

# Milton Secondary Boundary Review

## Report of Online Survey Results

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### Survey Background

At the March 11<sup>th</sup> and April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 School Boundary Review working meetings, the School Boundary Review Committee (SBRC) moved to present the options it had developed to the community to gather feedback. In conjunction with a Virtual Public Information Meeting, Halton Catholic District School Board (HCDSB) stakeholders were given the opportunity to provide feedback regarding the Milton #3 Secondary School Boundary Review process. The purpose of this survey was to collect input on the presented options for the SBRC to consider moving forward.

The online survey was available from Friday April 24<sup>th</sup> to Monday May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020. In total, 232 responses were received. Responses are aggregated and discussed below. While many HCDSB stakeholders provided their feedback, the results are not representative of the entire HCDSB community and should be interpreted with caution.

### Survey Results

#### About the Respondents: Demographics

When asked to select their role, the majority of respondents (n = 215; 92.7%) indicated that they were **parents/guardians** (see *Table 1*).

**Table 1. Respondents' Roles**

Role	Count (n)	Percentage (%)
Parent/Guardian	215	92.7%
Other (e.g., general member of the community)	13	5.6%
Student	4	1.7%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>100%</b>

If respondents selected *Parent/Guardian* as their role, they were then asked to select the school(s)<sup>1</sup> that the child(ren) at their address attend(s). Most of the parent/guardian respondents indicated that they were part of the following schools: Guardian Angels (n = 67; 31.2%); Jean Vanier (n = 67; 31.2%); and, Our Lady of Fatima (n = 60; n = 27.9%). Please see [Appendix A](#) for the complete breakdown. When asked about the number of children living at their address, the

<sup>1</sup> Parents/Guardians with children in different schools were able to select more than one school.

majority of parents/guardians (n = 130; 60.7%) indicated that they had two children living with them (see *Table 2*).

**Table 2. Number of Children Per Respondent**

Number of Children	Count (n)	Percentage (%)
1	29	13.6%
<b>2</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>60.7%</b>
3	42	19.6%
4	9	4.2%
5	1	0.5%
6	3	1.4%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>100%</b>

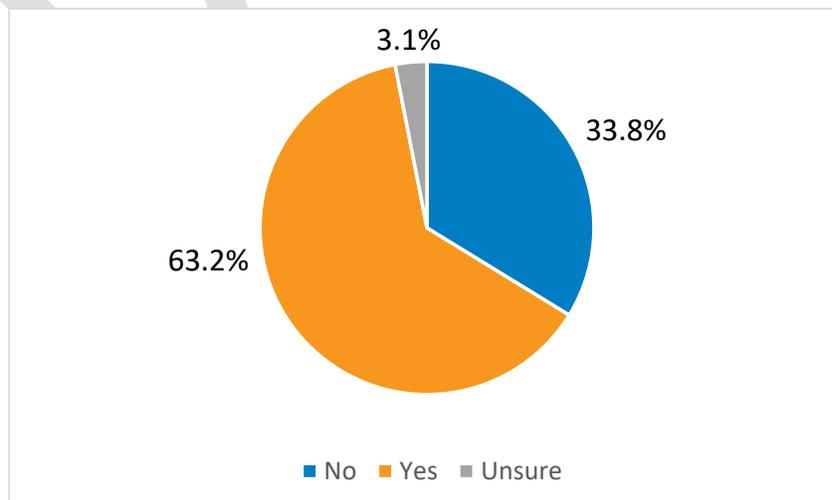
If respondents selected *Student* as their role, they were then asked to select the school they attend. Two students (50%) indicated they attend Jean Vanier, one student (25%) attends Guardian Angels, and one student (25%) attends Our Lady of Fatima.

### Part 1: Ultimate School Boundaries

*Q1: Based on your current home address, are you within the new Milton #3 Catholic Secondary School (CSS) catchment proposed under Option A?*

The majority of respondents (n = 144; 63.2%) indicated that, based on their current home address, they are within the new Milton #3 CSS catchment proposed under Option A (see *Figure 1*).

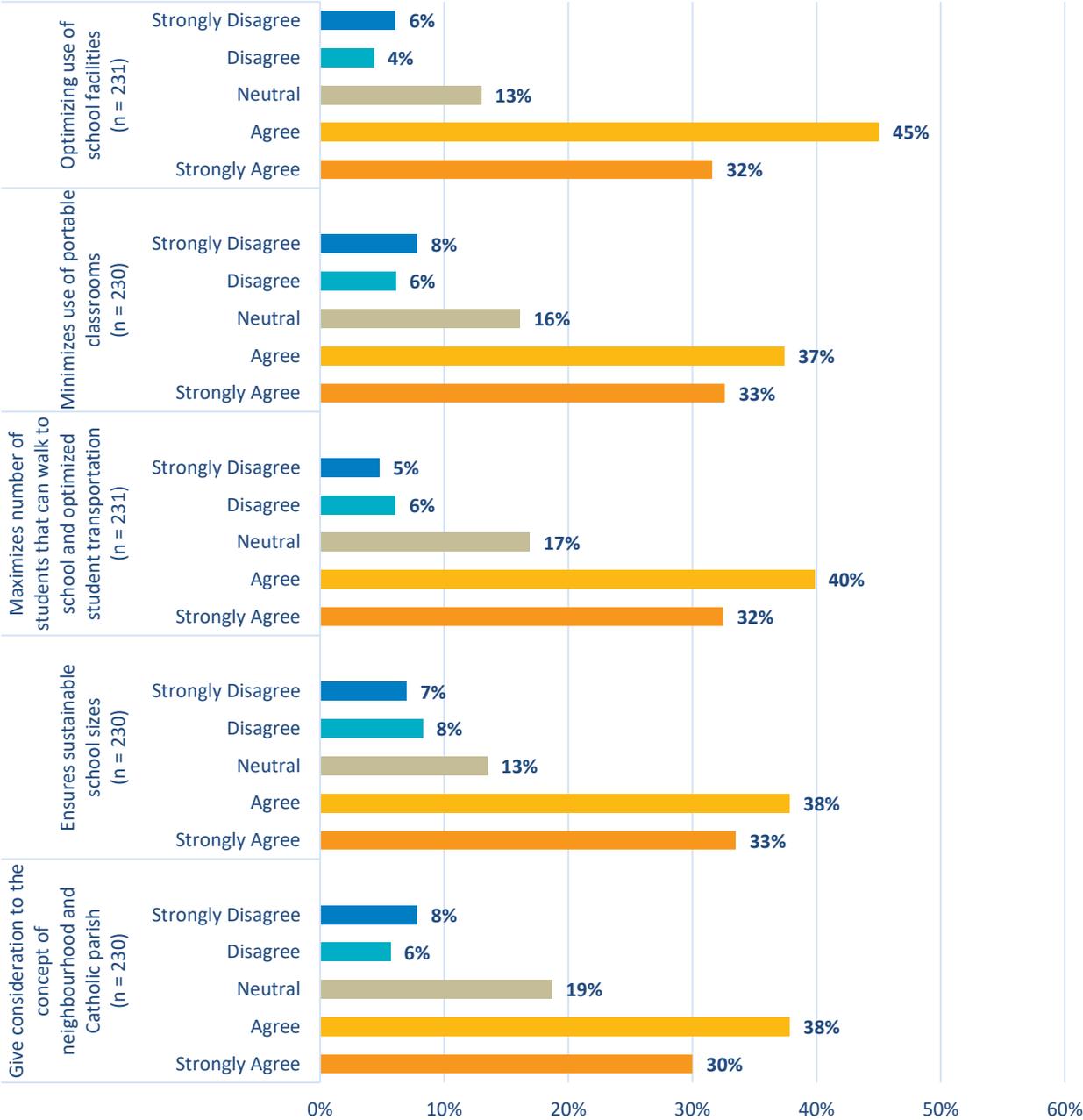
**Figure 1. Respondents within the newly proposed Milton #3 CSS catchment (n = 228)**



Q2: Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree that Option A meets each of the following Board criteria (for reviewing school boundaries).

As shown in Figure 2, below, the majority of respondents agreed or strongly agreed (68-77%) that Option A met each of the below school boundary review criteria.

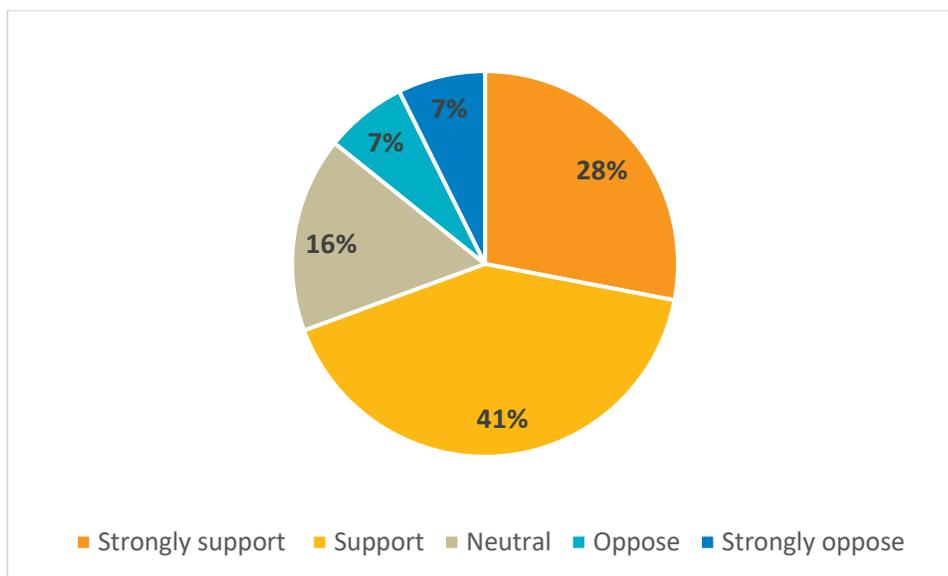
**Figure 2. Agreement with School Boundary Review Criteria**



Q3: To what extent do you support the preferred secondary school boundaries for Milton as proposed in Option A?

The majority of respondents (n = 161; 69%) indicated that they support or strongly support the preferred secondary school boundaries for Milton as proposed in Option A (see *Figure 3*).

**Figure 3. Support for Boundaries Proposed in Option A (n = 232)**



Respondents were given the opportunity to comment on the rating they selected above; there were comments from 74 respondents. These comments can be found in [Appendix B](#), organized by rating.

