

Correspondence #1

I wanted to express my concerns over the potential closing of Greensville Elementary school. I moved to the area with my husband just over 6 years ago while I was pregnant with our first child. One of the main reasons we chose this location was due to the proximity of the schools and having our children enjoy a "small community school". We are very privileged to be able to have the elementary school and middle school in our community.

With that said I realize that business is business and the money has to come from somewhere and quite possibly closing one of the schools. Although I do not want that closure to be Greensville and would love my children to be able to attend there I know it is an older school with limitations. I do have a few concerns:

1. The current school boundary should not change, students should not be used as bargaining chips to increase the enrollment numbers in other schools, these students have developed friendships and should be able to continue to stay with the Greensville students where ever they end up. I personally send my child to after school care at friends house (who runs a in home daycare) and she goes on the school bus to get there. There house is one of the few who would then have to go to Millgrove and no bus route would be available. She is very comfortable attending this daycare and to have to change let alone find another in the area is difficult.
2. If Spencer Valley were to become a JK - 8 school, I would not want my children to be put in a portable due to not enough space, they also would need a proper safe playground.
3. Bus routes to Spencer Valley, according to the bus routes online our house is just outside of the published bus routes (off harvest). However it is currently not safe to walk her to school, there are no sidewalks on Brock road leading up to the school, are the bus routes going to be evaluated?
4. As mentioned above one of the reasons we moved to the community and continue to stay in the community is due the schools, if for some reason Millgrove was the JK - 8 school we would considering moving out or contest the decision and look at sending her to Dundas as it would be a shorter drive.

Thanks
Karen

Correspondence #2

ARC committee,

Firstly, thank you for all the time you are dedicating to representing us as school communities to make a huge decision to better our children's education career and environment.

I am a mom of 3 children, 2 who currently attend Greensville and one who can't wait to go. When I first heard the possible closing of Greensville I was devastated to think that we would lose such a wonderful and historical school, we have families who are 5th generation students, something no other school has.

I am a member of Greensville's parent council and have attended several public meetings and have done a lot of listening. What I have heard is 5 schools with different wants and needs. If we want to better our children's school experience and environment I realize that sadly we need to close schools.

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I feel the best option to meet the requirements of reducing empty seats and decreasing costs is to close Greenville and Millgrove and build a new K-8 school on Spencer Valley site, and when the building is complete move all the students into the brand new school. Until the new school is complete leave children in their current schools.

And to also do the same for Beverly Central and Dr. Seaton, as the boards proposed plan to band-aid Dr. Seaton and move all the students there is unacceptable. I am looking forward to attending the public meeting at Dr. Seaton to see the apparent poor condition of the school that I have heard from concerned parents.

Thank you for your time and commitment to our kids.

Sincerely, Kristin Weber
Greenville Public School

Correspondence #3

If the option selected by the Trustees involves an addition to an existing building or the building of a new school, what happens if funding requests from HWDSB are not granted by the Ministry? Does the status quo continue? Will they partially implement the selected option until funds are available? Will another option be selected?

Angie Gordon
Greenville School Parent