



Milton Secondary School Boundary Review

Report of Online Survey Results

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Survey Background

The purpose of this survey was to collect feedback on the recommended ultimate and interim accommodation options for Milton Secondary Schools, proposed by the Halton Catholic District School Board (HCDSB) School Boundary Review Committee. The survey was available online from Thursday October 15th to Thursday October 22nd, 2020. In total, 201 responses were received. Responses are aggregated and discussed below. While many 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 ($n = 198$; 98.5%) indicated that they were *parents/guardians* (see *Table 1*).

Table 1

Respondents' Roles

Role	Count (n)	Percentage (%)
Parent/Guardian	198	98.5%
Other (e.g., general member of the community)	2	1.0%
Student	1	0.5%
TOTAL	201	100%

If respondents selected *Parent/Guardian* as their role, they were then asked to select the school(s)¹ that their child(ren) attend. Most of the parent/guardian respondents indicated that they were part of the following three schools: *St. Francis Xavier* ($n = 57$; 28.8%); *Guardian Angels* ($n = 49$; 24.7%); and, *Our Lady of Fatima* ($n = 31$; n = 15.7%). Please see [Appendix A](#) for the complete breakdown. When asked for the current grade(s) of their child(ren), the most selected answer was *Grade 8* ($n = 42$; 21.2%). 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 are currently enrolled in. The one student respondent is in *grade 9* at *St. Francis Xavier*.

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

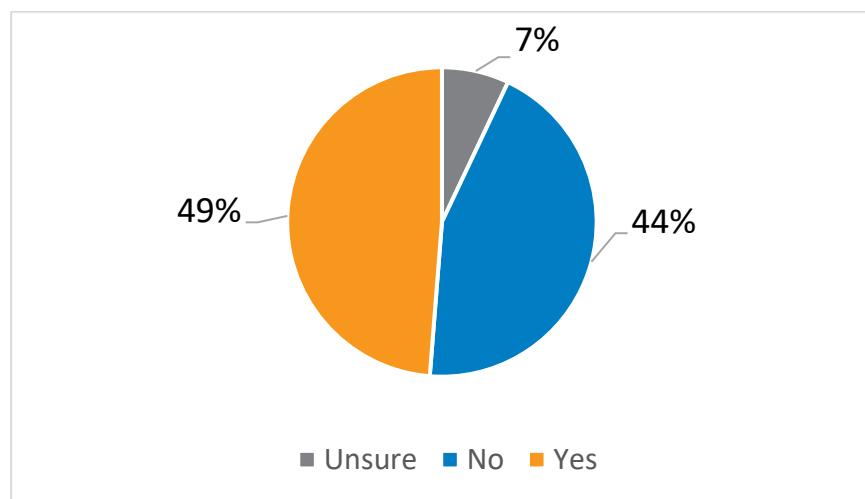
Ultimate School Boundary

*Q1: Based on the boundary details above, do you/your children live within the boundary of the new Milton #3 Catholic Secondary School?*²

Nearly half of respondents ($n = 97$; 49%) indicated that they live within the boundary of the new Milton #3 CSS (see *Figure 1*).

Figure 1

Summary of Respondents Living Within and Outside of the Newly Proposed Catchment ($n = 199$)



Q2: Do you support Option A as presented above for the ultimate boundaries for the new Milton #3 CSS?

Results are presented for three groups of respondents, namely: (1) *All respondents*; (2) *Milton #3 respondents* (includes students and parents/guardians who indicated that they are located within the boundary of the new Milton #3 CSS); (3) *Respondents who are NOT within the boundary of the new Milton #3 CSS*. As shown in Figures 2, 3, and 4 below, the pattern of results did not differ between these three groups; the majority of respondents supported Option A.

