

Emails Received September 28, 2022

Date Received	Name	Email Content	Response
September 28, 2022	Starr LoFranco	<p>Good evening,</p> <p>I need to state my discouragement that the BRC committee seeks to have parent and community input to this boundary review, and when so many of us parents have been politely sharing our thoughts and solutions, we have been met with numbers, statistics, and zero empathy or desire for a collaborative solution for our children. Sub-zone Y parents are feeling especially unheard.</p> <p>I would like to directly address a few points in the minutes from the last meeting:</p> <p>"Sub-area Y is proposed to be redirected from Saint John Paul II CES to the new St. Patrick CES to balance enrollment between the schools. Saint John Paul II is currently over capacity and needs enrolment relief."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Once the grade 7 & 8 students are relocated, SJP will be under capacity, providing immediate relief. Even if the current students in subzone Y are granted legacy status, it will remain under capacity until around 2029, by then the majority of our small and declining number of students will have graduated SJP. <p>"The new St. Patrick CES school will be under capacity if additional students are not included as part of the new school's boundary."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SJP and St Daniel are projected to be under capacity as well. As I have noted, many parents are planning to switch to public school. Isn't it better to have the funding remain in the catholic school system than to have multiple schools under capacity due to decreased enrollment? <p>"Sub-area Y is the closest sub-area to the St. Patrick CES site, which also makes it a logical area, geographically, to include in the school boundary."</p>	<p>Hi Starr,</p> <p>Thank you for your interest in the East Kitchener 7-12 Boundary review. Your comments will be shared with the Boundary Review Committee (BRC) and Board of Trustees before any decision is made.</p> <p>Gerald Foran</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sub-area V is geographically closer. We are asking for legacy status only, as it is clear that the board has never considered any location for sub-area Y other than St. Patricks, even when other options were presented. <p>"Providing more extensive legacy exceptions would create a division within neighbourhoods, and present a challenge for administering eligibility."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am not sure how it would create a division within the neighbourhoods. We are currently friends with many of our neighbours whose children attend different schools. Additionally, you are placing the importance on neighbourhoods instead of COMMUNITIES - we have already formed a strong community at SJP, with students, teachers, and parents. <p>I, along with other parents, are also shocked that you fail to acknowledge the high incidence of crime in the Thaler/Kinzie area. During the last meeting, it was said that nice people live in the area. I don't disagree with this! However, the links to major recent crimes were entirely dismissed. In fact, the next morning after the board meeting there was another shooting on Kinzie.</p> <p>Not once has it been acknowledged that change is hard for our children. Our children are struggling, as we all are, as a result of the pandemic over the last few years. Our children are more than numbers in a chart. Making an exception for legacy status for students from such small subzones is a small compromise that would show you understand the value of our children's wellbeing and stability.</p> <p>Thank you once again for your consideration.</p> <p>Starr LoFranco Subzone Y</p>	
September 28, 2022	Chris Brown	<p>Hello</p> <p>I am writing this email regarding the plan to send Gr 8 French emersion students from St. Anne to St . Davids for 4 years. Both my wife and I are firmly against this plan. When it was first announced to parents that there would be a new high school on the east side of Kitchener, that would include French emersion, we were very pleased. During the online</p>	<p>Hi Chris & Corina,</p> <p>Thank you for your interest in the East Kitchener 7-12 Boundary review.</p>

		<p>presentation, the students of St Annes were described as "pioneers of the new high school, even though they might start in Grade 10".</p> <p>The logistics of St Davids will not work well for our family but we are willing to make it work, with the help of family, for the short term, grade 9. With the current plan I will eventually have [redacted] children attending 2 separate high schools. I don't know how drop offs & pick ups would be possible. We are concerned about the "hub" style of bussing whereas the new high school would have local stops in our neighbourhood.</p> <p>The kids in French emersion do have friendships that they have built over the 8 years with kids outside French emersion and we would like to see that continue even if that meant moving the kids from St Davids to the new school in Grade 10.</p> <p>Will the kids in the non French emersion be transferred over from St Marys to the new school who are in grade 8 this year at St Anne, if so why?</p> <p>If you have any questions please give me a call</p> <p>Chris Brown Corina Tailby Brown [redacted]</p>	<p>The East Kitchener 7-12 school is proposed to open in September 2024 with grades 7-10 only and then grow a grade per year. As such, current grade 8 students in the 2022/23 school year would attend St. David CSS for Grade 9 then move to the East Kitchener 7-12 school for Grade 10 in 2024.</p> <p>However, if there is a delay in opening the East Kitchener 7-12 school, French Immersion students in grades above Grade 9 at St. David CSS would remain there until graduation. As the East Kitchener 7-12 school is proposed to open with grades 7-10 only, there would not be the option to accommodate students in grades 11 or 12.</p> <p>Your comments will be shared with the Boundary Review Committee (BRC) and Board of Trustees before any decision is made.</p> <p>Gerald Foran</p>
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