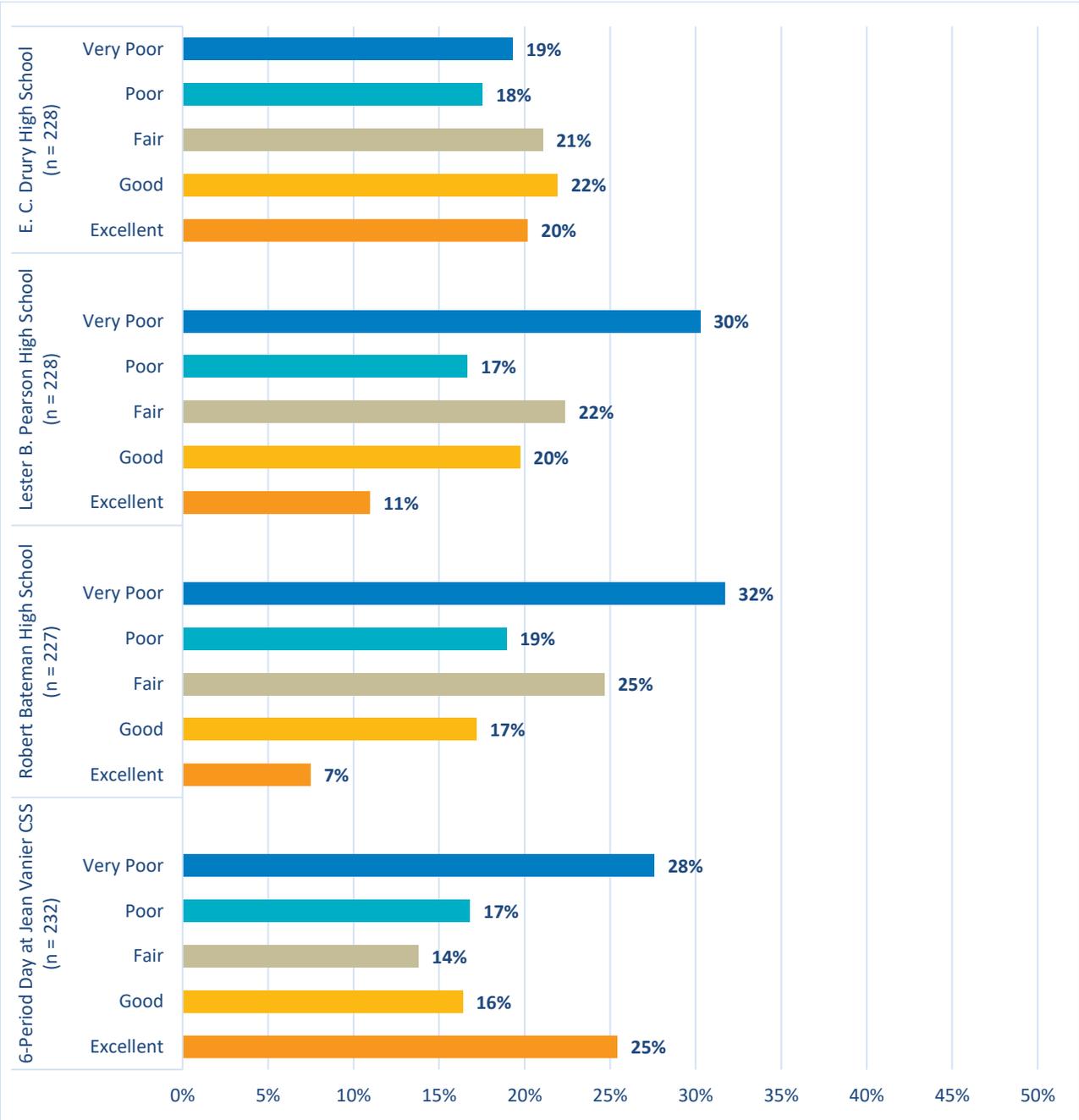
## Part 2: Interim Accommodation Solutions

Q1: After reviewing the interim accommodation solutions, to what extent do you feel each option meets the three (3) criteria above?

### All Respondents

*Figure 4*, below, displays the responses for all respondents. In sum, for the E.C. Drury High School interim accommodation solution, the responses were almost evenly distributed among the five rating options. For the remaining interim accommodation solutions, 'very poor' was the most selected rating option (28-32%). Note that for the 6-period day at Jean Vanier interim accommodation solution, the rating of 'excellent' was a close second (n = 59; 25%), whereas for the Lester B. Pearson High School and Robert Bateman High School interim accommodation solutions, the rating of 'excellent' was the least selected rating option.

**Figure 4. Ratings of the Interim Accommodation Solutions – All Respondents**

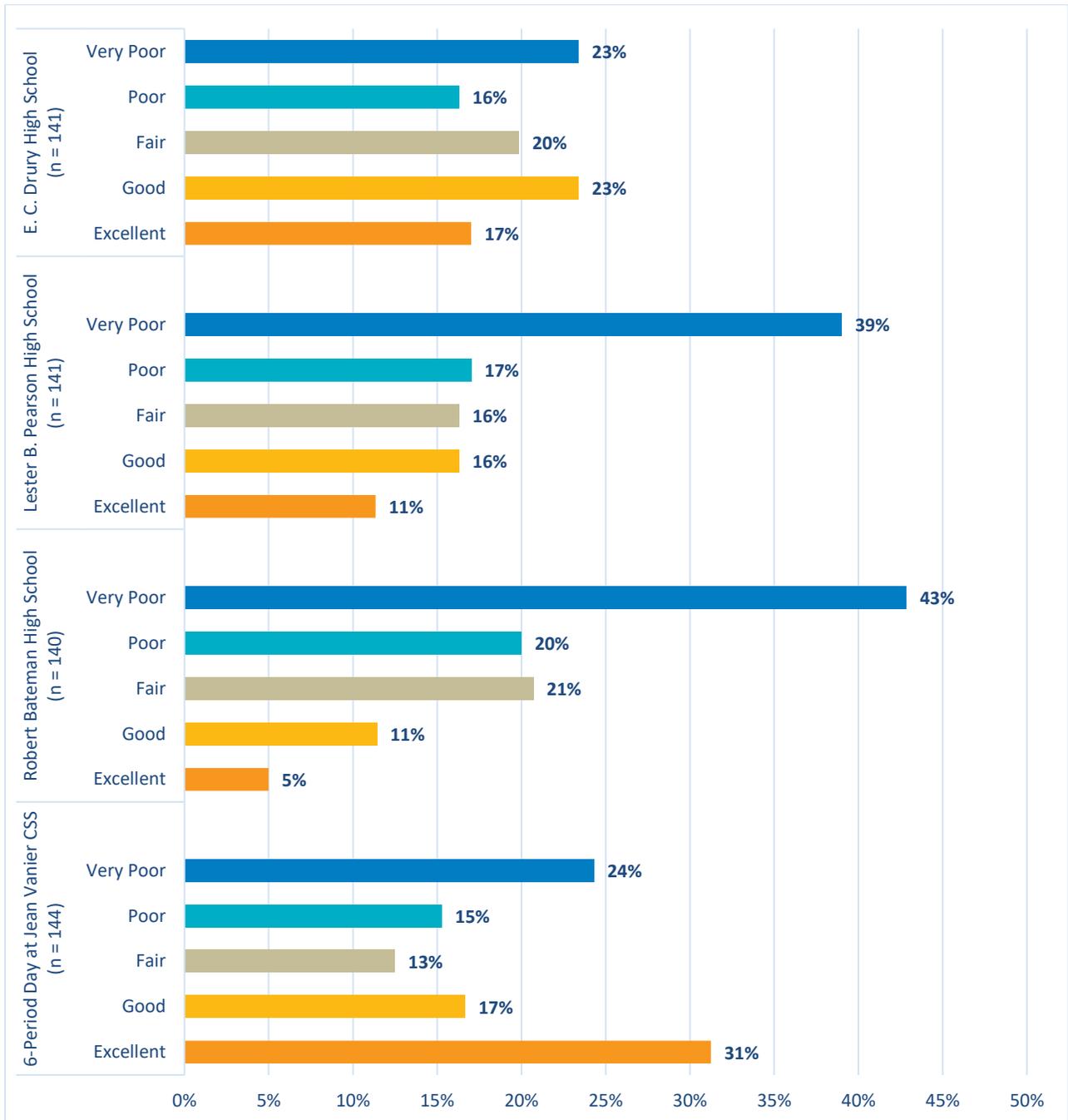


**Respondents that live within the Milton #3 CSS Catchment**

Figure 5, below, displays the responses for all respondents who indicated that they live within the Milton #3 CSS catchment proposed under Option A. Similar to Figure 4 above, the responses were almost evenly distributed among the five rating options for the E.C. Drury High School interim accommodation solution. For the 6-period day at Jean Vanier interim accommodation solution, the

most selected option was 'excellent' (n = 45; 31%) followed by 'very poor' (n = 35; 24%). For the Lester B. Pearson High School and Robert Bateman High School interim accommodation solutions, 'very poor' was the most selected rating option (39% and 43%, respectively), which is comparable to the results of the whole sample shown in *Figure 4*.

**Figure 5. Ratings of the Interim Accommodation Solutions – Respondents living within Milton #3 CSS catchment proposed under Option A**



Q2: After reviewing the Interim Accommodation Solution options, please select the top three options that best meet the above criteria.

Each respondent's top three preferences were assigned point values: 3 points for their first preference, 2 points for their second preference, and 1 point for their third preference. Assigned points for each Interim Accommodation Solution option were then totaled, resulting in an aggregate rating of each solution. The top three options, in order of preference, of the interim accommodation solutions are presented below (see Figure 6 and 7). For a breakdown of the point assignment and calculations, see Appendix C.

Figure 6. All Respondents (n = 232)

-  **1<sup>ST</sup>** EC Drury High School (432 points)
-  **2<sup>ND</sup>** 6-period day at Jean Vanier (393 points)
-  **3<sup>RD</sup>** Lester B. Pearson High School (347 points)

Figure 7. Respondents living within Milton #3 CSS catchment proposed under Option A (n = 144)

-  **1<sup>ST</sup>** 6-period day at Jean Vanier (282 points)
-  **2<sup>ND</sup>** EC Drury High School (260 points)
-  **3<sup>RD</sup>** Lester B. Pearson High School (206 points)

Q3: Do you have any comments about the Interim Accommodation Solution?

Respondents were asked if they had additional comments regarding the described Interim Accommodation Solutions; 112 respondents (48.7%) provided a comment. The responses can be aggregated into the following common themes: (1) **6-day period at Jean Vanier not a viable option**; (2) **Transportation to Burlington is problematic**; and (3) **Desire to attend a school in Milton**.

Please note that the percentage provided with each theme refers to the proportion of respondents whose comment aligns with said theme. These themes do not account for all opinions expressed in the survey, but they do provide a summary of the most frequent themes found in the comments. Some of the responses are listed multiple times, under various themes. We have provided examples for each theme below, but to read all of the responses received please see [Appendix D](#).