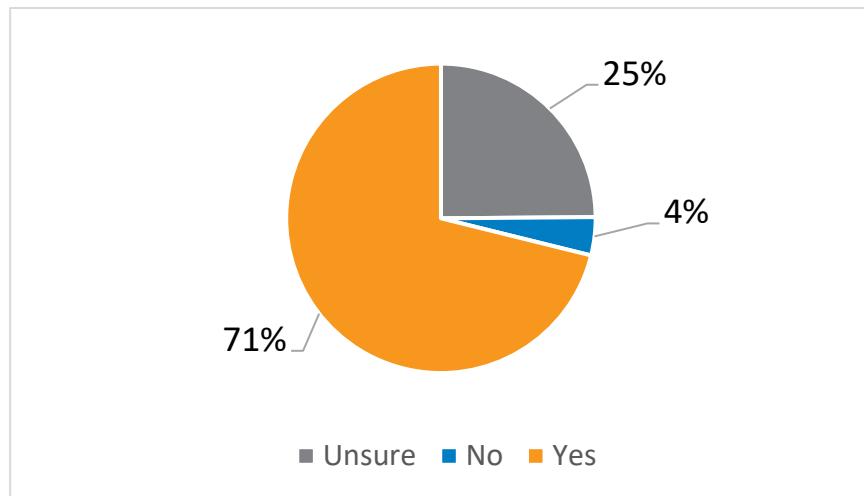
All Respondents

As shown in *Figure 2*, below, the majority of respondents ($n = 143$; 71%) support Option A for the ultimate boundaries for the new Milton #3 CSS.

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

Figure 2

Support of Option A for the Ultimate Boundaries – All Respondents (n = 201)

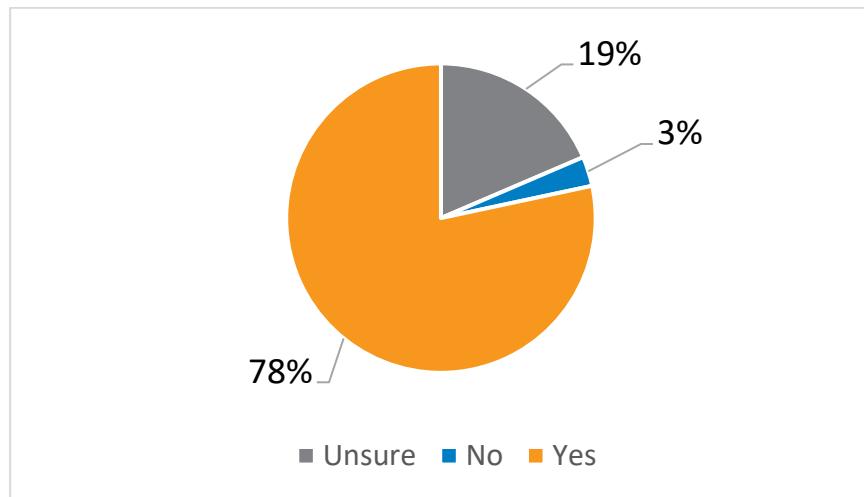


Respondents within the Milton #3 Boundary

As shown in *Figure 3*, the majority of Milton #3 respondents (n = 76; 78%) support Option A for the ultimate boundaries for the new Milton #3 CSS.

Figure 3

Support of Option A for the Ultimate Boundaries – Respondents within the Milton #3 Boundary (n = 97)

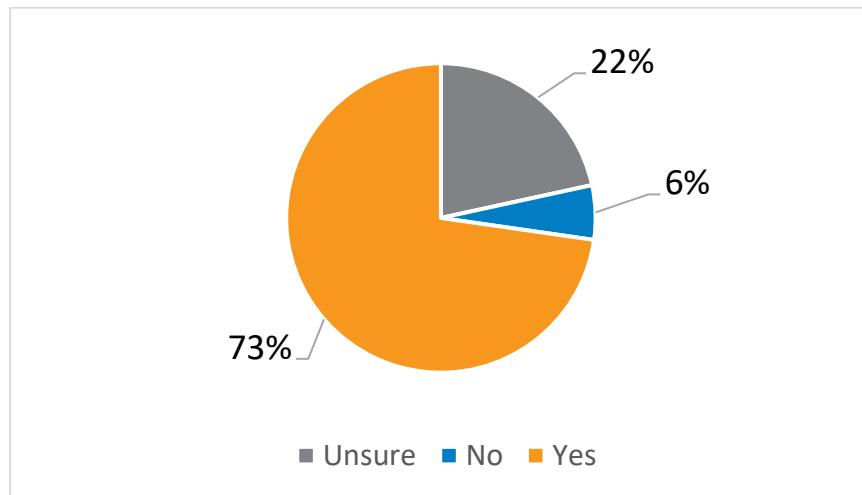


Respondents outside the Milton #3 Boundary

As shown in *Figure 4*, the majority of respondents ($n = 64$; 73%) support Option A for the ultimate boundaries for the new Milton #3 CSS.

