

My support for Director Gauthier's recommendation that the boundaries remain status quo for St. Gregory's School, as well for the other schools. I suggest that TCDSB find other solutions be explored to deal with the high enrollment in the area. Creating portables and building a new school within the Etobicoke area are the best suggestions. I purchased my home in the area in 2009, in the hope that my children would be attending St. Gregory's School. It's devastating to find out that the TCDSB want to send children across a 400 series highway to walk to and from school. If a child is to attending before/after school programs, participate in school activities or missed the bus, they would be forced to cross the Rathburn bridge over Highway 427! If you have ever walked over that bridge, you would know how fast those cars are going!

What is the real reason why the school board wants this boundary change?

Back in March 2014, Trustee Andrachuk launched a "**Kiss & Ride program to encourage student fitness**", but now in 2017 kids can ride the bus? What happened to student fitness?

Also, within this time frame, another post from Trustee Andrachuk website "**Walking School Bus Program to expand on safe walking routes for students**". Please explain how crossing a 400 series highway is a safe walking route for children?

In your report dated March 2, 2017 section 15.d Paragraph - D Evidence/Research/Analysis - 10 Traffic Report, you have listed that between 2012 and 2016, and there were 26 personal injuries. 6 were pedestrian and 2 were cyclists. The times are between 8-9am and 3-6pm. The ages are 0-4, 5 were hurt and from the ages of 5-14, 10 were hurt. Is that not already too many children getting hurt? Let's move forward and start looking a solution for other generations.

Would you want your loved ones in that danger? Put yourself in our shoes. How would you feel or react to this boundary change? See it from a parents, grandparents, aunt, uncle and child's view.

Enough time has been spent on not fixing the problem. Etobicoke needs a new school. I ask that the board accepts Director Gauthier's recommendations.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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