



Milton Secondary School Boundary Review

Report of Online Survey Results

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Survey Background

The purpose of this survey was to collect input on the three possible interim accommodation options, proposed by the Halton Catholic District School Board (HCDSB) School Boundary Review Committee. The online survey was available from Friday June 5th to Sunday June 14th, 2020. In total, 449 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 = 401; 89.3%) indicated that they were **parents/guardians** (see *Table 1*).

Table 1. Respondents' Roles

Role	Count (n)	Percentage (%)
Parent/Guardian	401	89.3%
Other (e.g., general member of the community)	22	4.9%
Student	26	5.8%
TOTAL	449	100%

If respondents selected *Parent/Guardian* as their role, they were then asked to select the school(s)¹ that their child(ren) will attend in September 2020. Most of the parent/guardian respondents indicated that they were part of the following three schools: Jean Vanier (n = 179; 44.6%); Our Lady of Fatima (n = 83; 20.7%); and, Guardian Angels (n = 46; n = 11.5%). Please see [Appendix A](#) for the complete breakdown. When asked what grade(s) their child(ren) will attend in September 2020, the most selected answer was *Grade 9* (n = 120; 29.9%). Please see [Appendix B](#) for the complete breakdown.

If respondents selected *Student* as their role, they were then asked to select the school and grade they will attend in September 2020. Most of the student respondents indicated that they were part of the following two schools: Jean Vanier (n = 15; 57.7%); and, Guardian Angels (n = 7; n =

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

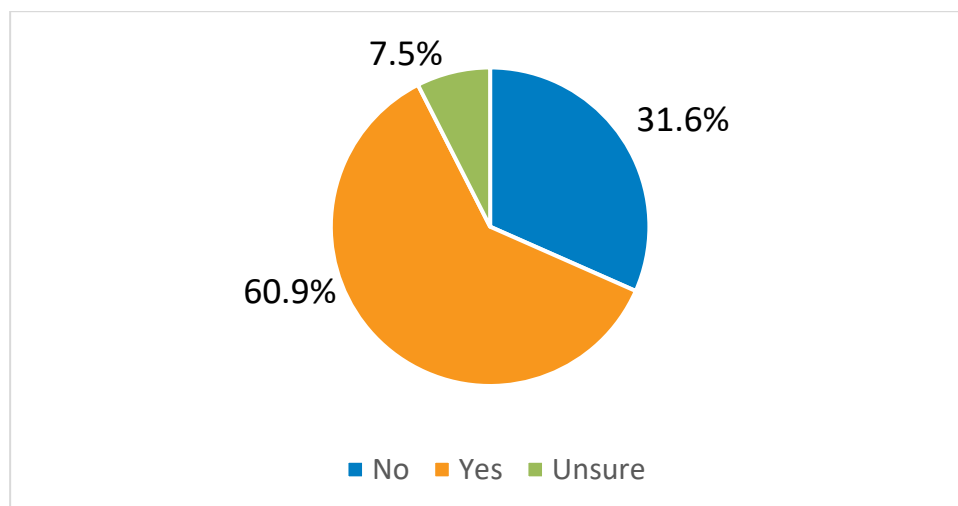
26.9%). Please see [Appendix C](#) for the complete breakdown. When asked what grade they will be attending in September 2020, the most selected answer was *Grade 9* (n = 8; 30.8%). Please see [Appendix D](#) for the complete breakdown.

Ultimate School Boundaries

Q1: Based on the results of the above Student Transition Lookup Tool, are you/your child(ren) located within the boundary of the new Milton #3 Catholic Secondary School?²

The majority of respondents (n = 260; 60.9%) indicated that, based on the provided Student Transition Lookup Tool, they are within the boundary of the new Milton #3 CSS (see *Figure 1*).

Figure 1. Respondents within the newly proposed Milton #3 CSS catchment (n = 427)



For the following two questions, three groups of responses will be displayed: (1) **All respondents**; (2) **Milton #3 respondents** (includes students or parents/guardians who indicated that they (a) are located within the boundary of the new Milton #3 CSS, and (b) will be in grade 9 or 10 in the 2021-22 school year); (3) **Jean Vanier respondents** (includes students or parents/guardians who indicated that they (a) are NOT located within the boundary of the new Milton #3 CSS, and (b) will be attending Jean Vanier CSS in the 2021-22 school year).

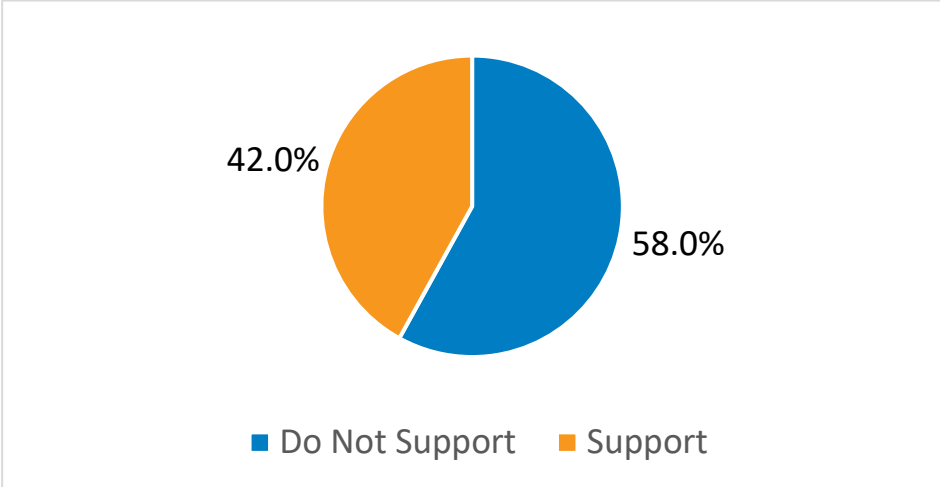
Q2: Based on the information provided above and the website, do you support the preferred interim accommodation plan (Lester B. Pearson HS Holding School)?

All Respondents

As shown in *Figure 2*, below, the majority of respondents (n = 253; 58%) do not support the preferred interim accommodation plan.

² Only parents/guardians and students were asked this question.

