

Dear Committee members:

I am writing with respect to the Strategic Planning and Property Committee meeting this evening at the Catholic Education Centre beginning at 7:00 pm. This pertains to the attendance boundaries for St. Gregory, Nativity of Our Lord, Mother Cabrini and Our Lady of Sorrows.

I am in support of Director Gauthier's recommendation that the boundaries remain status quo and that a new elementary school be investigated. This would be a feasible solution to address the over enrolment at St. Gregory School. Sending students across the very dangerous Highway 427 bridge is not a safe solution! It would create extremely unsafe conditions for students walking across the bridge on a daily basis to get to and from school. In protecting our children, Director Gauthier has made a recommendation that addresses the safety concerns as discussed above.

I strongly urge the Committee, and the Board, to accept Director Gauthier's recommendations. I also support that an audit be performed in order to determine how many students live outside of the St. Gregory School catchment area. This will in the interim aim to address some of the enrolment issues affecting the school.

Thank you,

Lora Hilb