Figure 4

Support of Option A for the Ultimate Boundaries – Respondents Outside Milton #3 Boundary ($n = 88$)



Interim Accommodation Options

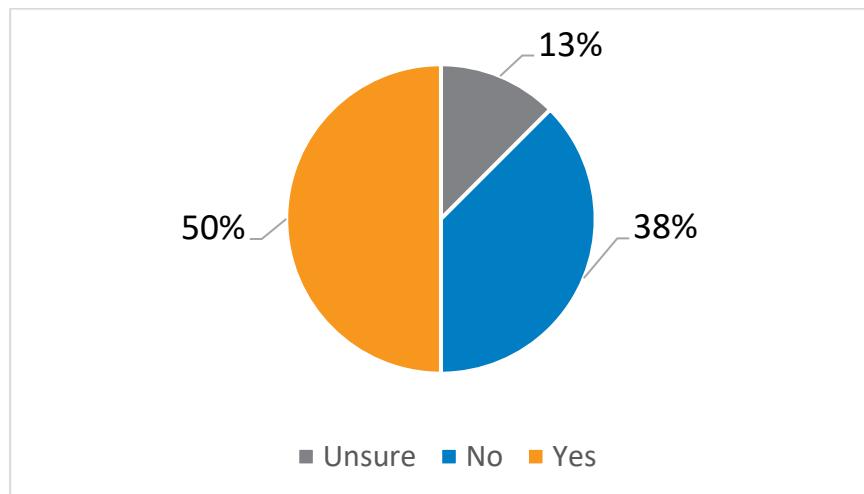
*Q3: Based on the above information, will you/your children have to attend the holding school (Milton #10 CES) before Milton #3 CSS is open?*³

As shown in *Figure 5*, half of respondents ($n = 48$; 50%) indicated that they/their child(ren) will have to attend the holding school before Milton #3 CSS is open.

³ Only respondents who indicated that they lived within the Milton #3 boundary were asked this question.

Figure 5

Summary of Respondents Within the Milton #3 Boundary Who Will Attend the Holding School (n = 96)



Q4: Based on the information provided above and the website, do you support the SBRC recommended interim accommodation plan?

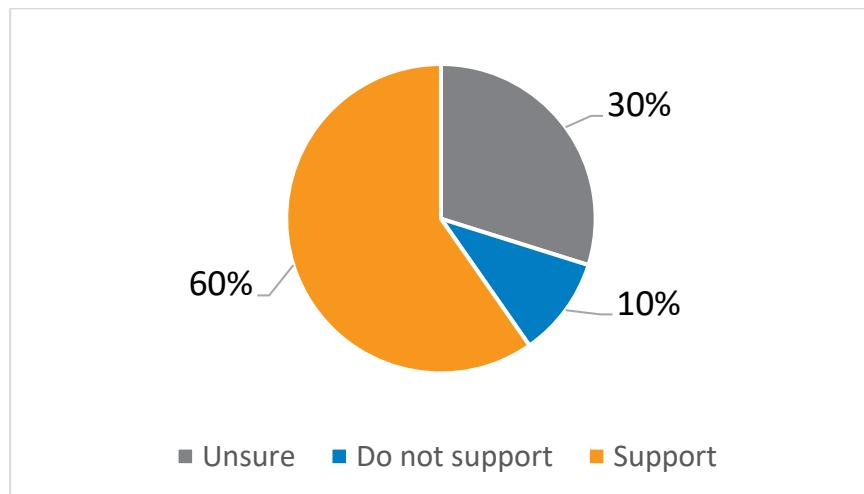
Results are presented for three groups of respondents, namely: (1) *All respondents*; (2) *Milton #3 respondents who will attend the holding school (Milton #10 CES)*; and (3) *Milton #3 respondents who will NOT attend the holding school (Milton #10 CES)*. There is more support for the recommended interim accommodation plan by those respondents who will be attending the holding school and less support by those who will NOT be attending the holding school.