**THEME 1: 6-period day at Jean Vanier is not a viable option<sup>2</sup>** (n =36; 32%). Respondents were concerned with the safety issues, scheduling conflicts, and overpopulation associated with a 6-period day at Jean Vanier. Examples:

*“JV should not even be a consideration. Student safety is certainly an issue. Will students even have a class in the school with all these portables? This kids will not feel part of a community with so many students in one school. Also, extra curricular activities will be impacted, how long does one expect teachers to stay to run these...”*

*“... 6-period a day and up to 60 portables will create chaos and affect the quality of education at Jean Vanier, not to mention the technology and special education support students need...”*

**THEME 2: Transportation to Burlington is problematic** (n = 30; 27%). Respondents mentioned the lengthy bus rides required if attending a school in Burlington, the potential safety risks associated with longer bus routes and winter conditions, and the inability to get to and from a Burlington school easily for appointments, work, etc. Examples:

*“...Given the significant amount of travel needed to get to Burlington holding schools, we are very concerned that Halton transport will utilize secondary roads that can in the winter be unsafe and present higher risk to our children. Furthermore, the estimated travel times appear to be highly unrealistic and will be affected by weather and future growth and development...”*

*“... Longer busing and busing through busier traffic areas is a safety concern as school buses do not offer seat belts or other safety restraints. Non-Milton location can also result in greater / longer absenteeism as student school day trips to/from doctors, dentists, orthodontists, physiotherapists, etc. are not within the immediate school location.”*

**THEME 3: Desire to attend a school in Milton** (n = 27; 24%). Respondents expressed their desire (for their child) to attend a school within their community. This would arguably increase a sense of belonging, allow students to work and participate in extra-curriculars, and limit the stress on students. Examples:

*“Keeping a cohort of students together is imperative to developing a sense of community. Keeping these students with the community of Milton is also just as important. Having them form their own community within their own town would definitely cause less stress for students by being able to be together in their home town.”*

*“...Keeping the kids in Milton is also important as many kids have after school activities or jobs. If they were out of town, it would be difficult for them (and ultimately the parents) to get them to these activities....”*

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<sup>2</sup> Note that nearly all comments within this theme (n = 33) were from respondents who did not choose Jean Vanier as their first preference of Interim Accommodation Solutions.

### Part 3: Final Comments

Respondents were asked if they had any final comments regarding the boundary review; 84 respondents provided a comment. Note that due to the general nature of the question, there were no emergent themes from the data. These comments are provided as received and can be viewed in [Appendix E](#).

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## Appendix A

### Total Count of Respondent School(s)

Schools	Count (n)	Percentage (%)
Guardian Angels CES	67	31.2%
Jean Vanier CSS	67	31.2%
Our Lady of Fatima CES	60	27.9%
Bishop P. F. Reding CSS	21	9.8%
St. Benedict CES	16	7.4%
Queen of Heaven CES	14	6.5%
Lumen Christi CES	11	5.1%
Our Lady of Victory CES	8	3.7%
St. Scholastica CES	8	3.7%
St. Anthony of Padua CES	6	2.8%
Holy Rosary (Milton) CES	4	1.9%
St. Peter CES	4	1.9%
HDSB Elementary School	2	0.9%
Other (e.g. private school)	2	0.9%
Other HCDSB Elementary School (not listed above)	1	0.5%
HDSB Secondary School	1	0.5%
Other HCDSB Secondary School (not listed above)	0	0.0%
CSV Elementary School	0	0.0%
CSV Secondary School	0	0.0%
CSCM Elementary School	0	0.0%
CSCM Secondary School	0	0.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>292</b>	

## Appendix B

### Respondents Comment to Support their Rating of the Proposed Option A, Organized by Rating

<b>Oppose/ Strongly Oppose: (n = 18)</b>
60 Portables is just a mind-blowingly ridiculous concept that I refuse to support.
As parents of children who are in extended French, we are very disappointed that children will now have to choose between the AP program and the extended French program if option A is selected. Also, we feel that Queen of Heaven school should be within the boundaries of BR since we are with in the Holy Rosary parish catchment and this would strengthen the school/parish/home connection.
I disagree with separating the French programs from the AP program. A lot of students that are in the French program are all so in the AP program. I would have liked to see an option with the French and AP programs staying together and still mirroring the school placements in Option A.
I have believed for years that I would be attending Jean Vanier and have been excited to go there. I have now been told that I may not have the chance and if I do it would be based on a 6 period day! And other options would be to go to school in Burlington or an old school with nothing in it in Milton. This has been causing we stress and I am very anxious. I just want to go to Jean Vanier like I was told and have a regular schedule. Why can't the students from the other elementary schools built more recently have the 'other' options!??
Milton has been declared the fast growing community in Canada for several years, it is appalling that we are faced with these inadequate options. My 3 children will be attending 3 different high schools through the course of their HS years. Other areas of Halton have been graced with new modern facilities, ample in size containing innovative amenities whereas students in Milton have been overlooked and now will be mistreated. This is inequitable and unfair which is a direct result of the Board's prior decisions. Having had my children enrolled in the Catholic Board for 10yrs each, this Board has benefitted from the funding equivalent to 30 years of pupil enrolment. Now our family is faced with school enrollments that are enormous and unsafe. The highschoools we have now were built for the enrollment of the feeder schools, however, the Board has allowed enrollment to balloon from students originating from schools outside of the feeder schools. This has created the enrollment stress we are facing.
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Too many children.
We need to make sure faster funding for public schools. (We could try to convince Doug Ford to pay more attention to building schools than funding eg. marijuana industry.) Catholic School Board is not doing its job in properly emphasizing Milton and Ontario education slipping int the third-world situation, which is happening right now.

You mention align school boundaries to parish boundaries but yet you continue us to accept non parish students to register with no cap. Could this be a contributing factor in capacity issues. This should have been addressed years ago. I'm struggling to understand how we can attend info nights at BR and JV in the fall of 2019 and nothing was said about the capacity Problem.

As in past Boundary Reviews the same families are being displaced.

French Immersion programs should stay at BR

I feel that it is putting to many students in a overcrowded environment.

I oppose as I have been led to believe, for years, that my child would be going to Jean Vanier as this is the feeder school. This is where my child should be going. If there is an abundance of students, this issue should have been properly planned for.

My child should not have to lose the high school experience or have to go to school in another township.

I'm curious how you are giving consideration to the concept of catholic parish when the reason you are over capacity is that you allow a high percentage of non catholic students and with the proposed offerings you expect the parish families to be bused to other communities. I fail to understand how this has been allowed to happen.

If looking at current numbers sure it looks fine but it will eventually have too high of numbers as shown in the graph. The majority of the growth will be in that new area.

Jv is full of non catholic students. In order to decrease numbers, students who are not from surrounding Catholic elementary schools or who are non Catholic should be given a separate hs option. Catholic students should not be pushed out of their high school because it is overpopulated by non Catholic students. They can go to the other options available. This is very upsetting. Regardless of covid, plans to build (construction is open) a high school Milton Catholic hs should be priority. The permits and ground breaking should be ready to go.

My oldest daughter goes to JV and I want my youngest who's starting grade 9 this September 2020 to go to JV along with her. And I don't want her to change high schools halfway through the 4 years. I understand CSS#3 will closer to us but it won't be ready until my youngest is in grade 11! This is all so ridiculous. Why can't Milton's government control the number of houses being built until there are enough schools in place. This is very upsetting. All new residents should be made to go to the other schools proposed.

There are far too many students and not enough schools

Even with the proposed boundary the projected numbers in all these schools is absurd

This is a sign of very poor planning on the planning department

It should not have got to this point

#### **Neutral: (n = 11)**

Concerns about busing from BR boundary to new site for FI

I am still trying to understand the information that I have been given. Very detailed by overwhelming at the same time. My preferred choice would be to distribute evenly throughout the schools, if JV has to time schedules, parents with special need children have the opportunity to voice which schedule would benefit their child. I do not like go to Burlington for housing too far and for some students and parents an emotional situation. Housing at Druy (school of Deaf) would be better because it is still closer to home.

I don't believe the video informs the public about future plans for area development. It discusses theory of what you would "like" to accomplish but there is little to no facts to prove future estimates/results of what you are trying to achieve. It would be helpful if acronyms used in the Boundary Options A Details were defined. There is little to no projections on busing requirements as

the population grows and the city expands geographically as data is based on the past 2019 enrolment rather than the future. As well no discussion on AP and Extended French program locations which will impact scoop population. Overall a very poor assessment with many gaps.

I prefer my son to stay in JV catholic school until graduation.

I would have liked to have both my kids attend the same school just easier for them and us parents

Milton will continue to grow in the next several years therefore the long term sustainability will be very hard to accomplish. As each new community is built, the ages of the existing community will continue to increase so the newer community will always have young children. You will always be playing catch up and review. Review the boundary yes but don't keep moving the kids around. A grandfathered approach should be looked at especially for high school. They only have four years and to keep moving them around is not fair. Once they start grade 9 somewhere they should be able to graduate from that school. High school is tough enough and to ask this as well is not fair. Give priority enrollment to your feeder catholic schools then open the enrollment to non feeder schools.

My kids will be in Gr.12 & Gr 10 when the new school opens up, they don't want to change schools, not be with the friends they made or they want to graduate all together.

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The reason we are overcapacity at John Vanier is because Majority of our students are coming from public elementary schools. There needs to be a stop to that and they should be applying for cross boundary applications. All public elementary schools should be going to public high schools first. It is not fair that the public high schools in Milton or under 1000 students and we are costly over capacity. This is not fair for our students. Why does the board not look at that? That is the frustrating part of our Catholic schools.

This boundary will only be successful if the new #3 school is built. If delays go beyond the 2022-2023 school year, what is the alternative then?

to all persons that are in charge of our students and schools:

What is going on with planning?????

Every person who lives in Milton sees that population is booming...

everyone sees that there is not enough schools and facilities....

yet... property taxes are going up etc...

THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW HIGH SCHOOL SHOULD BE ALREADY GOING ON

yet we are talking about where to put our kids.

It is outrageous.

Get the funding asap and get you acts together all the trustees, councillors, politicians

etc

### **Support/Strongly Support: (n =45)**

Agree that we do need an additional third Catholic high school in Milton, I am okay with the new boundaries and Guardian Angels (my sons school) feeding into the new high school.

Agree with the boundary options

Based on the evidence presented in the videos, it seems like the board has selected the best option.

Given the current population growth rate in Milton, Jean Vanier will be over crowded. Guardian Angels and Our Lady of Fatima is closer to the new proposed location of Catholic High School.

I couldn't quite follow the extended French info. As long as my son currently in grade 9 EF at Bishop Reding could stay at BR to finish his grade 12 year than I am in full agreement.

I do believe a change needs to happen. The boundaries need to be altered due to the increased population in Milton. We need to support the needs of the students to provide the best learning environment possible.

