

I'm writing to you today to let you know that I oppose the proposed to change the elementary school boundary for St. Gregory's. I was devastated hearing about this proposal was being considered. Our house was bought in 2009 on the understanding that our children would attend St. Gregory's. It wouldn't make sense to attend St. Gregory Parish with my children but then send them to a different school. How does the TCDSB expect children from east of Highway 427 to get to and from a school that is west of Highway 427 when there are no safe crosswalks on the bridge? When children want to ride their bikes to school, do you find it safe to have a child ride their bikes across the 427 bridge? Would you feel safe to ride your bike across the 427 bridge? I would say NO! What about after school actives. Children would not be able to participate in any actives, because they would need to be on the bus. How do you think that is fair for all those children who want to be in after school actives but can't in fear of missing the bus. I grew up in the area in my late teens and I wanted to send my children to St. Gregory elementary school. We bought in the area and want our children to attend St. Gregory elementary school and attend weekly mass at St. Gregory Parish. Why is it, that children who live in the area are being pushed to the side, whereas those who don't live in the area are allowed to attend St. Gregory and are kicking out those who are in the right to attend.

Please consider alternative solutions.

1. Have stricter rules regarding registering and proof of living within the area.
2. Creating portables and building a new school. The Etobicoke area is in need of a new school, please consider these options.

By having this proposal, you will see families upset and who would financially supporting the Catholic school board will instead enroll their children in public or private school systems. Would the TCDSB really want to lose Catholics to the public schools or even to private? If the boundary changes, that is what will happen. Please oppose this boundary change and keep it status quo.

Thank you for your time and consideration

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