

Good afternoon Ms. Fernandes,

I am a parent at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School. My husband and I are unable to attend the meeting tomorrow night as we are both travelling for work, but would like to voice our concerns about this proposed admissions policy that puts in-district siblings of children currently enrolled at an elementary school in the same position as other in-district children without siblings in the school and siblings of out-of-district children attending the school.

We have 2 older children currently enrolled at OLPH in grades 1 and 3. We also have a 2011 child who we plan to register for JK in 2015/2016. Our school is oversubscribed and if this policy goes into effect, there is a good chance that our youngest daughter who is a baptized Catholic and lives in the OLPH school district will not get into the same Catholic school as her 2 older siblings. This would result in an untenable situation where my husband and I would need to drop and pick up our children at different locations. We both work outside the home and this is not an option for us. If our youngest does not get into the school, we will need to pull all 3 children out of OLPH and find a school option where they can all attend together. This will likely be the public school in our district as it is close to our home.

We have just learned of this policy. We would have vehemently opposed had we known about this earlier. This policy creates undue hardship for our family. We appreciate that the Board is trying to create fairness and transparency, but breaking apart Catholic families, especially when the children are in district seems quite unfair to us. We can understand a situation where in-district children are prioritized over out of district siblings, on the theory that out-of-district families would have assumed the risk that enrollment may vary from year to year and there may not be space when it is time for their younger children to enroll. However, for families like ours who live in district and have other children already attending the school, this proposal feels patently unfair.

We have invested a lot of time, effort and resources into OLPH school and our children have set down deep roots with the school and church community. We sincerely hope you will reconsider.

Kind regards,
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