for over 20 years and actually taught at the school. Our family has been thrilled to continue the tradition and be active participants at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School.

On many occasions over the years, we have been told by the leadership of the school and Board that all of our children would be able to remain together. This is a primary reason why we invested in OLPH. We put faith in the family values of the school and the Catholic church and trusted that the importance of family cohesion would be honoured. It is heartbreaking for us to think of how we would tell our daughter Quinne that she is not able to attend the school that she has visited daily as she picks up her big sister Reese.

Similar to many families with multiple children at the same school, my husband PJ and I are highly committed and have made personal investments in this school. We believe that families that have more than one child in a school do make a

larger commitment to the school which only enhances the school, the Board and the church. We have committed our volunteer time, personal finances (both through donations and tax dollars) to the Catholic Board for some time. It is disappointing to realize that our investment in the school is of no relevance. It seems as though no consideration has been made for the logistical and personal stress that will be placed on loyal families as their children are forced to attend different schools. We have little girls that need to be dropped off by a parent, how can we as parents be in more than one location at a time? Finally, we also question the financial benefits of dividing up our children as this will force our personal and financial commitments to be limited. It is disappointing to us that we wouldn't be able to contribute to the school in the manner that would like.

We would ask that the trustees representing the wellbeing of the children and the values of the Catholic Church take the time to consider the impact of separating children and dividing families that have been loyal to their Board and community.

Kind Regards,

Peter J. Gordon and Claire Gordon