I do believe it is an equal distribution
I do not want siblings to attend different high schools and also will remove my kids from catholic school if the temp school is in Burlington for bus/weather safety. Length of bus trips incurs additional risks. Find another option to house all CSC #3 students
I feel it is the best possible of the available options. Limiting disruptions to current students at Jean Vanier who are commuting from the future option # 3 school boundary area is key and I am primarily referring to the grade 9/10 students in the 2019-2020 school year at Jean Vanier. This may need to include the grade 9 students in the 2020-2021 school year at Jean Vanier as well. The much preferred goal should be to finish high school where you and with whom you started.
I have watched all the videos yet I have not yet seen what the proposed new school address is. This makes it difficult for me to provide stronger feedback. I don't know how close the new high school will be to Our Lady of Fatima and what distance my children will have to walk.
I support any boundaries as long as the CATHOLIC secondary school facility can accommodate the number of CATHOLIC students feeding into it (FEEDERS schools).
I wonder how many students will leave the Extended French and Immersion programs in favour of AP. There are currently many French program students who are also in AP at Bishop Reding.
I'm concern of the how difficult will be for kids with mental health to adapt to so many changes. Also I'm not agree with maximized the number of walkers bc Milton transit schedules and routes are not the greatest and it's very expensive, I don't think it's fair that just some students can have transportation included and others have to pay (public transportation), when all of us pay taxes. Also we have noticed that some kids have the right to ride the school bus but they barely use it bc parents drop them off or pick them up and they don't notified the school, so other student can get a seat on the school bus.
I'm wondering why students who are not catholic are attending a catholic high school pushing up the enrolment. The fact that CK has 5 portables and JV has 50 is extreme. Why is enrolment not limited as it is in elementary.
In theory I think it's wise to invest in a new school. I'm not supportive of proposing boundary changes before we have funding and a school that will be ready. Children should be grandfathered into whatever school they start with. If parents want to move their children it should be their decision.
It is noted that Milton #3 will be offering the Extended French program but not the AP program which will remain at Bishop Reding. What about students that want to participate in both programs as many do?
Jean Vanier #1 two streams
Knowing Miltons population continues to explode. It is upsetting that the planning for the secondary schools has been poorly planned. The schools are bursting with entitlements, the number of portables needed is inexcusable. And now the possibility of the new high school being delayed, due to government funding. It is upsetting that due to over enrolling non catholic students is creating this over capacity in our schools. My children have been enrolled at Guardian Angels school since it opened, my younger children are still there. This school has been over capacity for the past 15 years. Where school facilities gym and library isn't as accessible as it should be to classes. School planning needs to be revised because it just hasn't worked this far.
Least amount of movement of feeder schools. Schools with specialized programs I.e French will be keep feeder schools together.
My bigger concern is the holding school option. I disagree with theuses of portables my preferred option are 2B-1 and 2B-2
new build neighbourhood should go to the new secondary school
Nil

No additional comments to add.
Supports all criteria outlined
You need to simplify and streamline your communications. Less words and more visuals. It took me 30 min to read and digest your message.
agree with recommendations
Agreed, the element schools in this area need a high school closer to their community. This should have been considered sooner
Based on the current school population and the way the town is growing a third school is needed
Best solution. Minimal disruption.
Falls within a good location
I agree strongly with Option A as it allows my child to continue to walk to Bishop Reding Catholic School and will ensure that my younger child who currently attends St. Anthony Elementary School can in the future walk to BR as well.
I am concerned about JV school size. I am hearing a lot of negative feedback about bullying and getting more students will only increase that. most students will be in portables, how can Canadian kids high school years be about portables. Having two different classes and different start times is very disruptive for our kids and the family, specially if you have more than one child in high school.
I think that option A is the one that ensure all the criteria that the board is looking for
I would prefer my daughter at JV even though maybe she needs to be in the second arrival time.
It creates the concept of a community school along with a good walking score
It is a shame that some of the parish boundaries are not aligned with the school boundaries, but I understand that this is necessary.
It makes most practical sense with all criterias examined.
It makes sense
It seems like the best option given all of the 6 identified criteria. I also think it is especially helpful that you consider this the best option in terms of minimum boundary disruption and change in the long term. I also think it make sense to distribute the special programs to more than one location.
It will be closer for the students to walk and they will not have to cross major roadways to get to the new high school. With Milton growing, it only makes sense to build a new high school to decrease the over enrollment in the catholic high schools that are in existence now.
Milton needs a third CSS to accomodate this fast growing community. Our children deserve a good place to get quality education.
Out of all the options that were proposed, I think option A was the best choice. It met the criteria better than any other option.
Over crowded schools and classes limits the delivery of good education and puts burden on teachers as well as students
Students should stay within their home/elementary school area to maintain link to the broader community and facilitate before/after school activities.
The resources in JV are currently stretched and creating a new school boundary helps to minimize this.

## Appendix C

**Table 3. Respondents' Interim Solution Accommodation Preference – All Respondents (n = 232)**

First (1st) preference	Votes	Points	%	Second (2nd) preference	Votes	Points	%	Third (3rd) preference	Votes	Points	%	Total Points (Ranking)
E. C. Drury High School	79	237	34.0	E. C. Drury High School	77	154	33.2	E. C. Drury High School	41	41	17.7	<b>432</b> <b>(First)</b>
6-Period Day at Jean Vanier CSS	92	276	39.7	6-Period Day at Jean Vanier CSS	49	98	21.1	6-Period Day at Jean Vanier CSS	19	19	8.2	<b>393</b> <b>(Second)</b>
Lester B. Pearson High School	43	129	18.5	Lester B. Pearson High School	65	130	28.0	Lester B. Pearson High School	88	88	37.9	<b>347</b> <b>(Third)</b>
Robert Bateman High School	18	54	7.8	Robert Bateman High School	41	82	17.7	Robert Bateman High School	84	84	36.2	<b>220</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1392</b>

**Table 4. Respondents' Interim Solution Accommodation Preference – Respondents living within Milton #3 CSS catchment proposed under Option A (n = 144)**

First (1st) preference	Votes	Points	%	Second (2nd) preference	Votes	Points	%	Third (3rd) preference	Votes	Points	%	Total Points (Ranking)
E. C. Drury High School	42	126	29.2	E. C. Drury High School	56	112	38.9	E. C. Drury High School	22	22	15.3	<b>260</b> <b>(Second)</b>
6-Period Day at Jean Vanier CSS	67	201	46.5	6-Period Day at Jean Vanier CSS	34	68	23.6	6-Period Day at Jean Vanier CSS	13	13	9.0	<b>282</b> <b>(First)</b>
Lester B. Pearson High School	28	84	19.4	Lester B. Pearson High School	31	62	21.5	Lester B. Pearson High School	60	60	41.7	<b>206</b> <b>(Third)</b>
Robert Bateman High School	7	21	4.9	Robert Bateman High School	23	46	16.0	Robert Bateman High School	49	49	34.0	<b>116</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>864</b>

## Appendix D

### Comments Received about the Interim Accommodation Solution

- 2006 aged students will have 3 different high schools in their career
- potential for 3 different uniforms costs associated per family
- if you are trying to build a new "#3 identity", using JV uniforms while at holding school, and potentially at the new school doesn't make sense
- where is the mentorship, leadership, role models from senior students for those in holding schools?
- does not create a memorable or quality high school experience - only isolates them
- winter road conditions are not favourable to an already 30-40 mins drive in normal conditions
- why has funding not been provided to the board since 2016? why hasn't the board planned for alternatives until it's too late?
- why aren't feeder schools considered priority in capacities? this contradicts the word "family of schools" when non-feeder students take the place of those already within. there should be a cap of non-feeder students/year.
- how many students/families & tax dollars will be lost to the public board now?

I do not like go to Burlington for housing too far and for some students and parents an emotional situation. JV first choice, because some of the children like mine, just started that school in the school year 2020 and then to pull them out would affect their whole routine, transitions would be difficult, adjusting dilemmas and familiarity with teachers, a and support staff would be lost. Later schedule for JV could be given to the older grades such as grade 11 and 12 because they are older and are familiar with high school expectations. If housing becomes a choice then E. C. Drury( school of Deaf) would be better option because it is still closer to home. Also parents with special needs child like myself going to Burlington would not be beneficial for my child. If a Burlington choice had to be made, Lester B. Pearson High School because of the driving route. There is no need to take a highway to get there whereas Robert Bateman you do.

- remove the non-feeder students from the current capacities and provide them the alternate option.
- feeder school "family" should be prioritized in capacities
- don't revise a school boundary until the schools are actually planned to be built
- what is the plan should the school NOT be built in time for even 2022-2023?
- this problem is larger than current school boundaries
- the solutions do not provide community for those students who partake in Milton activities
- how can students do homework on a bumpy bus ride, if they are trying to get home in time for job, volunteer hours, or local Milton activities?
- we are very disappointed in the planning and work that this "solution" has provided
- we are not confident the best interests of the students are at hand here

The HCDSB and town of Milton should be planning better for the sake of our children. Building all these houses without schools is ridiculous. Maybe we should allow catholic children first enrolment into our catholic HS and if there are spots left others can join.

We are talking about our kids first year of high school, which itself is scary and unsettling, and now they won't have any sense of stability. I have 2 children already in high school - 1 at BR (AP) and 1 at JV (within my catchment) and my 3rd child is starting high school in 2021. Now I am faced with the potential of him not even being in the same Town!

JV is ridiculously overcrowded and making it a longer school day will certainly result in more kids there at any given time which has the potential for several issues.

Bishop Reding is also overcrowded and the construction that wasn't started when slated to seems like it will never be completed.

The idea of having your child not even attend high school in the Town they live certainly illustrates the lack of planning on someones part.

So we are left with going out of town, a school that doesn't have all the necessary accommodations or extreme overcrowding.

There really is no good solution for our children.

Extra-curricular activities with a 6 period day will be impossible.

\*\*I strongly believe that all choices are poor and only chose preferences as it was mandatory, otherwise I could not move forward with this survey\*\*

I am deeply disappointed with this situation. My child has been going to elementary school in Milton since kindergarten and we have stayed in Milton based on the belief (as told by the school) that my child would be attending Jean Vanier. We have made important decisions based on this.

To now be told that there is no space and the options are schools in another City, a school in Milton which was not built as a high school (no cafeteria, gym, labs etc) or a 6 period day which would cause stress and possibly limit extra curricular activities and after school jobs, is extremely disappointing!!!

My child should not lose 2 years of the 4 year high school experience due to the poor planning of the city. My child should not have to attend school in another city and should have a school with All amenities. My child should not have stress and anxiety.

- 1) not a lot of good options to choose from, would love to pick the Milton location as my first preference however the one that's available cannot provide students with required facilities such gym, labs, etc.
- 2) increasing capacity in current high school sounds like a good idea but it's not ideal since there will be so many students it will take away from their learning experience as they will have limited access to specialized classrooms and facilities
- 2) Robert Bateman is my third preference because it was mandatory to pick a third one however the location is not ideal and the commute time is the longest out of all options

Additional comments:

- 1) catholic religion should have priority for enrollment in the catholic school
- 2) not sure why government allows for town to grow so rapidly where it cannot support the increase in population by providing enough schools, building proper roads, etc

6 day period

6 day period will be a disaster.