All Respondents

As shown in *Figure 6*, below, the majority of respondents (n = 120; 60%) support the SBRC recommended interim accommodation plan.

Figure 6

Breakdown of Support for the Recommended Interim Accommodation Plan – All Respondents (n = 201)

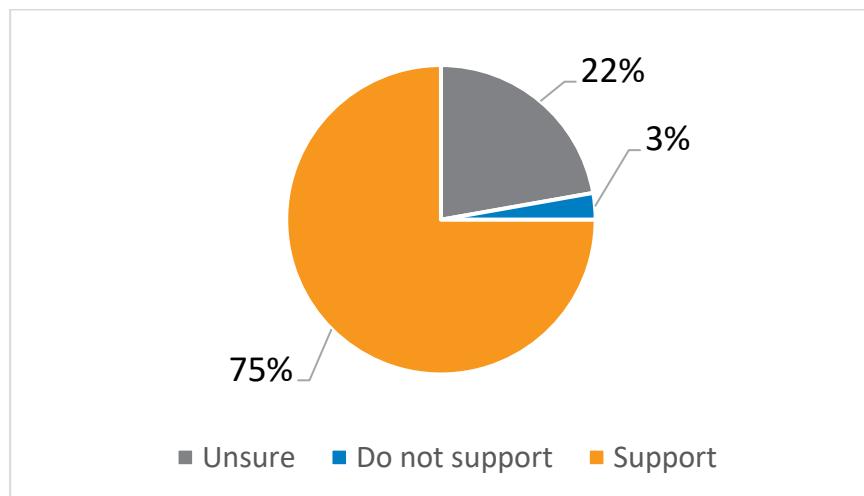


Milton #3 Respondents Who Will ATTEND the Holding School

As shown in *Figure 7*, the majority of respondents who will attend the holding school (n = 27; 75%) support the SBRC recommended interim accommodation plan.

Figure 7

Breakdown of Support for the Recommended Interim Accommodation Plan – Respondents Who Will Attend the Holding School (n = 36)

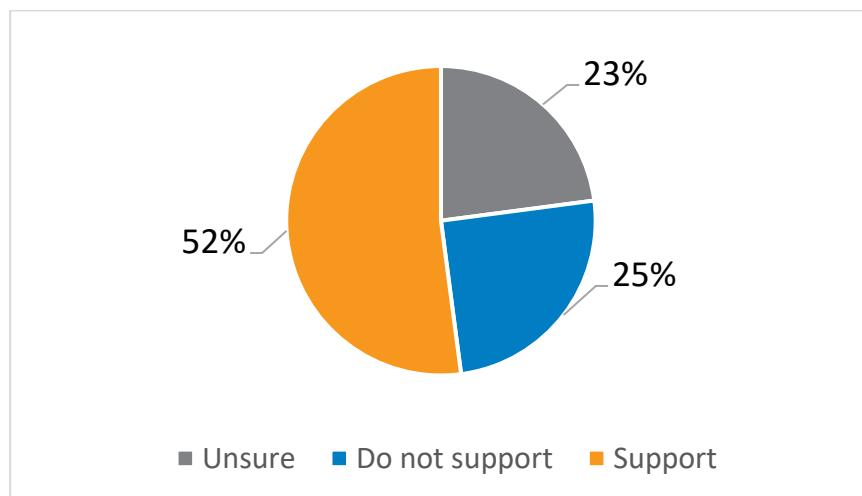


Milton #3 Respondents Who Will NOT ATTEND the Holding School

As shown in *Figure 8*, slightly more than half of respondents who will not attend the holding school ($n = 25$; 52%) support the SBRC recommended interim accommodation plan.