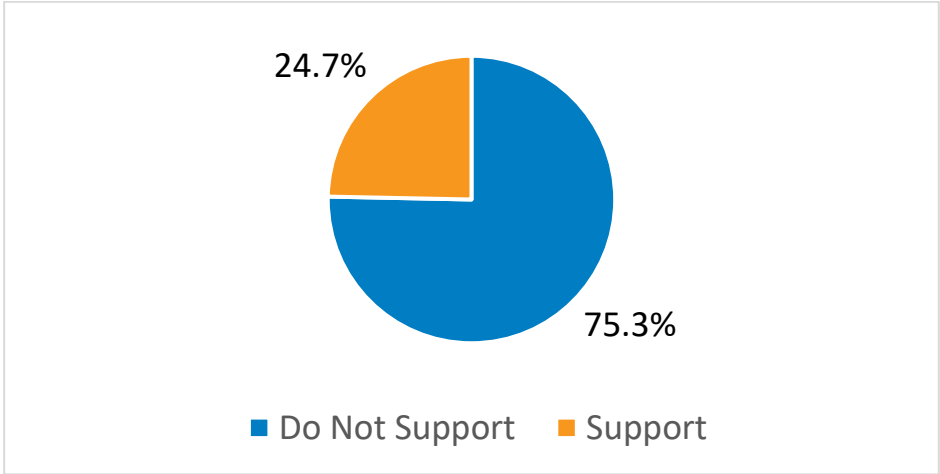
Figure 2. Support of the Preferred Interim Accommodation Plan – All Respondents (n = 436)



Milton #3 Respondents

As shown in *Figure 3*, below, the majority of Milton #3 respondents (n = 116; 75.3%) do not support the preferred interim accommodation plan.

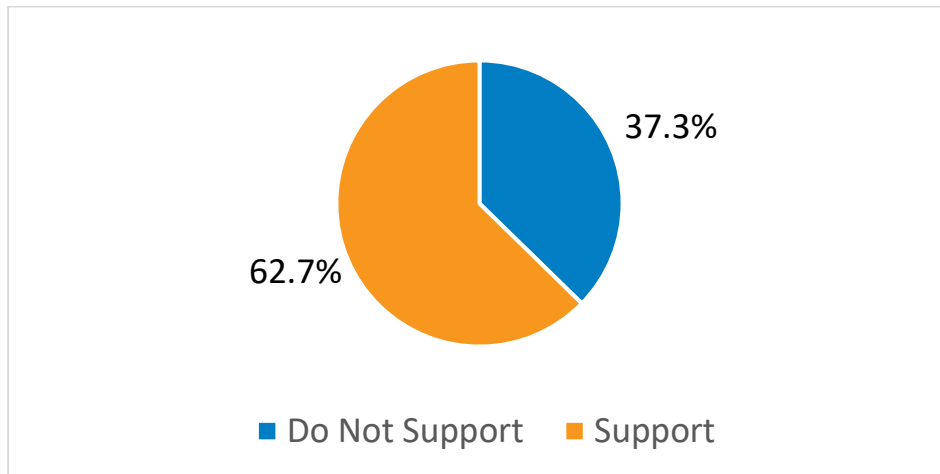
Figure 3. Support of the Preferred Interim Accommodation Plan – Milton #3 Respondents (n = 154)



Jean Vanier Respondents

As shown in *Figure 4*, below, the majority of Jean Vanier respondents (n = 42; 62.7%) support the preferred interim accommodation plan.

Figure 4. Support of the Preferred Interim Accommodation Plan – Jean Vanier Respondents (n = 67)

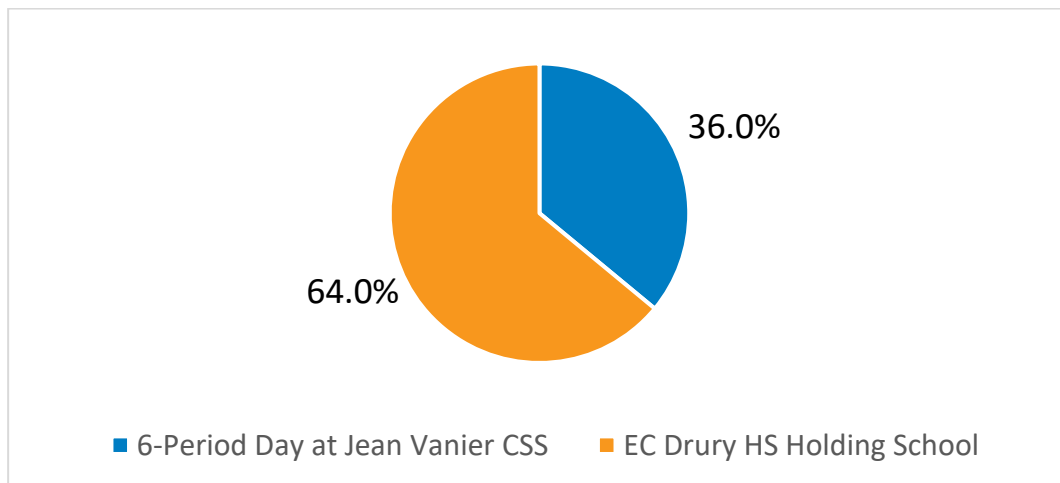


Q3: *Of the two alternate interim accommodation plans, which do you support the most?*

All Respondents

As shown in *Figure 5*, below, the majority of respondents (n = 272; 64%) selected *EC Drury HS* as the alternate interim accommodation plan they most support.

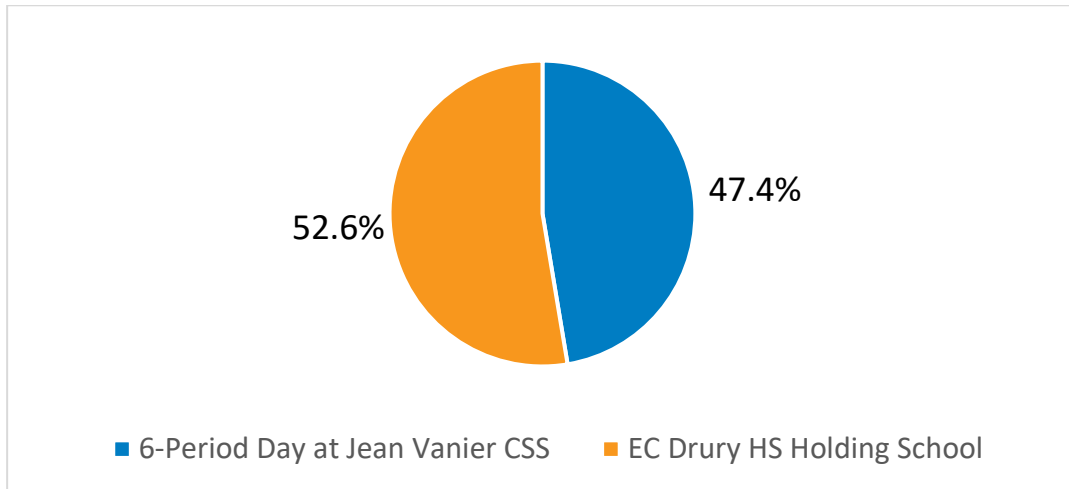
Figure 5. Ratings of the Interim Accommodation Solutions – All Respondents (n = 425)



Milton #3 Respondents

As shown in *Figure 6*, below, slightly more than half of the Milton #3 respondents (n = 80; 52.6%) selected *EC Drury HS* as the alternate interim accommodation plan they most support.