6-day is really only the best "poor" option out of the offerings.

A six period day at Vanier would separate siblings and create chaos for families in terms of entry/exit times. Special education students rely on siblings for support throughout the day as well as their families. Will public transportation increase routes on this proposed schedule or will students need to wait for lengthy wait times? How will students participate in extra curricular activities at the end of the day based on this division of grade levels. Has the teachers' union been contacted regarding this scheduling consideration? This may be conflicting for teachers to support extra curricular with an extension of their school day. Building community on the first year is a good way for students to make friends with those students who will be in their schools the following year. Is there a plan to accept ONLY feeder school students as enrolment increases?

All of the options are nonsense. The planning of this is very late given the status of all the schools knowing the growth sequence already.

THIS IS A TRUE DISAPPOINTMENT for the students

All those options are not a good alternative for building a new school to accommodate increasing number of students.

Although the travel outside of Milton for the accommodation period is not ideal, both Pearson and Bateman will provide these students with traditional high school building amenities while fostering their own sense of community.

Both my kids have been in the Catholic system since JK. I am bothered that they are facing this dilemma of being accommodated and housed when they should have first pick to JV Catholic school. I will not have my son bused to Burlington. If the two options I have chosen above do not prevail, i will be taking my son out of the Catholic System and into the public board. These are the 3 options I am open to.

thank you,

Bussing kids to Burlington is absurd considering many students have siblings either at JV and/or in elementary school. If students are involved in extra curricular activities, it's nearly impossible to get them anywhere on time.

Consider extra curricular activities and transport. Travel to Burlington will limit students ability to participate for multiple reasons. Increase bussing expenses and cause problem for students to attend personal medical appts etc. Furthermore students who wish to fast track course ahead or repeat subjects from previous years not offered at the current school site will be impossible. Doubling administrator resources to have two sites also not financially sound.

Considering the current situation with Covid-19 having almost 3000 students in 1 building is not the optimal choice. We need to ensure their safety

Current Gr 8's starting at JV in the 20-21 school year and should be able to continue at JV from the remainder of their high school years. None of these interim options are good except keeping them at JV with a 6 period day. Yes it will be crowded but to ask this cohort of students to possibly move to 3 different locations over their high school experience seems inconsiderate. Kids who start at JV will feel like JV community and will not want to move to try and start the Milton School 3 community in a different building not even in Milton. Some of these students have older siblings within the JV community and have looked forward to starting their high school years with their siblings at the same school. Also if there is such an issue with high numbers than Catholic students that have been within the Catholic school community should have priority enrolment in these schools. Students from OLF and GA should not be the ones penalized for 50% of population at JV being non Catholic.

DISREGARD MY THIRD PREFERENCE.  
I CHOSE IT BECAUSE THERE WAS NO OPTION TO OPT IT OUT.

THERE IS NO CHANCE I WILL LET MY CHILD COMMUTE TO BURLINGTON.  
IF THIS NONSENSE BURLINGTON OPTION WINS, I WILL MAKE SURE THAT MY KID  
WILL GO TO PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL

BTW, ALL THIS INCOMPETENCE CALLS FOR SOME INVESTIGATION BY  
LOCAL MEDIA.

Do the options above allow the children in the French programs to continue and what about if they want to be in the AP program as well?

E. C. Drury is the closest to Our Lady of Faitma and Guardian Angels. The time and distance for traveling to the other holding locations is not agreeable.

With the 6 period day option at JV, there would still be an extreme number of enrollment/students even if the days are staggered. My choice for E. C. Drury is therefore a better option.

Extensive use of portables and 6-period days at JV makes it not a variable solution. I am concerned with safety of the students and staff with regards to having all those portable and that high population of students in one location especially in the current reality of social distancing. HCDSB needs to be proactive in providing a solution that can address social distancing should a future pandemic occur.

Extra-curricular activities for all of these options will be significantly impacted due to the proximity of the holding schools to our homes. Given the significant amount of travel needed to get to Burlington holding schools, we are very concerned that Halton transport will utilize secondary roads that can in the winter be unsafe and present higher risk to our children. Furthermore, the estimated travel times appear to be highly unrealistic and will be affected by weather and future growth and development. EC Drury and JV will create no school identity.

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Given the current Covid 19 virus I believe reducing the population at JV needs to be the primary goal. 2400-3000 students & 60 plus portables will not achieve that goal. The H&S of all students must be the most important consideration until a vaccine and 3rd HS is found/built.

Having a 6 day period at Jean Vanier will make it extremely difficult on the students, especially those families that have two or more students (one in gr9 and one in gr 11 for example).

Having had my kids in E.C Drury Highschool as their holding school while waiting for their elementary school to open was not a positive experience, extremely complicated and not appropriate for elementary aged children. Even those these kids are older, it is not in the best interest of the kids to be in such a busy area and the fact that the school is extremely old and would need some additional funds to update. I also don't believe that having a 6-day period at JV would be effective as for 5 out of the 6 periods the school would be exploding and not to mention managing this number of students and locker space and washroom facilities. I didn't want to enter a third choice but had no choice and that's why I think it would be in the best interest of the kids to go to the highschool available in Burlington that can accommodate the most. I've seen in the past that these predictions are just that and would be better to have room instead of running into an issue.

Hello. If the eventual decision is leaving Milton for one of the Burlington options we will likely consider moving our child to the public option of CK.

How would limited building facilities such as washrooms and lockers be managed in the middle of the day with a 6 day period system at Jean Vanier?

I am completely dumb founded that we had meetings about a new Catholic School to be built by Metro two years ago and I find out that funding hasn't been secured. This is unacceptable what does this town think when we keep growing.

I am very frustrated that the school has not been built in time and now the board has to scramble to find a solution. So frustrated with this board. I should of stayed in Mississauga and never moved to Milton

I asked my own children about their preferences based on the criteria and they both said that EC Drury would be their preference. They didn't even mind that the specialized facilities would be limited. It was very important to them to remain in Milton for independence (walk or ride a bike and jobs). They also like that it would be it's own school and not too big (which is what the JV 6 period would be). My son (currently in grade 8) thought that the JV option was not good as then they would have to move and establish their own school later so it would best to start out in grade 9 with the real school and then just have to move the people. Of the 2 Burlington options, closer is better as less time in transit it always preferred for teens (and parents).

I didn't like any of the options.

i do not support my child being bused out of the city to an alternative school i feel this would be an awful decision especially being a parent that does not drive and would find it difficult to get to a school out of the city if such an occasion would arise.

I don't want my child to leave the city she lives in to attend High school.

I don't like any off them

I don't agree to have any additional population in Jean Vanier

I feel it's best for the students to remain in Milton for many reasons.

I feel strongly that students should not be bussed to Burlington from Milton. Milton is our community.

I only support option 1. Children should not be moved from one school to the other and the uncertainty that comes with not knowing where they will be from one year to the other is not ideal given the importance of relationships during early adolescence.

Many students intend to play school sports in hopes of playing in post secondary. This is highly disruptive on several levels and should not even be considered. I'm shocked that educators that understand the importance of development at this age would even suggest this.

I really believe that the Catholic board needs to look at serving its Catholic students that have been in the board since Kindergarten, rather than relocating us due to the increasing enrolment of non-Catholics. Also, with the Burlington scenarios, which seem best, I hope they will have the same opportunity for sports teams and extra curricular activities that they would have elsewhere.

I really hope that we get the funding for the new school quickly, so the kids do not have to attend several high schools during the next 4 years. Even though I am picking the schools in Burlington, I am not super crazy about having my children commute so far away. I was excited for high school, so that they could be closer to home. The thing that bothers me most about E.C Dury, even though it's in Milton, is how there are no Gyms, labs, or facilities. Not sure how exciting that would be for students.

I really like the concept of keeping the students in Milton. In elementary, my kids went to Mon Avenir (French Catholic) and the school is in Oakville. While it doesn't seem like a far distance, this was a hindrance in participating in after-school activities, or even parents being able to show support for activities because it was out of town. From my experience, I think being out of town would delay the ability to truly develop school spirit until they are at CSS#3.

However, I do have some concerns about the use of facilities at EC Drury (gym, etc.) as this will be very important to my children. I understand the desire to develop a school identity and wondering if there is an opportunity to include current ECD students in this. Perhaps we can learn from what HDSB did before CKSS was built and the students shared the space. From what I heard, it was a great experience.

I struggle with how we are developing a Catholic community in Milton when my children as other Catholic children will possibly be displaced up to 3x in their high school years.

Where as other children who are not of the Catholic faith are able to attend a Catholic high school therefore taking up a spot at Jean Vanier high school that should be granted to the Catholic children who have attended Catholic Elementary schools first.

I think that even if E C Dury is located in Milton, it will be very discouraging for the students without cafeteria, library, etc.

The others too schools in Burlington would be better but selecting these may bring safety concerns regarding transportation.

Keeping the students in J Vanier, even if it will be 6 periods, students should be able, because they are all teens, to organize themselves, their work, and extra curriculum activities.

I think that students should have access to all the specialized rooms and educational tools available to their counterparts at Jean Vanier or Milton #3 CSS, and Bateman and Pearson can provide this.

I think the 6 period day option will overwhelm the JV accommodations and will create confusion. As well, the later ending day will prohibit some students from working part-time, and sporting events that occur earlier in the school day will mean students who are following the later schedule will be missing even more school to attend them.

I want to be in a school that is not as crowded as JV and be able to be in classes with my friends/people I know. It looks like we could have our own community in Burlington

I would like to have a regular day (8:30 - 2:30) and go to Jean Vanier as I was told I would be at Guardian Angels. I made my first communion and confirmation in a school gym and not being told I won't have a proper high school experience is sad. I should have a regular school day so that I can play sports or find a job. And I don't want to go to school in Burlington. I should also have a school with a gym, science labs, an auditorium and cafeteria like all other high schools.

I would rather send my kids to public school than choose any of the above options. I am simply not ok with any of these options.

I'm wondering if the committee would consider the current enrolment of JV and the number of students who are not Catholic and are enrolled based on location and not religious beliefs. Students who are Catholic and in the boundary are now displaced. Yet there are openings at CK for non-Catholic students to attend. Perhaps this should also be considered. So now in order for our Catholic children, who practise Catholicism, need to take a 30 min bus ride to ensure they have schooling that includes their faith. Students won't be near their home parish. It's ridiculous and unfair that this is not a part of the consideration.

If my first option of EC Drury is not selected, I will be moving my son to the public board. I also think the option of non-Catholic kids should have been looked at, I am curious to know how many spots that would have opened up for the kids coming from a Catholic school.