Figure 8

Breakdown of Support for the Recommended Interim Accommodation Plan – Respondents Who Will NOT ATTEND the Holding School ($n = 48$)



Q4: Do you have any additional comments or suggestions? (n = 41)

Forty-one (20%) respondents provided a comment. *The issue of students potentially attending school in Burlington was the most prevalent theme amongst the comments. Please see [Appendix C](#) for the full list of comments.*

Appendix A

Total Count of Respondents' School(s)

Schools	Count (n)	Percentage (%) ⁴
St. Francis Xavier CSS	57	28.8%
Guardian Angels CES	49	24.7%
Our Lady of Fatima CES	31	15.7%
St. Benedict CES	18	9.1%
Bishop P.F. Reding CSS	14	7.1%
Queen of Heaven CES	12	6.1%
St. Anthony of Padua CES	11	5.6%
Lumen Christi CES	11	5.6%
St. Peter CES	10	5.1%
Holy Rosary CES	9	4.5%
Our Lady of Victory CES	5	2.5%
HDSB Elementary School	2	1.0%
Other (e.g. private school)	1	0.5%
HDSB Secondary School	1	0.5%
Other HCDSB Secondary School (not listed above)	1	0.5%
Other HCDSB Elementary 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%
HDSB Elementary School	2	1.0%
TOTAL	232	

⁴ 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 (%) ⁵
Younger than JK/SK	6	3.0%
Kindergarten (JK/SK)	31	15.7%
1	15	7.6%
2	22	11.1%
3	19	9.6%
4	24	12.1%
5	29	14.6%
6	26	13.1%
7	36	18.2%
8	42	21.2%
9	39	19.7%
10	20	10.1%
11	17	8.6%
12	8	4.0%
Continuing Education/Adult Learning	0	0.0%
Post-secondary school (e.g., college, university, trades school)	0	0.0%
Other	0	0.0%
TOTAL	334	

⁵ Total exceeds 100% as respondents were able to select more than one grade.

Appendix C

Final Comments as Received

Bussing to Burlington not something that works well for our family. Will have to decide to place child at CK in public board if the new elementary school is not ready as a holding school.

Can you please stop referring to schools with their number and just print their name?!!!! I'm a parent and this issue makes me not understand this document well.

Current students at St Francis who will be moved to the new school should also attend the alternate school for the 2021/22 school year. St Francis is outrageously over crowded, its a danger to the students.

Current students within the boundary should have first selection of school they want to attend before those outside of boundary shown

Do not support children being transferred out of Milton area to school in Burlington under any circumstance. If new catholic high school is not ready and new elementary 'holding'school is not ready, accomodations must be made at an alternate location in Milton. Will not support anything out of Milton area under any circumstances.

Find a way to make EC Drury work.

Glad to see that current gr 9 class will be grandfathered to stay at St FX! Thank you!

Good work!

Have you considered the migration out of St. Francis Xavier into the upcoming Public Secondary School?

Hello,

The situation amounts to only one thing: ridiculous. Lack of competence and inability to plan ahead is terrifying. If our children have to go to school in Burlington, an educational authority will be one of the greatest failures in the recent history of the region. It is really sad that that our tax money are wasted for the catholic educational system that fails to deliver on every level. Not only the entire system provides low quality education but also is managed by people that time and again prove to be completely unqualified to do their job.

I am not willing to change my child's current school at this time .

Any modification will result in a lot of challenges.

I am UNHAPPY that French immersion will no longer be offered at number 3. WHY? You snuck that into the presentation thr other night. I was one of 44 watching. I think it is unfair that all enrichment programs are offered at BR. That skews the average student grades. My children did not go to FI because they didn't want to change schools (when they started school it was offered at OLF. Then it was moved to St Benedict. Now it's back at OLF!) the chaos that our small area of town has enduring with boundary reviews is unfair.

I am seriously considering moving my children to the public system despite the fact that they've been in Catholic until now simply because CK offers the IB. Program.

It's also unfair that our kids have to go through this. I don't know why there's no space to accommodate them at St Francis. Catholic students coming from the feeder schools should have priority registration.

I don't think this has been addressed anywhere - what will be the impact on the elementary students that will be attending Catholic Elementary School #10? How will high school students and elementary students cohabit this school for two years? Will there be mingling of students? Will the two 'schools'

be completely separate from each other? Will they be on different schedules? (e.g. start and end times?). I think this is very important to address as this will directly affect families that will have young children attending the new elementary school.

I don't like that the students may have to be bussed to Burlington (2022 year for my daughter). I like that any student already attending St Francis Xavier will not be moved to the new school (my son who is currently in gr 9). Please try your best to have the new Milton #10 CES built by Sept 2022 (at the very latest).

I think the kids should stay at Lester B Person school until the new CSS is built. Less moving around in case the height school is delayed.

