

Dear Trustees,

I am writing in regards to the Elementary Attendance Boundary Review for St. Gregory, Nativity of Our Lord, Mother Cabrini, St. Marcellus.

I have three children who attend St. Gregory. While I am sympathetic towards the recommendation for the attendance boundaries remaining status quo, I am opposed to adding portables at St. Gregory. This is not the answer. South/Central Etobicoke is an area experiencing significant growth. The addition of portables will not solve the oversubscription at the school or account for the residential growth expected in the area.

With a cap of 5 FDK classes and added enrolment pressure from the Extended French program, enrolment could grow to over 960 students given current enrolment trends. Does this mean our children will be eating lunch on the hallway floors? Have rotating recesses? What about extra-curricular activities – do my children have a chance of ever making a school team?

I agree with the Long-Term Accommodation Program Plan (LTAPP), to assess possible locations in the South /Central Etobicoke area for a new elementary school to alleviate enrolment pressures in this area. This direction will not only solve the current issue it will alleviate the concerns of the community in regards to boundary alignments and transportation safety.

Since consensus cannot be reached with the proposed boundary review options, it's time to make the best decision to enrollment pressures – opportunity for a new school in the area – so that attention can be focused on what matters the most – the academic learning and safety of our children.

Sincerely,

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Concerned Parent