If our children are being forced out of our community, it should happen in 2020/21 school year. Not to be switched from JV to another school and then a third time when the new school is ready. I have children in grade 6 & 8, clearly this will have an impact on both of them. I have paid taxes and am frustrated that my children will not be able to attend the two Catholic schools in our community. I feel that as a Catholic family we should be given priority enrolment.

If the buildings are already built, it would be best to use them at their full capacity.

If the option of a holding tank school is chosen, would all grade nine students be moving to the new location? If not, then all students within the current boundaries/feeder schools will attend JV, correct?? FYI we have one daughter who will be entering grade nine Sept. 2021, another daughter entering grade 11 at JV and our son will be entering grade 6 at Queen of Heaven.

Thank you

I'm glad we are looking at other options, wishing there was a better Milton option but am glad that the kids will all move together, no matter what is decided.

JV is not an option we would consider, as someone who has been in the Catholic school board, if JV is the one that is selected, I would consider a public school instead.

Thanks for taking our thoughts into consideration.

Interim accommodations in Burlington make it problematic for students to be involved in their own personal extra-curricular activities such as jobs, clubs, or sports which run in Milton. The six-period day also negatively impacts student activities outside of school, as well as student activities, clubs, and sports at JV itself. How will a team practice or a club meet when some members finish school at 3 and others at 4:15?

Interim accommodations should begin for the Grade 9 2020-2021 school year students only and build the new school from there.

It is always preferable to keep students in their own community due to existing familiarity with surroundings, neighbourhood and people, sense of comfort and support network, and proximity to non-school related activities and requirements. Within Milton students are able to walk to/from school if required/choice and busing is shorter in duration and there is less traffic. Longer busing and busing through busier traffic areas is a safety concern as school buses do not offer seat belts or other safety restraints. Non-Milton location can also result in greater / longer absenteeism as student school day trips to/from doctors, dentists, orthodontists, physiotherapists, etc. are not within the immediate school location.

It is safer for the students to be kept in Milton. Less travel time on a bus. As well it is easier on the parents if they have to pick their child up for an appointment or if they are sick.

EC Drury is the best option.

Keep those students all together at the one school until they move into their new school.

J.V. is way too crowded as it is.

It is so disappointing that space was not left for the students entering high school from their own feeder schools.

Now you want to ship them off to distant locations leaving them in travel time for over 1 hour of their day. Very unfair!

Our tax dollars have not been allocated properly at all.

its difficult to understand how we are in this position, where in reality we should have built a new high school by now, not be talking about accommodations.

Under no circumstance do i want my children busing to Burlington or elsewhere especially in winter, those options are simply not an option

Jean Vanier cannot handle anymore kids or portables. It is too hard to manage for teachers and administration. There is no sense of community. There are too many students. Adding portables with make it worse. Please don't.

JV is already very crowded so we chose it as the least favourable option

JV should not even be a consideration. Student safety is certainly an issue. Will students even have a class in the school with all these portables? This kids will not feel part of a community with so many students in one school. Also, extra curricular activities will be impacted, how long does one expect teachers to stay to run these.

For the students to develop school identity Lester Pearson is the best choice. Yes it is far but having the kids develop a sense of identity is far more important.

Keep students in town.

Keep the new students destined for starting their high school years at Milton High School Option # 3 together from day one. Also, don't make life any harder for the Jean Vanier students who already are going thru enough from large school enrollments/many portable classrooms to renaming the school, etc.

Keeping a cohort of students together is imperative to developing a sense of community. Keeping these students with the community of Milton is also just as important. Having them form their own community within their own town would definitely cause less stress for students by being able to be together in their home town.

Kids doing the 6 period day at BR are not happy. Some of them have lunch at 9:30 am, restaurants are not open & kids are not hungry yet, & it is a very long day after such an early break. Keeping the kids in Milton at EC Drury makes the most sense, as my daughter was there in holding as a primary student from Escarpment View years ago and it worked as a temporary alternative. Keeping the kids ALL at JV means WAY too many kids on school property!! using the same # of washrooms, gym & other facilities. When the new school is complete you will then have to split up kids & friends

Milton Catholic students should not be forced to go to a school outside of Milton. Burlington is to far and how would they have a chance to create community. The 6 periods is a long day. Teens are productive in the morning, extra curricular, parents working would be effected by this model.

Milton students should stay in Milton. I don't want my children to be bused to Burlington because of capacity issues in Milton!

My kid is already in a bus that does 2 schools routes, the kid come back home very tired just from the bus ride, and we barely have time to do homework, after school activities and family time. I don't think that a school out of Milton and longer ride is a good option.

My son already has a sibling at Jean Vanier, and would be responsible for getting his brother to school, I do not want them going to separate schools. Also EC Drury and other options are not Catholic schools. My children have been in the HCDSB since JK and should not have that taken away from them. And lastly there are many students that are NOT Catholic that go to Jean Vanier and should be made to go to another school before my son has to go to a non-Catholic school until the board can get their act together and build a school that has been talked about for over 4 years... should have been built already.

No

No matter which solution is chosen, parents and students will not be unhappy. It is not a positive situation. However, if we are looking at the best interests of the students, we need to provide an environment where the continuity of learning is optimal. I would prefer not to have my child on a bus to Burlington but I believe these schools will be the better learning environment. As well, students will be able to form a bond, create their identity as a thriving community of learners. Finally I do not believe housing all students at JV is a good decision. The overcrowding will cause behaviour issues and students will not feel like they belong. This short-term solution will create more distractions and a resentment in school because it will be challenging. Kids will be separated. Problems will occur with time changes. Will exceptions be made to accommodate for the best interest of the child? Or will decisions be made because it best suits administration needs. EC Drury does not work.

None of the above accommodations is ideal, however, I strongly believe the holding location should be in Milton. 6-period a day and up to 60 portables will create chaos and affect the quality of education at Jean Vanier, not to mention the technology and special education support students need. Leasing E.C. Drury is the one option that meets all three criteria the most.

None.

Not sure what would be the beatbox option but going to a school in Burlington should be eliminated as an option

Option 3 is not an option. I am only select this as I had too. I don't feel that our students from Milton should be bused out of Milton for school. Not acceptable!!!!

Perhaps portables at local Elementary Schools?

Placing kids in Burlington is a logistical disaster for students and parents. Parents are working people and don't have time for extra travel. Students will be tired with extended commute and this will affect their performance (given already very poor quality of Canadian education this will only deepen the problem). Taxes are paid here in Milton by parents - we want to see results for our children. If current staff responsible for planning financial solutions to build schools cannot handle the task, they should be fired and a new committee should be formed.

Poor planning knowing Milton continues to expand and a delay in a overdue needed secondary school is unacceptable. None of the options are good. EC DRURY facility wasn't good enough for the public board to keep why would we have to expose our children to a poor facility. Bussing our students out of Milton should not be an option. 6 period at JV 4 periods if the day the amount of students there would be double that school capacity, unsafe in the event of an emergency. I remember when BR had no school built yet. They housed all their grade 9s in a vacant elementary school. Especially for grade 9s starting high school it wasn't as intimidating than going to a facility with close to 3000 students. Maybe now with distance learning, maybe that can be incorporated into the plan to reduce the number of students physically at the school at the same time. If JV 6 period is the option to consider.

Six periods at Jean Vanier would be an insane number of students at that school.

Students should remain at Jean Vanier, as there should be consideration of older siblings already in the school. That way, the family can be in the same school.

The commute to the 2 high schools located in the city of Burlington is not feasible in my opinion.

The 6 day option for JV will present a number of concerns at the shopping across the street, the congestion of the in/out traffic at the school and may have families with students starting and ending school at different times which may present many challenges.

The 6 period day at Jean Vanier sounds like a recipe for disaster. That many students in the building at any given time is too much of a danger to students and staff alike.

The 6 period day keeps the kids within a school environment with more mature students. Grade 9's do not have the maturity to be the leaders of a new school environment. It would not go well if they were moved to a separate location.

Keeping the kids in Milton is also important as many kids have after school activities or jobs. If they were out of town, it would be difficult for them (and ultimately the parents) to get them to these activities.

I have picked EC Drury as the second option. My only caveat is that I have heard EC Drury is old and not well taken care of i.e. it is a dump.

The Jean Vanier enrollment is way too high and I am afraid how can the teachers do their jobs of teaching, supervision, and ensuring students are learning appropriately.

The only option is the 6 period day option. You are forcing me to select the other options that I will not choose as you can't move to the next page in the survey without selecting 3. I will remove my child from the Catholic school and move to the HSB.

The only option that can accommodate if the plans go beyond the timeline is Bateman. All other options would be overcapacity or require more portables which defeats the purpose. The fact that my child potentially could be going to three different buildings/schools over her high school career is also ridiculous. Milton's growth is not something that happened all of a sudden, the trending has been obvious for the past several years yet this situation is unacceptable. High school is a time for kids to learn about themselves and figure things out, this whole situation is just causing additional stress that can make it more challenging for all of the students going forward.

The option of 6 day period at JV is highly not recommended, the school currently is over capacity and bursting as it is. I don't understand how having a 6 period will solve the issue. Adding more students will only cause more stress on everything, washrooms, lunch space, any space!! The ratio of staff vs students is not logical.

The option to bus students to Burlington is not a good one. A 30 minute bus ride each way assumes no traffic congestion, accidents or weather related delays - that is too long to expect students to go back and forth to school. Students will be sick, have appointments or otherwise not be able to get on the bus in the morning - a Burlington location then forces parents into a 1 hour round trip to get their child to or from school. Our family is vehemently opposed to a Burlington option.

EC Drury is a poor facility, but at least allows the students to go to school in the communities in which they live. EC Drury also doesn't seem to allow for participation in sporting extra curricular since it will house only grade 9 students. While I would prefer my child attend JV, so that my youngest and oldest children attend the same institution, the length of the day in schedule 2 is challenging for extra curricular participation, both at school and in town.

THE THIRD PREFERENCE: I was given no choice to opt out, IT is not my preference at all and I do not wish to have my child bused to Burlington For 3 hours a day during Canadian Winters lasting 6 months. IF Burlington options win, Just like all my neighbours I will transfer my child to a public school system.

We will switch our tax preference as well to Public,

NOW Where is the funding? Did the growing amount of houses surprise anyone?

Why are our children not your priority? Their safety?

They are not "cattle" to be moved around for at least one hour on a good sunny day each way to Burlington. I commute there and know how busy it gets at 8AM, whoever miscalculated the milage should not rely on google that much.

GET THE FUNDING!!!! MAKE SURE OUR KIDS STAY IN MILTON WHERE THEY BELONG and where their parents have lived for quite a while.

One more idea: How about considering religion first? Children who belong to Local Catholic Parishes should be given priority.

There are already many issues at Jean Vanier (known to the entire community) as a result of overpopulation at the school. Adding more students, would make current issues worse, would be detrimental to the school climate and would strip any sense of belonging and community within the school. This school is quite literally bursting at the seams and should not be used as an interim accommodation solution.