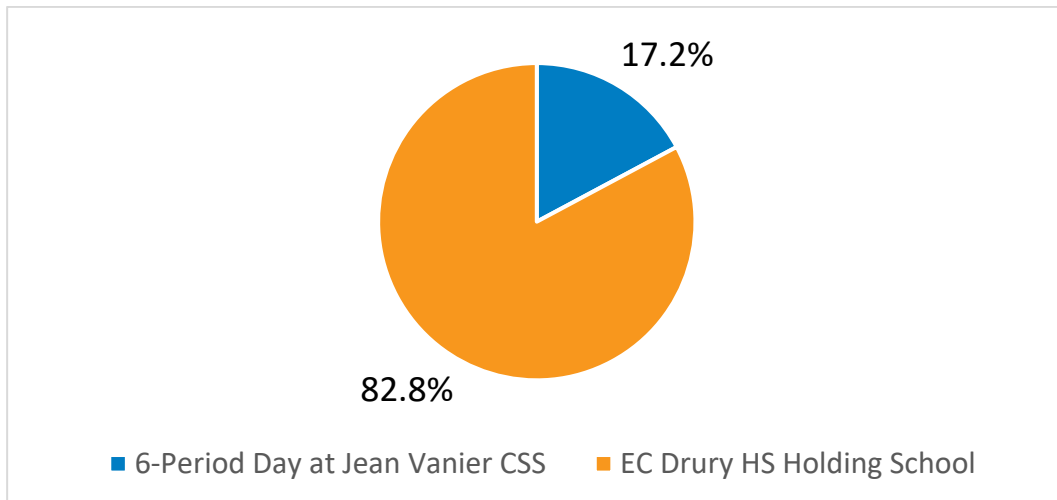
Figure 6. Ratings of the Interim Accommodation Solutions – Milton #3 Respondents (n = 152)



Jean Vanier Respondents

As shown in *Figure 7*, below, the majority of Jean Vanier respondents (n = 53; 82.8%) selected EC Drury HS as the alternate interim accommodation plan they most support.

Figure 7. Ratings of the Interim Accommodation Solutions – Jean Vanier Respondents (n = 64)



Q4: Do you have any additional comments or suggestions? (n = 151)

Respondents were asked if they had additional comments or suggestions; 151 (33.6%) respondents provided a comment. The responses can be aggregated into the following common themes: (1) **Desire to keep students at a school within their hometown of Milton**; (2) **6-day period at Jean Vanier not a viable option**; and (3) **Disapproval of the multiple school transitions**.

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 E](#).

THEME 1: Desire to keep students at a school within their hometown of Milton (n = 68; 45.0%). Some respondents expressed their desire to keep students in Milton, opposing the option of bussing them to Lester B. Pearson High School in Burlington. The rationales given include the following: lengthy bus rides required if attending a school in Burlington, the potential safety risks associated with longer bus routes and winter conditions, the inability to get to and from a Burlington school easily for appointments, work, etc., and wanting to create a sense of community within students' hometown. Examples:

“Distance will increase travel and reduce personal time for school work, employment and extra curricular activities. We need to keep our students in our own city. Medical appointments would be impossible to accommodate without interruption to the students attendance nevermind the added challenges for parents. If something gets forgotten at home it is literally impossible to retrieve without significant effort. You need to think about the huge impact on students that are athletes as well. Travelling out of town often means they can't attend training before and after school on time etc.... Out of town school would make that impossible. It's just simply not a good idea. No one is thinking clearly about this. Very disappointed that the “preferred” option is to send Milton students out of Milton.”

“Every effort must be made to ensure the kids go to school locally and do not have to face extensive commutes to Lester B Pearson.”

THEME 2: 6-period day at Jean Vanier is not a viable option (n = 36; 23.8%). Some respondents were concerned with the safety issues, scheduling conflicts, and overpopulation associated with a 6-period day at Jean Vanier. Examples:

“I agree with the cons regarding the Jean Vanier school option. The school is already very congested and it is already difficult for kids to move around in stairwells etc when they change classes. Having multiple start/end times would definitely negatively impact older grade children who have pre-existing after school commitments.”

“I do not support the 6 period day for a number of reasons:

- Given the current pandemic, the sheer number of students on the grounds is unsafe and does not allow for any personal distant to be maintained.

- The number of students in this accommodation would not support an active learning environment”

THEME 3: Disapproval of the multiple school transitions (n = 21; 13.9%). Some respondents expressed dissatisfaction with the potential for students to change high schools multiple times. Examples:

“I’m concerned my child could be in 3 schools in 3 years.

I also don't think its realistic to ask parents to buy complete new uniforms 2 years in a row. My child has expressed that she would prefer to be at JV until the new school is built regardless of size.”

“It will be a hard transition for my grade 9 student entering 2020-2021 to only remain for one year at JV, then a holding school for a year and then the new catholic high school for his grade 11 and 12 years. That is a lot of movement and adjustments that need to be endured in such a pivotal time in his life. Hopefully the transition is smooth and they are not penalized as they will be making adjustments from remote learning, to high school, to a holding school then to the new high school. As a teacher and parent I can only assume that their mental health will be considered and programs will be in place to support students in their many transitions...”

Appendix A

Total Count of Respondents' School(s)

Schools	Count (n)	Percentage (%) ³
Jean Vanier CSS	179	44.6%
Our Lady of Fatima CES	83	20.7%
Guardian Angels CES	46	11.5%
Bishop P. F. Reding CSS	37	9.2%
Queen of Heaven CES	36	9.0%
St. Benedict CES	27	6.7%
Lumen Christi CES	24	6.0%
St. Scholastica CES	19	4.7%
Our Lady of Victory CES	10	2.5%
St. Anthony of Padua CES	10	2.5%
Holy Rosary (Milton) CES	9	2.2%
St. Peter CES	5	1.2%
HDSB Elementary School	3	0.7%
Other (e.g. private school)	3	0.7%
Other HCDSB Elementary School (not listed above)	2	0.5%
HDSB Secondary School	2	0.5%
Other HCDSB Secondary School (not listed above)	1	0.2%
CSV Elementary School	0	0.0%
CSV Secondary School	0	0.0%
CSCM Elementary School	0	0.0%
CSCM Secondary School	0	0.0%
TOTAL	496	

³ Total exceeds 100% as respondents were able to select more than one school

Appendix B

Total Count of Respondents' Grade(s)

Grade	Count (n)	Percentage (%)
Younger than JK/SK	5	1.2%
Kindergarten (JK/SK)	29	7.2%
1	16	4.0%
2	33	8.2%
3	32	8.0%
4	45	11.2%
5	60	15.0%
6	47	11.7%
7	75	18.7%
8	87	21.7%
9	120	29.9%
10	58	14.5%
11	59	14.7%
12	24	6.0%
Continuing Education/Adult Learning	2	0.5%
Post-secondary school (e.g., college, university, trades school)	5	1.2%
Other	2	0.5%
TOTAL	699	

Appendix C

Total Count of Respondents' Schools

School	Count (n)	Percentage (%)
Jean Vanier CSS	15	57.7%
Guardian Angels CES	7	26.9%
Our Lady of Fatima CES	2	7.7%
Lumen Christi CES	1	3.8%
St. Scholastica CES	1	3.8%
TOTAL	26	100%

Appendix D

Total Count of Respondents' Grades

Grade	Count (n)	Percentage (%)
7	4	15.4%
8	7	26.9%
9	8	30.8%
10	3	11.5%
11	3	11.5%
12	1	3.8%
TOTAL	26	100%

Appendix E

Final Comments as Received

Do you have any additional comments or suggestions?

