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To the Board of Trustees:

This letter is in response to the Interim Report of the boundary review for St. Gregory Catholic School.

My youngest is only in Senior Kindergarten - with 8 more years at St. Gregory, I can only imagine that the school community will undergo significant, and likely undesirable, changes by the time she graduates if enrollment continues to increase. Enrollment at our school already exceeds that of some smaller secondary schools in the TCDSB and will soon rival that of several other secondary schools across the Board. For older children, one could argue that the large population might be good preparation for Grade 9, but for the younger students, such a large school would be extremely overwhelming.

As enrollment grows, it will become increasingly difficult for students to make competitive school teams even though participation in clubs and school teams should be considered an essential component of primary education. There will be less space for active free play with 10+ portables on the playground. To provide adequate supervision during lunchtime, students in portables will likely need to eat inside the school, perhaps taking over the hallways or gym, which would lead to cancellation of lunchtime intramural activities. We have already lost a dedicated music room, with music classes taking place on the stage of the gym while gym classes are being run concurrently.

With an under subscribed school nearby that can accommodate additional students, it is my view that the status quo for current boundaries, which would result in continued oversubscription to St. Gregory, should only be considered as a last resort.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Li