These are all terrible choices in terms of travel time to Burlington, the fact that Lester B. Pearson has been CLOSED since 2018 and E.C. Drury has NO GYM! This is literally devastating...especially now since Covid will change everything going forward...this will be detrimental to the students.

This is very unfair to all students. As I previously stated, the kids from the public elementary schools need to go to public high schools and if they would like to go to Catholic high schools, they should be doing a cross boundary application. We would not be in the situation if that was mandated.

Those students playing sports after school will be disadvantaged in the 6 period scenario. Perhaps we should require baptismal certificates in high school like they do in primary school and this problem would be reduced.

TO THINK THAT STUDENTS SHOULD BE BUSED TO BURLINGTON IS COMPLETELY ABSURD. MORE OPTIONS IN MILTON OR PERHAPS EVEN NORTH MISSISSAUGA SHOULD HAVE BEEN LOOKED AT. POOR THOUGHT PROCESS FOR BURLINGTON OPTIONS.

We just move to Canada and it had been a little bit difficult for my kids to settle down and thinking in moves my kid from school when he is just getting use to Jean Vanier, I'm sure it will be not an option for us. Thank you!

We want the new Catholic secondary school to start as soon as possible for the sake of children. I strongly vote towards this work.

While none of the options that have been provided are ideal, I can appreciate that the board has been put in a position to make tough decisions. I am most concerned with the fact that this has been left until the last minute. I feel as though this could've been addressed in the fall and at least mentioned to the parents upon our meeting/orientation at the school back in Oct/Nov. It is clear that this is not brand new information to the board and I'm curious as to why it has been left so long. What would make more sense, is for this to be implemented for this coming September as opposed to having an interim year at Jean Vanier, 2 possible years at a holding school and a final move to Milton #3. That is 3 high schools in 4 years and it's unfair for these students. While the community of kids may stay the same, being shifted to 3 different spaces leaves them feeling somewhat "homeless" for lack of a better word. The poor planning has left parents/students feeling blindsided.

While the JV 6 period-day allows everyone to remain in Milton, it would still remain too crowded. There are already issues with the students at the Sobey's plaza, and I believe that adding to the population will only add to the already heated atmosphere. Too many students in one area!

Why are catholic students displaced from their home catholic school when public school kids are assuming enrollment spaces

Why do the non catholic feeder population have preference to a Catholic school in a populated community. I understand it is now provincial legislation however in an unprecedented situation where students need to be moved due to overpopulation it should not be the Catholic feeder school community??

Why do they need a 6 period day at JV when there is currently 5? I feel having 2nd period lunch especially in the older grades is setting up the kids to skip. It's a very long day if their lunch period is in the morning. I don't see the need for 75 minutes at lunch.

My one child at JV said it's difficult to make it from the top floor to the back portables in 5 minutes especially in the winter. Adding many more students in the building will add to the time between periods. Might be more realistic to take time off lunch and make it 7-8 minutes for class changeover.

Why not give priority to feeder catholic schools then open it to the rest. High school is only four years, it is very disruptive to be moving the kids from one building to accommodate. High school is mentally tough for any teenager, why add the stress of commute and having to change schools

Will there be any accommodations for 2 holding schools options in Burlington if a child needs to go home sick if a parent is not able to pick up? they are NOT within walking distance home.

Jean Vanier option what does this mean for the children's workload if they have a 6 period day instead of 4?

Jean Vanier option do the children rotate between the 2 start times? Or are certain grades given start time permanently.

I believe it should be rotated fairly.

Would be great to keep the kids in town instead of long travel times.

With the 6 period day at JV their school day would be extremely stretched out!

Yes, for the increase in period 6 accommodation please consider the following if executed

1) Grade 11/12 students to participate in the earlier schedule (starting at 8:15) due to working hours after school

2) Please ensure whatever decision you proceed to implement that those students that have IEPs (families with children who have special needs) need to have some flexibility on the final options implemented. For example if you do not decide on the increase in periods and you move to a holding location, this may not work for an IEP student and therefore should have the option to work with principal on the best set up for success for these children who have special needs

## Appendix E

### Final Comments as Received

JV is already so heavily populated, and extending the day is not all that desirable, as we have seen at bishop reading. We do not want Milton to be known for its overcrowded schools, where kids can't participate in extra curricular activities or flourish.

My son is set to go to JV in September in the locally developed class. Will he be able to attend JV??

As Milton continues to grow there will always be boundary reviews. Leave it as is, portables are easy to add and take away than build a whole new facility. In 20 years time you will have the problem of low enrollments and school closures similar to what is happening in Oakville and Burlington

As my son is 06 and moving into Grade 9 next year at JV. This change would have his group move 3 times (Grade 9 /Grade 10, 11 and then grade 12 to new school)

While it is not ideal with extended periods, this is the only option I feel viable for this group of students. This option limits disruption for Grade 9s and 10s for 2021 and 2022.

Thank you

Disappointing with the Catholic school Board, it is known that close to half of JVs enrolments are non catholic students. If this is true we shouldn't have to be making plans for our catholic elementary students to have to be housed in other facilities or towns to accommodate students who choose to not go to their public high schools which seem to get funded sooner than our catholic schools.

Do things quicker.

Families with students in Gr 8 should have more say in how the decision is made if students will be made to move to Interim school or not. The rest of the community at JV will be looking to lower numbers so they would be happy to send others students to another school as it doesn't impact their students in a negative way only positive. Would an option be the grandfather students once they are in gr 10 and giving them the option of moving or not.

Find a way to keep students in Milton. Looks like easiest way is to increase class size by one student. Other option is to assess the public board capacity and limit who is accepted to all schools with the focus of balancing registrations.

For us, this has put a very different perspective on the board as a whole, regardless of the government restraints. We are disappointed that parents and families were not notified of these issues BEFORE we signed up our students for high school (going into grade 9). We could have made our own alternate arrangements had we known the chances to be in one high school for all four years be at risk. Now the chances for preferred courses at an alternate school is unlikely.

We are strongly considering diverting our taxes back to the public board, and moving our child out of the Catholic system due to this very irresponsible and poorly managed solution.

We are disappointed families and parents were not involved in the process earlier than now.

Give priority to catholic students from feeder schools and CAP the school! when the school is full it's full. Redirect them to other boards/ schools who are extremely available and not over capacity. Enough with overcrowding and over burdening our current system just for tax dollars.

Good job!

High consideration should be put into switching Milton#11 CES with Milton#3 CSS locations, or locating Milton#3 CSS further SouthEast.

JV CSS and proposed Milton#3 CSS are in close proximity of each other, and in close proximity of Craig Kielburger. For SAFETY reasons, distance from other high schools would be of benefit, and for future planing it would be advantageous to have all three Milton CSS of equal distance within the city.

I believe that option A and one of the Burlington schools as a holding school are the clear winners in terms of best options for the Milton community.

I do not like the idea of my child taking a bus to Burlington in order to attend school as we live in milton. I feel comfortable having my child live and attend school in milton, within walking distance of our house.

I do not support anything other than keeping students in the same school and should only move if the parents feel it is best for their child.

I have personally- as I'm sure many other parents have, sacrificed career changes to ensure stability for their children.

This is making me consider pulling my child from the catholic board and moving to the public system.

I feel that the 6 period options is a good options to accommodate our students. Also adding the additional portables until the building is completed.

I know the school board is trying to figure this out but if the city made sure schools were in place before builders were allowed to build so many houses this wouldn't be happening. All the new residents should be made to travel to Burlington or go to decrepit old schools. This is infuriating. Or make all non-catholics go to these schools. This is crazy.

I say it again the new secondary catholic school should come up soon in the interest of kids and board should work towards it in all ways.

i strongly disagree with my child leaving Milton for schooling no matter how temporary

I think if the students can be kept in Milton at E.C.Drury that would be the best in terms of convenience and safety. Especially during the winter time when the weather gets bad. Less time spent on the road.

I think there should be a cap on the number of students attending each school. First selection goes to the students that are in the boundaries of that particular school. Then, any remaining spots can go to students who are not in the boundaries/or part of the catholic board.

For the students attending public elemetary schools, is there room for all of them at the public highschoos? I dont see why the catholic students should have to choose thier highschool based on if it is severly overcrowded vs. the public high school that may not be as crowded.

I understand that many construction projects are on hold due to the pandemic and due to other budget/government factors - this however seems hastily put together. the options being presented to parents are huge inconvenience #1, huge inconvenience #2 and so on. Community growth and expansion is not new to milton, better plans should have been put in place to handle the population. I grew up attending HCDSB schools myself and have never come across such a logistical mess such as this one.

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I want my son to stay in JV catholic school to finish his course any sudden change will definitely effect him. Also JV is within our boundaries infect in our neighborhood.

I will be contacted the mp (gill) or W5 may be more interested in this disaster. Parents are not happy, this is a huge dis service to Catholic tax payers in Milton. Students should be going to their right high school so they can create community. It is too big then create another community for those not Catholic. Or give them the other proposed schools. This hs should have started 2 years ago when I went to the planning meetings. The money needs to be used for a high school now so that students have a proper education in Milton. Let's go!! Stop using delays, ministry cut backs and covid as an excuse.

I would prefer that my children stay within Milton in case of an emergency, winter travel and extracurricular activities. Also, don't like half hour travel time. With a heavy heart and after supporting the catholic school system for 10 years, my family is strongly considering transferring to a public high school within walking distance. If my children switch I will be supporting the public school system. Thank you

I would like the committee to consider the special need students and their parents. Especially those who are settled in the high school and have educators, support staff, programming already in place. I feel they should stay at their present high school when the changes come into affect. This can really affect the student success not only academically but socially and emotionally. Giving these parents an opportunity to decide and be given a choice to move. As well, those who are graduating, they should remain, many have planted roots in their high school and it is a big moment for them to end a chapter to a place where they started. Remembering the Catholic Graduate Expectations and how it affects the whole child. Finally, I strongly feel moving the children to Burlington is not a good idea. Too far and does not create the memories of where a children has started their education and would like to continue their next chapter which is in the Town of Milton. Thank you

I'm curious as to why the funding for Milton #3 has not been secured yet? It leaves me worried that the proposed timelines will not be accurate. If things get delayed (as they often are in construction) having my child bussed 40 minutes out of town for 3 years seems extremely unrealistic and unfair to students and the families that support them. I am trusting that the board and committee are being realistic with their timeline estimates and not intentionally leading the parents along. Asking us to vote on hypotheticals is extremely difficult.

I'm curious to know why JV continues to accept non Milton and Non Catholic students. And, these students will be grandfather??? I feel like this has come as a surprise to most parents. How can this happen when it is well known that Milton has been the fastest growing community for a number of years. I feel like someone has dropped the ball! Split the students between BR and JV. We have lived in Milton for 14 years and yet we are expected to transport our children to another community. This is not an option for most families due to extracurricular commitments. There has to be a better way.