I am considering public school, none of these options are any good!

The New School should have been already built. Now money is being spent (wasted) On temporary location.

We will not send our child to the Burlington location as it is too far.
Over 20 kilometers is not a normal way to travel to school in a developed country.
It will be over 42km of commuting daily in addition to the Other after school activities kids have.
Some even at 4PM -which means
The Burl bus will never realistically make it in less than 1 hour.
The 30 minutes suggested previously is not Possible.

If Burl. Gets the approval, we will seek to register our child in a Public Secondary School.

#3 is a ridiculous option and shouldn't even be up for discussion!

2-3 transitions is not an option for students. This shouldn't even be up for discussion

Stacking the pros and cons as a list versus stacking them as weighted importance is a tactic used to mislead voters to vote in one direction versus another.

I'm not impressed.

6 day period is only fair option for students in gr 9 20/21 cohort.

Another child currently attending Jean Vanier

Are the EFI grade 9 2021/2022 students be part of these options?

As a student starting at JV in gr 9 I do not want to be bussed to Burlington or go to EC Drury after spending a full year making new friends and meeting new teachers at JV. I have been looking forward to going to JV since my Older brother goes there already. I really like the school and have been there lots of times for different sports tournaments and for summer sports camp. Gr 9 students should be given to choice to stay at JV or leave for the interim location. We should not be forced to leave since it's not our fault that the new highschool isnt open and probably won't be open till at least gr 12 with the way things are going. I don't want to go to a school that was built in 1975 with all the same kids I went to elementary school with. I want to meet new friends from the different schools going to JV not just GA. Please think about us the students and how we feel

About this. Making us change to 3 buildings is very demeaning and makes us feel like we don't matter.

As a teacher/ coach I am concerned with the transition of Jean Vanier to an extended schedule. It is listed on the pro/ cons that there would be increased access to extra-curriculars. I am not certain if I am missing any details but if the senior day did not end until 4:15 that would be the time extra curriculars would be able to begin (given that facilities would be required for phys-ed classes.) For many sports this would mean that practices would have to go until 5:45/ 6:15 in order to maintain status quo - which would be a tremendous hardship for those balancing families etc and likely a huge disincentive for many teachers to volunteer as coaches...

Being a resident of Milton for the passed 17 years in the same home and having been effected 2 other times by Elementary Boundary reviews brings many emotions. . We believe this is unfair to move children up to 3 times in a 4 year time frame. If I wanted to have my children go to a Burlington school then I would have moved to Burlington to begin with. We chose Milton to raise our family and in that sense have them attend schools in Milton. If JV is not a suitable option then at least allow these children to stay in Milton and attend EC Drury. A sense of community in where they have been raised for their entire life should be granted to these children.

Best to keep students in Milton.

Best to keep students in the Milton community. This will keep overall strain on students and parents to a minimum in terms of transportation and before and after school commitments. Boundary tool not working. Map provided was used to determine attendance at #3 CSS.

Best to keep students within their own Milton community. This will keep overall strain on parents and students in terms of transportation and before and after school commitments to a minimum. Boundary tool link is not working, map was used to determine CSS area.

Between Covid and anti racist activism, these kids have dealt with a great deal of change n addition to the normal stressors of starting high school. I would prefer to opt for minimize number of changes to their environment.

Both my children will be attending JV 2020-2021 school year grades 9 and 10. I do not want them separated whiling attending high school. Siblings should be considered to stay together and not separated. It's not their fault that Milton is growing and there is not enough room for them to attend school together.

Burlington is the option that makes the most sense

Burlington is too far - do not support my child being so far from home at this time

Bus service must continue for students still attending grade 11 and 12 in the years during the transition for those living in the new CCS#3 areas. I do not like my children being in different schools which is what's going to happen with this "interim" school scenario

Children having to commute out of Milton will have a considerable impact on them, after this pandemic many things will change for kids (and families) , at school, at home, financially and emotional changes, we NEED to try to minimize the impact , mental health is as important as physical health. If you move the kids to an out of town school, means that they won't have stability from March 2020 until the new high school is ready.

Closer to place of residences, if enrollment increase exponentially for the third secondary school. Consider, renting office/retail space in an interim basis.

Current 10&11 grade students are grandfathered so why are you not doing this in the 2022 school year? What % of current students reside out of boundary? Out of town? What impact will covid 19 have on these #'s. maybe another survey? Time is passing quickly, what is the status of funding for the new school? I know you all are trying your best but sadly it's not good enough.

Distance will increase travel and reduce personal time for school work, employment and extra curricular activities. We need to keep our students in our own city. Medical appointments would be impossible to accommodate without interruption to the students attendance nevermind the added challenges for parents. If something gets forgotten at home it is literally impossible to retrieve without significant effort. You need to think about the huge impact on students that are athletes as well. Travelling out of town often means they can't attend training before and after school on time etc. Swimming is an excellent example. Elite athletes (many Olympic bound) that train at 5am to 730am then again at 3pm-530pm or longer. Out of town school would make that impossible. It's just simply not a good idea. No one is thinking clearly about this. Very disappointed that the "preferred" option is to send Milton students out of Milton.

DO NOT SEND ANY MORE STUDENTS TO JV!!!! My older child went there last year for a few months and got robbed, jumped and harassed non stop to the point I had to change his school! Too many entitled spoiled kids who think no one can punish them and do whatever they like!!!!

E. C. Drury would be the logical option in my opinion because there isn't a long drive/bus ride, it's placed in the town of Milton, there are many pros and not many cons to this option. I also think this is the easiest change and option for students aswell as it's also the most widely chosen option by parents and students.

Every effort must be made to ensure the kids go to school locally and do not have to face extensive commutes to Lester B Pearson.

Feeder schools should be priority!!!

Fight for the mental health and well-being of our children. They should have the 3rd high school built for our kids. This will provide security and allow our children to succeed without disruption in their learning.

Firstly, I think the differences between the 2 holding schools should be highlighted more. They seemed pretty much the same to me. Also, I definitely don't think that having a 6 period day at Jean Vanier is a good choice. It is very bad for the children's mental health as you stated yourself so it should not even be a choice because our children's mental health is our first priority.

Good luck

Halton Catholic DSB should be embarrassed at their lack of planning. #MS3 should have been built by now. We have full intentions of switching to the Public school, as many others already have. Leaving this important decision up to a vote, means some families don't get what they want. kids should attend a school close to home and be eligible for all programs at their school of choice.