I will have one in grade 11 in 2022 -2023 and her little sister will be coming into grade 9.

If they have an older sibling at St Francis Xavier can they not stay at same school? Meaning can't the sibling come to St Francis If they have a sibling there??? Please advise

I will not let my child travel to Burlington. We need a school on Milton.

I would like to know if Lester Pearson high school is a vacant school or if it currently has students attending it. Will the Milton students be integrated with an existing school with Burlington students.

Also, I would like to confirm that there will be no elementary students attending the Milton#10 elementary school while it is being used for the grade 9 high school students.

I would like to thank the committee for having the present grade 9 and wo's to stay at St. Francis Xavier Secondary School. My son has an exceptionality and transitions are normally hard. This truly helps my child. Thank you.

If the new CES is used as a holding school, will there be enough space to accommodate the elementary students who are supposed to attend the new school in the interim?

Instead of going to Pearson school in Burlington for a few months while ces#10 is completed, why not to take classes online?

Is it possible to house the grade 9 student at St Francis Xavier until Milton #10 CES is ready?

It would be really terrible if our kids will have to be transported to Burlington location.\

From Milton to Burlington??? During traffic times, during snowy winter - road conditions - , what about summer - does a school bus have an AC .???? Give me a break. Many of us have to travel like it to work, No, it is not 20-30 min drive!!!~

It would be quite outrageous , honestly speaking, given that it should not come as a surprise to people responsible that Milton has been growing in population....

Simply, the new nr 3 High School should have been finished by now!!!!

Funding excuse? Again, and again>>>??? Pushing responsibility from one level to another???? Shame.

Don't we pay enough taxes each year for everything????

Planning!!!! Usually planning is done waaayyy ahead of time!!!! The money should have been found long time ago!!!!!!

After all, we don't leave in a third world country, but sometimes it feels that way.... thanks to some public servants....., planners, politicians etc

It would have been nice for this planning and funding to have been completed earlier so as to avoid the possibility of transporting our children out of the town for schooling.

Its not very clear on how the children will attend the school in Burlington in terms of transportation that will be provided

Make it so!

No.As our opinions will not change the outcome of the decisions already been made..

nothing at the moment

Pearson in Burlington ..again

My family and I feel that this problem, where the new High school is not being ready by 2021 should have been anticipated a long time ago.

During these stressful times, you are simply putting additional strain on our health and the well being of our children. In addition to overwhelming amounts of emails from work, school, school board, we are constantly bombarded with an issue that should not even exist in a province where condos and townhouses, grow faster than ragweed. Last survey was had not given Your Committee the Desired results. So obviously the committee has found a NEW way to reintroduce the Burlington idea to us. We have concerns, and our child will not go to Pearson, whether 20 days or 4 months.

I am a catholic School supporter. A choice that has always been on my Property taxes. I suggest reminding Parishes and School boards to emphasize and remind People to 'tick off proper boxes" & call MPAC to verify who they are supporting.

Please do all that is possible to speed up completion of Milton #10 holding school. It is not favourable for students to commute to Burlington.

Send a separate email that is specific to the grade cohort for the affected student. I have a child in grade 9 and grade 11 at StFX and I would like to know specifically what happens to each. Although the information is detailed, I find it too confusing

Shuffling kids to 3 schools is not a solution for a stable/enjoyable high-school experience, especially in the current climate. I am especially concerned should children have to be sent to Burlington. I hope this will be resolved by 2022/23, or we will switch to the public system, CK, as we did for our first child who started grade 9 this year.

Thank the Team and Support Staff for Job well done so far.

Thank you for keeping us current grade 9 students at St FX for next year and on!

The best option

This is extremely confusing. I have re-read it twice and I still do not understand your plan.

Even your map lacks a proper key indicating what each line represents.

I have indicated unsure on all answer as I have no idea what you are attempting to convey to your community.

this is the better option, keeps the children in Milton and alleviates pressure to St FX

Very complicated and difficult to understand all the details provided in the survey.

WANT THE KIDS KEPT IN MILTON

We hope our son doesn't have to go all the way to Burlington while school is built.

Why did the project the new Milton #3 CSS take so long to be implemented/planned/funding approved if the projected growth within Milton showed that this new CSS was required for the 2021-2022 School year.