



Secondary Pupil Accommodation Review Committee

West Accommodation Review Committee

Student Voice

Summary of School Visits
June 16, 2011



Westdale Secondary



Highlights

- Large school= more sports, clubs, and support groups, more everything!
- Location is key
- Known for their successful academic courses
- French Immersion and IB programs
- Large Building



What Students Enjoy

- Down town environment
- Variety of courses
- French Immersion and IB programs
- Teachers devotion
- Single lunch



What Students Want to See

- Air Conditioning
- Student Parking
- More IB course selection



The Students

- Westdale Students have a professional view of their school. This is a place where you attend to open doors for the future and learn in an environment that prioritizes academics.



Highland Secondary



Highlights

- Strength in Sports
- Art and Music Program



What Students Enjoy

- Library
- Large community involvement
- Accepting environment



What Students Want to See

- New school in Dundas
- Better traffic around the school
- Different Cafeteria
- More students
- An Auditorium



The Students

- This is a school with a large community base. A friendly school to visit and join in.



Ancaster High School



Highlights

- Amazing student council and school spirit
- Athletics
- 2 cafeterias are very convenient and connect effectively connect the two wings
- Facilities are the heart of community



What Students Enjoy

- Field space
- Sports facilities
- Mid-sized school
- Warm accepting atmosphere
- Partnership opportunities with Theater Ancaster
- SHSM Aviation flight simulators
- Smart boards available to be used



What students want to see

- Better building (preferably with air conditioning)
- Improved ceilings
- More parking spots
- Better accessibility through bus routes



The Students

- IB Students prefer the more relaxing environment that offers the same Diploma
- Attached to the sense of community of the school
- Are welcoming of new students but feel that Dundas is a separate community



“I’d like to revise my answer, I like the school atmosphere, teachers (some of them), and the campus the best... and if the demolish the school, there will probably riot”

-Mike (Ancaster Student)



Parkside Secondary School



Highlights

- Location
- Small community
- Feeling significant amongst peers
- High participation/ well engaged students
- Business Program



What students want to see

- Better classrooms
- Better course selection
- Improved gym facilities for sports teams



What the students had to say

- Enjoy idea of new school
 - preferably on Parkside property
- Do not want to see portables
- Majority would choose Highland over Catholic School
- Down size Parkside