Have the holding school process at Lester B Person begin in the 20-21 school year

Having the children in Milton community is easier. Especially during the winter season when transporting is harder and will result in more school bus cancellations and disruptions.

I agree with the cons regarding the Jean Vanier school option. The school is already very congested and it is already difficult for kids to move around in stairwells etc when they change classes. Having multiple start/end times would definitely negatively impact older grade children who have pre-existing after school commitments.

I attended a high school in Guelph during a time of transition. When I was in grade 9 there was one catholic high school serving senior grades in the City (Bishop MacDonnel), the school was over capacity. The following year, the two junior high schools fully transition to high schools, and subsequently the board made a decision to close Bishop Mac. By the time I was in grade 12 the school only held students in grades 11-13. I experienced both a 'large' high school and a small high school, and the sense of community and opportunity provided by the small high school was by far the most positive experience. The benefits of community and opportunity to participate meaningfully in clubs, sports teams, etc. far outweighed the disadvantage of having less competitive teams. While I understand concerns over frequent moves for CSS 3 students, I don't feel that Option 3 - extended day at JV will be in the best interests for either the JV or CCS 3 students.

I believe that switching between schools is not fair for the students or parents. Lets say, I have a doctors appointment or get hurt, my mom or dad would have to rush all the way out to Burlington to pick me up. Did you notice that EC Drury and Lester B Pearson have the same amount of pros and cons. Therefore I believe that we should be able to stay in our hometown and go to EC Drury and not ship us off to Burlington that we are not even familiar with! ☹️

I believe the distance to LBP is really the main detriment but enough of a detriment to accept any of the limitations the EC Drury option provides.

I believe the students should be kept in Milton. Brampton is too far parents who may to pick up/drop off students for before/after school activities/extra help

I do not feel it is right to be switching the kids half way through high school and change schools while they get accustomed to the school and teachers and the environment. I feel that you should keep them there to graduate all together. I also feel that we should be in the boundary of Bishop Reding Catholic School. You should also consider that non Catholic families should not be allowed to attend a Catholic High School when they do not even practice the Religion. Catholic families have to make a difficult decision of choosing another school when possibly there is enough space for them to stay in Catholic schools in Milton. Please do not over crowd our Catholic Schools with non Catholic students who do not want to attend mass or go to Religion classes as my daughter graduated from Bishop Redding in 2018 and noticed this with her classmates.

I do not see how transporting my child to Burlington helps them. My son enjoys many extra curricular activities both inside and outside the school setting and the distance does not work for our family. I do not support moving the kids outside of Milton.

I do not support a 6 period day

I DO NOT support either E.C. Drury or 6-Period Day at JV and therefore have no alternate to choose. I've had my son, who was in elementary at E.C Drury as his holding school and it was not a positive experience. I believe that some funds would be required to accommodate for teenage kids. I also can't imagine the challenges that would occur with an even larger population of kids at JV to support a 6-Period Day. I believe that safety is the most important item and neither one of these options would have that as a priority!

I do not support either the second or third choices.

I do not support the 6 period day for a number of reasons:

- Given the current pandemic, the sheer number of students on the grounds is unsafe and does not allow for any personal distant to be maintained.
- The number of students in this accommodation would not support an active learning environment

I do not want to go to school in Burlington. I want to be in Milton, where I live.

It is very disappointing that our school has not been built yet. I think that I deserve a proper high school in Milton just like Jean Vanier or Bishop Reding. This has made me feel upset and anxious at a time that is already difficult.

I don't like up rooting children . If they finish grade 8 at Q of H I want them to go to Jean Vanier CSS for the next four years after

I don't want my daughters to have to change high schools mid way

I don't want to travel far to get to high school. Want to stay close. Preference should be given to students to be allowed to go to Vanier if they are within walking distance. Not fair that I should have to go farther when my parents bought a house in this area so that I could be close to both my elementary and high school.

I don't support the First and Second preferred Interim Accommodation plan it's because it would be far from our location.

We reside in Milton and as much as possible I want my son to go to school within the area as well so I preferred the 3rd which is Jean Vanier CSS and it's just near our home.

Thank you.

I don't want to be stuck on a bus for that long everyday. I want to stay in Milton.

I have concerns of the limited arts classes or program offered to my daughter who has skills in this area. Another issue I would have is if my daughter would have to wait longer in the holding school

due to further delays in building/ funding. This is is not really a fair high school experience for the kids.

I hear you allow a percentage of non catholic student admission to JV, I feel that students that have attended catholic schools for their whole lives should have first priority for admission.

I prefer to stay in Milton, Burlington school.is too far.

We took that trip on a very quiet Monday Morning and it takes much longer than the drive to any Milton schools.

If Burlington is chosen, my parents will transfer me to a local public school.

I wish I could attend the new school being built, its taking way to long to build

I see new portables being installed now at Jean Vanier. Does this survey really matter or has a decision already been made?

I stongly DISAGREE that our children would be commuted to Burlington location

I think it is extremely unfair for the 2020/2021 Grade 9s. They will not have a good high school experience with any of these proposed models.

2020/2021: Students enter high school and will likely have a mostly online experience with limited sports/extra-curricular. Not ideal, but similar to all other schools.

2021/2022: Move to a new holding school with only Gr 9s. No sports/extra-curricular and limited culture-building

2022/2023: Move to another new school with Gr 9-11. Limited sports/extra-curricular and culture-building.

They will have 1 year of stability in their entire high school career (Gr 12).

We are in the district, are practicing Catholics, have had 2 other children at JV and love the school and their experience, but we are seriously considering a move to HDSB because there is too much movement. My daughter has an IEP so this further complicates the transition.

It would have been preferable for 2021/2022 to remain at JV and move to the new school in 2022/2023.

I think Pearson is a great solution! I believe it would be too much of a safety hazard to have all students at Jean Vanier for this duration.

I think services/opportunities to students is very important. When I was a student in high school we had this same situation - I went to Philip Pocock CSS and we were transferred to a high school in Etobicoke. Although we were all bussed and a bit further from home the school had all the facilities of a proper high school and that is what matters to a student's school life - all the amenities that a proper school provides, including regular school hours, a decent population size where teachers have time for their students and are not overwhelmed themselves.

i think that its important to balance the school and portable experience. The Grade 9 and 10s need to experience the school with limited portables. Is there a way to balance this?

I think the JV option will cause too much chaos. Even with different start/end times, there will still be crossover and too many students at one time. The Sobeys plaza is a disaster as it is - I think the JV option is just inviting the possibility of more conflict.

I want to stay in school that is located in Milton Only

I will not send my child to Burlington .

Bus trip will take hours on a regular winter day (winter lasts till May)

I would be in support of the EC Drury option if the Grade 9 were able to start this year and only have to switch schools once. Therefore I feel it is in their best interest to stay at Jean Vanier until the new school is ready. It is extremely unfair to expect high school students to switch schools three times.

I would hope that this temporary solution is merely for one year and would expect that our elected trustees understand the urgency and time sensitive nature of getting the students into their permanent school. We also hope they are doing everything they can to expedite the permanent school's construction.