If the catholic feeder school students were accepted first as a priority and then any remaining space could be opened up to HDSB students then we potentially would have more space for our students and not over crowded secondary schools

If the decision is made to do a feeder school we may have to make the difficult decision to leave the Catholic School Board.

Is it possible that EC Drury be renovated so that it could contain all the amenities of a regular high school?

It is an injustice that the future students that should be eligible for JV as a feeder school are now unable to attend JV which should have easily housed them. Allowing the Milton Catholic highschools to become overwhelmed in enrollment from outside of the Catholic feeder schools is a gross injustice to the families of OLF & GA. At present CK Public Highschool offers my 2 younger children the most cohesive and loving environment for Secondary Education. It is unfortunate that my taxes have funded a facility that my younger children will be unable to use, yet children who did not help fund JV have been allowed to enroll and utilize the school, which has created the overload and lack of enrollment eligibility. Allowing enrollment from outside of the feeder schools to JV should have been capped to the point that OLF & GA students were guaranteed spots, and until such time that the 3rd CHS was built. As Board members, I would have expected that you would have protected the pupils of OLF & GA.

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It is extremely disappointing that the Milton #3 school is so off track that this interim solution is required. There is no surprise in the growth of the town and its student population. The number of portables in the 2 Catholic secondary schools has been overwhelming, almost since the day JV was constructed. City planners and provincial funders need to do a better job of executing on such important planning.

It is very unsettling to have to have siblings in different schools when school is full of non-Catholics. How about a parking structure at Vanier so you can use the rest of the parking lot for more portables??

It's imminent to build the school at proposed CSS#3 at Kennedy circle at earliest to help kids studying at Guardian Angel school and lady of Fathima school. Strongly support this.

It's truly disappointing to learn that the badly needed third CSS has not been built yet and it will be interesting to learn why that is the case.

Other questions that need addressing are in relation to the students that are being allowed to enroll in CSS in Milton when they are apparently not from feeder elementary schools

Looking at capacity and distance is really my top concern for my child who is in Our Lady of Fatima. I'd like to hope that funding would come at an appropriate time, and that Milton #3 will be up and running for the 2022/2023 school year.

Looks good, hopefully everything runs smoothly.

MAKE SURE THAT OUR KIDS STUDY IN MILTON.

STOP THIS BURLINGTON NONSENSE PEOPLE!!!

MAKE SURE THAT BUILDING OF THE NEW HIGH SCHOOL IN MILTON STARTS ASAP!!!

Milton has been growing extensively for years. It's ridiculous that this plan hasn't been in the works for the last few years. With no final budget and a 3 year wait list...disappointing.

More clarity for next survey about whether Grade 9 or Grades 9 and 10 will be impacted. Also, how will Covid-19 and social distancing impact the planning for the interim locations and Milton #3?
No , makes sense
None
None
not an easy task that's fir sure - I think the committee has done a great job at selecting options and the videos were very informative. let's just hope the one i voted for is the one selected
noun
One of my kids has been dealing with social anxiety for so many years, so we know that this or other health mental issues are not taken in consideration some times, but I would like to ask you to minimize the changes for kids as much as you can, specially now that a lot of families will experience a lot of unwanted changes that will affect the kids's "new normal". We are very thankful for all the work that the SBRC is doing!
Option A sounds like a good solution. A holding school within EC Drury us the most logical solution.
Our government has to start taking infrastructure seriously our numbers are not decreasing. Stop being money hungry for property and put in place enough schools so our children have somewhere to be educated.
Perhaps restricting enrolment to catholic students only, would have prevented this problem in the first place. Jean Vanier has a large non-catholic population that attend simply for the convenience of location, not to broaden and practice their faith. These student should be required to be bused down the road to Craig Kilburger or Milton District which would open up space for practicing catholic students.
Please do not change the boundary for current catholic elementary schools in Milton, as it will cause many parents frustrated and distressed to deal with everything that comes with switching schools for young kids.
Please do not choose a 6 day period at JV.
please think of the students when making your decisions.
Pre planning is very useful, however why does the planning and building of new schools have to take so long? Why not put efforts and funding in the pushing of building the new schools rapidly so they are ready in relation to all the new homes being moved into.
Province should release funding so that building of the new school can commence. We are all paying taxes on time to the government, so why are they not meeting their obligations to the community?
Relocating Grade 9 students seems like a very poorly thought out plan, they are in need of stability in the first years. Why not relocate the older kids that have less class load, can drive to another location?
Should have been considered sooner considering the number of homes that continue to be built. We are thinking of the children last.
Revisit the % of HDSB students. It should be capped if capacity is an issue. CK had 1700 students last year.
Sure Milton is growing exponentially but always consider a student's welfare and benefits first and foremost and the current COVID-19 crisis should make this even more of a factor.
Thank you for all your work.
Thank you for consulting the public. I think it's important to make the facility applications early to account for less disruption. I also think the schools are currently too large in their populations to establish a proper sense of community so anything you can do to reduce population size sooner, the better for all.
Thank you for the detail on the website and in the videos. We're definitely able to make an informed decision so well done.

The Grade 8s this year have gone through so many overwhelming situations with Covid 19. This group has had to suffer tremendously with losing their graduation, trips, and all associated with their final elementary year.

The Board is now proposing this same group- move to three different schools for their high school experience. This is detrimental to their mental health and stress. As I understand they would move to JV ( buy uniforms), then move to another school for Grade 10/11 ( but another uniform) and then move for Grade 12 to the new school.

How unfair is this to the Grade 8 OLF and Guardian Angels population? How much stress and change do we expect to put these students under. I personally feel this is a tipping point for this specific group.

I understand overpopulation and understand the grade 9s can start together in the 2021 year and they would then have the final 2 years at the new school. This option is more accommodating and less intrusive to the students affected.

The poor planning whereby this should have been instituted in 2018, the lack of transparency in selecting representatives who participate in the boundary review is very disheartening as a long time Milton taxpayer.

The presentation material although informative was not very clear. A better job needs to be done in summing up the options and providing pros and cons so that parents can easily review all the information. Extremely disappointed in what was presented and the manner it was done.

The school board needs to find a way of getting the school built on time. My daughter walks to school and my employer will not accommodate me driving my child to school now that you are suggestion schools outside their neighborhood ood boundaries

To support the over population at Jean Vanier and to ease access, physical restrictions and access to curriculum, please consider accepting only feeder schools at the present time. Reviewing the current state of portables, there is absolutely no way that a grade 9 student can successfully navigate between classes within a 4 minute transition time. The portable situation at JV is currently unacceptable and I may consider enrolling my children in the public system so that they can maintain a less stressful school day. The grade 9 cohort for next year is shockingly high and this planning should have already occurred to alleviate the stress. I feel badly for the teachers and staff who no longer have a workplace that includes a place to park.

UNDERSTANDABLY THE STUDENTS NEED TO GO SOMEWHERE, BUT TO BUS TO BURLINGTON IS TOO FAR - IT WILL BE AN HOUR A DAY OF COMMUTE - NOT GOOD WHEN YOU TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION WINTER WEATHER, EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND HOMEWORK. MANY OF US ARE CONSIDERING SWITCHING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL IF THEY END UP BEING BUSED TO BURLINGTON, RATHER HAVE THEM CLOSE TO HOME IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL THAN FAR AWAY

Very unfair for these students to not be able to start their high school years property. Poor planning & tax dollars not put where they should have been.

Please try your hardest to get things in order as soon as possible for the new high school. Parents are very upset.

We are strongly considering removing our children from the Catholic system due to this "solution". The Board failed to provide adequate involvement from the community and affected families. We should have had some insight into the problem when high school enrollment started, instead of the "pathways" presentation, we should have also received boundary review and capacity issues.

We would be interested to know how many students/families the board loses each year to the public system due to issues like this.

We have lived in our house since the subdivision was built. That's 18 years! At the rapid rate Milton has grown, why is this being thought of so late in the game.?The kids in this neighborhood continue to be subject to being bounced around. Our taxes which continually increase, are to go to a Catholic school within our neighborhood not to a city nearby. I would prefer if the boards were amalgamated and the kids have an option to choose religious studies as an elective. Its unfair to push these kids from school to school when they have to deal with the already existing pressures of adolescents, societal pressures and academic pressures. My daughter already experiences anxiety of fitting in/standing out.

We want our kids to have a normal school in Milton. We want the NEW SCHOOL TO BE BUILT ASAP, even if it is being built at nights/  
NO BURLINGTON NONSENSE

What a tough job you have had to sort all of this out! You are doing your best with a bad situation. If only the government had planned for the future of Milton when it began to grow, and if only, it could now be quick to provide funding!

What is happening with school uniforms during this transition. Are parents expected to purchase uniforms for one school (ie. JV), then expected to purchase brand new uniforms once the new HS is built? This needs to be discussed when making this decision - uniforms are a big financial investment for families and we should not be expected to pay twice because of the boundary review.

Please keep this in mind. Our children are expecting to start their high school years at JV. The grade 8's have been significantly impacted by Covid...they are missing their graduation, which is a pinnacle milestone from childhood to young adulthood. These kids are heart-broken. If we throw another wrench at them and tell them that we're displacing their first high school experience too, we're showing them that their feelings and experiences don't matter.

I understand the need for boundary reviews. But we are dealing with children's feelings of security during a critical transformative time in their lives

Where is the money going??? All the funding from the Catholic (separate tax money) Where has that gone, given that the schools are built based on student numbers why has funding not come earlier. As well as why are HCDB students allowed into the school without a Catholic background behind them. The scenario really does not benefit any of the feeder school families.

While I am sure the students would prefer to all be at JV I feel that putting that many students on site at one time it will lead to increase in negative activity between students.

Why are we waiting to move the new Grade 9's to a holding school in the 2021-2022 year? Is there not a way we can move them this 2020-2021 school year? Also, how are the Catholic feeder schools being prioritized registration over non feeder schools?

Why is extended French being taken away from Bishop Reding? Students that would like to do AP and extended French are losing out by this change.

With all the projections being made it would be nice to make these decisions further in advance and have the construction begin sooner. To little to late now but future thought.

Would be great the AP or IB program implemented in the #3 school as well.

Neighbourhood kids will leave catholic education for CKHS which introduced the IB program in Milton!

yes, we need a new high school, this issue is not going away with milton's population growing. our kids deserve a proper school placement.

Can Bishop Redding add Guardian Angels to their feeder school?

You need to stop letting non Catholics go to catholic schools and letting students from out of the boundaries attend other schools as these numbers are ridiculous and unacceptable. You are causing undue stress to the students. High school is supposed to be one of the best experiences of your life, this situation in Milton is not going to allow that to happen. You have students who may not be going to school with their friends and peers because of this situation. Also, you are causing people to not want to attend school in milton and move out of the community to ensure their child gets a better education and high school experience.

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