I assume there is some sort of lessons learned analysis from the building etc. of Jean Vanier.

If the decision is made to have students attend a school outside of Milton, I expect the school board to have my child brought home safely (at the school boards cost) in case of illness or any other issues requiring my child to come home during school hours.

If the students will be in a holding school for (only 1 year at JV) 2021 I find it ridiculous that they can't start their year in the holding school for 2020. This would have less impact on kids regardless of the cost associated in doing so. It needs to be about the kids and not about saving costs. This is soooooo ridiculous that they will have 3 different high schools!!! These are pivotal years in their emotional, social and academic development. Who is thinking about the kids and not what's most economical. This is not an ideal situation at all but at least reducing the number of moves can make a horrible situation somewhat better!

I'm concerned my child could be in 3 schools in 3 years.

I also don't think its realistic to ask parents to buy complete new uniforms 2 years in a row. My child has expressed that she would prefer to be at JV until the new school is built regardless of size.

I'm wondering if anyone on the committee has children who might be impacted by these changes. I am surprised to hear that the committee's first choice supports that our children be transported to a school that is 25-30 minutes away from their home. That is a total of an hour commute a day. This may put students with Special Education/ self regulation needs at a disadvantage right from day 1 and will certainly impact all kids regardless of their learner profile. Students will be in a community that may be foreign to them and although the first choice may have access to sports fields and extra-curricular facilities, it would be difficult for our children to participate and have the option of working part-time or volunteering within our own community. The committee's preference is very clear, but I hope parent voice is thoughtfully considered.

It is already problematic at JV with the sudden increase in student population and it seems the administration can not control the students negative behaviour (my child is graduating from JV this month). It would be wise and prudent to push for the alternate school site instead affording the very much needed de congestion at JV.

It is disappointing to see these options are the best the educational planners could come up with after several years of knowing this issue needed to be addressed. The option of travelling to Burlington is NOT an option at all and should never have been tabled for a multitude of reasons least of which only made in Milton options should have been put forth for consideration in the first place. The EC Drury option is the only viable option presented.

It is important for this new school to begin to solidify their identify and sense of school community. This would be difficult to do in the building with Jean Vanier students. I am also VERY concerned about the over crowding and safety at Jean Vanier by adding even more students to this school site location.

It is obvious what is being done. Even though first survey shows a preference of JV 6 pd. you are clearly making this option sound like it is a horrible solution, which it is not. Yes its crowded at JV but the gr 9s shouldn't be asked to move to 3 diff locations. LBP is too far for those who have extra curricular after school, will have very limited extra curricular sports/clubs due to low enrolment since

you are losing multiple students to CK due to this situation. It will not feel like high school for kids stuck at a holding school with so few students. Students need to be around other large groups and learn how to interact within a busy situation. They will be cut off from peers that they would have made from the other feeder schools that will not be moving. Part of high school is being amongst new kids and not with your same group of peers from elementary school. This committee should not be the ones choosing the fate of the 20/21 gr 9 cohort. The parents and families involved should be

It will be a hard transition for my grade 9 student entering 2020-2021 to only remain for one year at JV, then a holding school for a year and then the new catholic high school for his grade 11 and 12 years. That is a lot of movement and adjustments that need to be endured in such a pivotal time in his life. Hopefully the transition is smooth and they are not penalized as they will be making adjustments from remote learning, to high school, to a holding school then to the new high school. As a teacher and parent I can only assume that their mental health will be considered and programs will be in place to support students in their many transitions. Not programs they can access but many discussions about what these students will be experiencing over the next four years. Mental health and self care are often overlooked so please be aware of how all these changes will most definitely take their toll on the students and they might not have the ability to communicate them. Thank you!

It will be nice to note that the affected children have after school activities which will be impacted by the long drive to and from and that not taking into consideration the longer drive hours in the winter.

Jean Vanier is extremely overcrowded. I support a plan that will reduce the number of students being sent there. Trying to work with a 6 period day does not seem viable with that many students. When I was entering grade 9 in Burlington, our entire grade was sent to an older elementary school while Notre Dame was being built. It wasn't ideal, but it was much better than being cramped all together at Assumption. We were also bussed into Milton for the start of our grade 10 year, and again, it was perhaps less than ideal, but when we finally received our brand new school any growing pains were forgotten.

Jean Vanier will be unsafe with that many students present.

Jean Vanier will NOT be an option for our family. Way too many kids and we don't want our son possibly eating much at 9:30am with the staggered schedules. If this is the chosen option, we will unfortunately be moving to the public board (CK)

JV is already overcrowded and there are other issues with plaza visits etc. It is not a viable holding school option as it will put far too many students on site at one time. The other 2 separate facilities are more appropriate.

JV is too big to many kids and portables. Do not use it an interm school. Not safe

JV should NOT be considered since at this time they are overly populated. Furthermore, the 6 period day would put undo hardship on staff and quite possible go against their collective agreement.

Keep the 2021-2022 Grade 10 students at JV. Do not shuffle these kids around to three different high schools. I'm disappointed that this is even a consideration as it does not take into account how the students will be personally affected.

Keep up the good work. The order of preference is perfect under the current circumstances esp. considering COVID-19 may still be around in 2021 at least.

Keeping the kids local within their community makes sense. EC Drury is the best option in my opinion.

Kids from public schools need to fill out a cross boundary form. We are having this problem because the catholic schools are allowing anyone in and the public high schools are extremely low because the kids are coming to the catholic schools. This is not right.

Leaving the students at JV is not viable. Way too many students and too many negatives to consider.

Less transition. Other child in JV

Lester B Pearson and EC Drury provide very limited options for the high school experience. Grade 9 students are isolated from any other grades. Their access to clubs and teams is limited only to grade 9 students, thus, it is unlikely they could compete with other school teams. The drive time to Burlington is misrepresented as it is based on a "perfect" set of conditions, and even then, too long for the students on a daily basis.

Lester high school is too far and you will be adding 30 - 60 min travel time for parents. Plus we have after school programs and sometimes they begin at 4 pm, we are cutting it way too close to get to that program for our family.

Local community location, location, location!!! Coordination gaps are possible with the right resources and commitment to make it happen for the interim. Students can also learn agility and make some sacrifices for the short term.

Makes more sense to save transportation costs and time on the road to stay within Milton. Students would still be able to have a job in town if attending school within the town.

Milton students need to stay in Milton. If the school is that overcrowded. Students that are Catholic should be given priority and other options should be presented to those not Catholic.

Moving Milton students to Burlington is not an accommodation. I am a Milton resident and expect my child to attend a school in Milton. Missed buses, transport cancellation, getting sick/ injured at school etc. - I will not be able to drop my son off or pick up from Burlington if necessary. I've been living in Milton for years and would rather move my son to the public school in Milton.

My child is required to be home after school to watch his younger sibling. Commuting to Burlington would not be ideal as his commute home would take longer and he would get home much later.

My decision is based on the fact that I have another child starting grade 11 at JV. Having both in the same school will be much easier for transportation as it's not a short way to get there specially in the winter and we don't qualify either for school bus.

My son will be going to grade 9 and has exceptionalities, transitions will be difficult. In our case he will need to go to 3 separate high schools. Programs, and assistance will be in place at JV next year. I feel moving 3 times will affect his success. Is SEAC involved in these decisions? Will parents of special needs children be given an exemption if they want? Lester Pearson is 25 minutes one way. I am afraid of the risks in the travelling in winter. I noticed that the students will be asked to wear JV clothing. I will be buying the uniforms for the first time this Sept. and then buy another set of uniforms for their last 2 years in the new school? That is a lot of money! Why JV uniforms? The school is being renamed this year. At the holding school will they be part of the JV community? How is Catholicity seen in the holding school? How does Covid 19, fit in this plan? Could there be other ways to limit the changes the Milton# 3 children have to face?

N/A

N/A

Need to consider how students will participate in before/after school activities such as team practices, clubs, homework support. How will they arrive earlier (e.g 7am practice) to school or return home at the end of the day? Also, they are not familiar with the area and cannot use public transportation.

Need to do this now. It is way too crowded at Jean Vanier. Especially with covid.

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No for travel for kids outside Milton. Give them a stable school

No long transportation out of community for students.

Not interested in the Pearson option because my daughter loves extra curricular sports. I work in Toronto. My wife works in Brampton. It is impossible to get my child to Burlington before and after school for practices and games.

Please think of a transportation solution to address this that doesn't throw it back on the parents. Public transit is not an option.

Also, if you select the Pearson option you have to provide options for parents to opt out and select Redding or Vanier. It must be voluntary.

Not sure who thinks 3 changes of schools in 4 years is a good idea?! Staying at JV as long as possible is best option - and limiting enrolment to catholic feeder schools would drastically help with the numbers and let the kids who belong there attend. So sad that so many catholic students from GA and OLF are changing to CK (public option) because of this.

On our street there are 6 families (ALL) who have chosen both options for Milton location in the previous survey.

To be honest we find it hard to believe that so far the preferred option till now was Lester Pearson school in Burlington. Some parents even suggest some manipulation in this matter. We demand that our kids will stay here in Milton.

We strongly decline the Burlington location.

Hopefully our voice will be heard and respected.

One of the pros you have listed for Lester B Pearson is that it has "comparable drives for some". Who are these some? We live in Milton. How is driving to Burlington the same as driving to Milton? And how can the Bell times be "similar" unless the bus is picking them up at 7:30 a.m.? What about snow days when busses are cancelled? We will definitely not be driving our child to Burlington. EC Drury is the only logical choice.

Please DO NOT go with Jean Vanier option. It is NOT in the best interest of any of the students who will attend there.

If this is what is chosen, then sadly we will have to pull our child out of the Catholic system and send him to Milton District HS (our public school based on our address). He is on an IEP due to a variety of factors. He will NOT do well in such an over-crowded school with limited access to extra-curriculars (due to high competition).

Please keep our children within our Milton area.

Please note:

BURLINGTON BUS will not take 29 minutes, please stop conveying false information.

MY CHILD WILL NOT BE on a 2 hour road trip per day.

I am going to withdraw my entire family, from supporting catholic school system and our daughter will go to a nearby public school, if a Burlington School is selected.

Our region has winter from November to May, I do not know who in the right mind would have even come up with such an absurd idea where a child is being stuck on a bus from an early morning hour till early evening.

BUS FROM GUARDIAN ANGELS TAKES 1 HOUR to ARRIVE ON A REGULAR 5CM day of snow.

Prefer if they stay in Milton.

Proof of Baptism and sacraments should be a requirement to attend a Catholic Secondary School. Or at the very least, Catholic students should have priority for enrollment into a CSS before non-Catholic students. The ratio of Catholic students should be greater than non-Catholic student enrollment.

Schools need to ready to go as new homes are built, not years after surveys are complete

Some parents may still feel that a 6th period at Jean Vanier should still be an option, even though it hasn't been selected on this survey. I would like to comment to that specifically. As a parent with a child already at JV I would like to see this not be an option at all. As outlined in the cons section of the accommodation plan, JV already has too many students. Using it as a holding school will only create negative challenges and less of a positive school experience for those already attending JV. I do not support JV as a holding school option at all and am very concerned for my child who will be affected by the Interim accommodations as set out. Please take this into consideration should the first or second options fall through.

Stay in town

Students should be able to walk to school if they can and not be biased elsewhere. Doesn't seem fair. All children that would go to the new high school would be going elsewhere. Not right that you are penalizing students because you didn't plan high schools properly in a very growing rapid community.

Take only the catholic students from the feeder schools and no others ..this should help solve the problem of the hundreds of the other kids coming to JV. Send them to the public schools until we have a Milton 3.

Thank you for consulting with parents as you progress through the planning process.

The Lester B. Pearson option is simply impractical. Students from Milton will be dependent on school buses to get to school which could take more than 1 hour per direction. If a student is participating in an extra curricular program (sports or clubs) the school bus is no longer an option and neither is public transit within a reasonable time. Therefore, transportation would be left to parents, which is not feasible as the majority of Milton residents who are employed don't work in Milton (transportation tomorrow survey).

I understand the evaluation is intended to cover all elements of the student experience but I'm not convinced each criteria should be given equal weight. I suggest you ask parents to weight the criteria to ensure you're making a decision with eyes wide-open. Otherwise, I suspect it may be perceived that the school board is out of touch with the challenges parents face.

Thank you for providing the pros and cons list. It helped make the decision of which plan to support much easier.

Thank you to all the volunteers for your effort on this.

The 6 period day does have the advantage of keeping students on one site, but at the expense of so many other factors. I truly do not feel it is worth it

The distance to Lester B. Pearson is too far for students and parents. It will be adding on another 30 minutes to an hour extra a day to travel time for parents and students. It sounds great but it only has one less "red" flag than E.C. Drury.

The kids need to be kept in the community. Many kids are in rep sports, have jobs or in other extra curricular activities. It is imperative to their mental health they are able to continue with these activities. Transitioning to adulthood is difficult enough, as parents we should not make it more difficult. I understand E.C Drury is not a modern facility, but it is for a short period of time. When the kids finally transition to the new building, they will be more appreciative.

The list of reasons to persuade parents to vote in favour of transferring students to a holding school is highly subjective and obviously opinionated by the board. It certainly doesn't represent the parents

and students who would have to deal with much longer and wasted commute times as well as having to uproot a student from their scholastic environment 2-3 times during their high school years. That alone would add a significant amount of mental anguish upon a student who would certainly appreciate consistency and familiarity within their learning environment.

This boundary review is a difficult situations as I have been moved to different elementary schools more than once and I shouldn't have to go through this again in my 4 years of high school. Potentially being moved up to 3 times in 4 years. As a student I feel that I should be able to stay in my home town because I know Milton and have grown up here for 14 years. If I had to be transferred to Burlington I am not familiar with the area or city, it is a very uneasy feeling going to a city 40 mins away and not having the familiar surroundings like I do in Milton. I feel as a student it would be most beneficial if I were to do the six period day at JV as I would stay in Milton and be able to assist my working parents by picking up my siblings from elementary school.

This survey is very confusing and not user friendly. I have three children with the HDCSB and will have them all at three different schools. Which becomes becomes difficult for after school activities . This would not be an issue if the feeder schools had priority!

To consider sending students to Jean Vainer for a 3 year interim basis is not fair to the students or the teachers. 60 Portables is unacceptable. If you need 60 portables to accommodate that alone should tell you that the school cannot accommodate the plan. Overcrowding will cause more then just accessibility problems

Too far to travel to Burlington. Kids need to stay closer to home.

Too many students and staff if Jean Vanier is used. Safety hazard. My concern would be safety and risk of issues amongst students. It will also take opportunities away from the Jean Vanier students. This would mean little to no connection to the school as it will be too large. Also concern for safety in parking lot. It is already a safety concern.

Transportation over 20 km seems to be poor choice. Considering the distance and extreme weather for the most part of the year it will be a real challenge for the students. School busses also are infamous for being late even in the best weather conditions not to mention 20 km route.

Transportation to Burlington during the winter months will be a nightmare. Plus if students miss the bus (going to and/or from the Burlington location), what is the board prepared to offer? I do not want my child spending that much time on a bus when the time could be better spent studying, participating in extra curricular activities or simply catching up for the miserable excuse of a year the students had this year (2019-2020). My child is going into grade 9 less prepared and at a deficit as a result of the teacher strike and now COVID-19.

Use EC Drury school for one year and expedite the construction of new high school so it can be ready for 2021/2022 school year.

We are Catholic and have supported the separate school system for many years. JV has a high percentage (40%, information provided at JV parent night on Nov. 8, 2018) of non Catholic students that contribute to the overcrowding of JV. Catholic students should be the priority for attendance at JV. What are you doing about the non Catholic cohort? Does this not strain the capacity for incoming Catholic students? Why are we paying full student fees for limited access to not have lockers, extra-curricular activities, choice of programs, access to full size gyms, sports fields, specialty rooms etc.?

We are very disappointed that the new school infrastructure was not planned appropriately for this incoming demographic. Now our children have to endure over crowded academic conditions that will negatively impact their high school experience.

We are too far to Lester B. Pearson school - My daughter choose Bishop Reading as she wanted to continue on French Immersion program. Can she be accommodated to Bishop reading as an original plan?

We are wondering what exactly needs to be "renewed at EC Drury and if there has been safety/ air quality/deep cleaning/ventilation checks out in place? Will students be bussed to EC Drury if more than 3.2 km. Is there a late bus from EC? What is the impact on a school that in 21-22 will only have grade 9 and 10 if not at JV.

We as parents of a student entering grade 9 in 2021 are not at all happy with any of the 3 interim accommodation plans. Having our daughter's first year of high school being disrupted is not ideal. We had planned on either Jean Vanier or Bishop Reading for her 4 years of high school with the same group of friends from grade 8.

We don't agree with any of the narrowed options as we believe that one of the previous options listed was better.

We live in Milton and expect our kids to go to school in Milton, not Burlington. We will not be able to drive our child to Burlington, will not be putting our child on a bus to an area outside of Milton. There should be accomodation for families where this does not work.

We chose to remain in Milton due to the school system and do not want our child going to school outside the area. Proper planning should have identified issues earlier and if a 3rd school required, it should have been built by now.

What a horrible decision to have to make. I am not thrilled with any of the options to be honest.

Which academic class options will be limited or not offered due to the lack of availability of specialized classrooms (science, music, etc)?

Which extra-curricular activities will now be available?

While I think it's great that considerations and plans are being made for the 2021-22 school year I am highly concerned about the 2020-21 school year at JV, I have 2 students (grades 9 & 10 in September). The school will have over 3000 students and close to 100 portables in time of social distancing what are the plans to keep the children safe. Jean Vanier already known amongst the community as the school for fights and cramming more students into it raises the risk of additional issues. On top of that with social distancing requirements how are the kids going to be kept safe when there is 3000 of them crammed into that one school, why were considerations not planned for implementation in the 2020-21 school year.

Why are feeder elementary schools being forced to make concessions? JV is a Catholic HS. Why is 56% of the student body non Catholic.? Asking Catholic students from the elementary feeder system to change schools 3 times in 4 years is absurd. How are we letting this happen? I understand safety has been brought up as a concern. JV has been over populated for 5 years. Why is this just a concern now.

In my humble opinion, why are we not asking Muslim students to registered in the Catholic post secondary system to move to the public system?

Why bus the children further than necessary (Safety reasons), E. C. Drury is local and more convenient for parents to be able to pick up and drop off children.

Why is Miltons Catholic school system left to deal with the overload of students. Some jurisdictions impose limits to incoming students from feeder schools only. I think the public system who receives the most corporate tax dollars should share the overload of students. Sending our children to another city will add more stress to their lives. Driving to Burlington in the winter is a disaster waiting to happen. Keep the children in Milton.

With children at two different high schools (Vanier and holding school) in 2020/2021, I prefer the 6 period plan. I'm not comfortable with my son going on the bus to Burlington. I have always driven him due to concerns re crowded buses etc., but that would not be possible if I have to drop my other child at Vanier.

With EC Drury, students still remain in the city of Milton, easier access for all. Remember, many times school buses are cancelled in Winter, so keeping the students at EC Drury would help, as parents, students could still access the school, car/public transit.

With having to kids who will be attending high school I find that all three options do not work out. I would have selected Lester B. Pearson if the school was in Milton. If for any reason I had to pick my child up from Lester B. Pearson during the day for something like sickness it would be quite difficult. My oldest child attends Jean Vanier and it's so over crowded already.

You canNOT do the six period Day at JV. It's just TOO crowded.

You should do your best to accommodate the children in the town that they live in with their friends and amenities that they're use to in a established high school such as JV. This will give them the opportunity to be part of a school that has a variety of different courses and extra curriculum activities that they can take advantage of throughout their high school experience.

You should have also included Bishop Reding.

Your list of pros and cons is a sad representation of what you want to happen. There are far more cons to being sent to school in Burlington than what is listed. There are also more pros to staying at JV than what is listed in chart. I think that numbers will be lower than expected as many families are sending their kids to CK now. Also with the new public high school being built and ready for 21/22 this should bring numbers down. Such a lack of transparency here and a sad situation for any student entering gr 9 from either GA or OLF. They to deserve to have a real high school experience with extra curricular options and new friends from other feeder schools besides the two listed. This is not high school. Learning to navigate busy halls and school areas is part of transitioning from elementary school to high school. This cohort should not be punished behaving to move to three different buildings. They will need a sense of stability especially after this past school year.