

The final report presented by the Board Staff recommends the displacement of 100% of Ancaster students in this review.

I think there needs to be more thought into the educational future of our children rather than the green space associated with the school. If you are looking for green space go for a walk in the Dundas Valley or move to the country.

Sorry to burst your AYSC bubble, but this review is not about the soccer fields in Ancaster.

Let's talk about the best possible transition for our 5 and 6 year olds and what kind of programs they are moving into.

I don't think that Trustees are going to base their decision on your real-estate values if you back onto green spaces or how many soccer registrations you can squeeze into the fields at Ancaster High.

Return to the purpose of this review. HWDSB looks to us to speak about the best education we can provide for our children. Our schools need repairs and replacement. They need to provide a safe and healthy place to learn. Our communities need to be able to support the learning for our children and we need to create safe traffic flow in order to access our schools. The increased busing that is associated with adding FI to more than one school or transporting rural students along urban routes needs to be considered by trustees.

If we are so concerned about the great outdoors, then let's pressure trustees to 'rethink' and 'reimagine' how our outdoor spaces are used.

If our schools are being over-hauled then so should the playgrounds. Add outdoor classrooms or create a track and field space so our athletes are supported by their own community.

Building an elementary school within walking distance to a pool or recreation centre creates a sustainable community that supports the future of learning in Ancaster.

The future of education relies on making connections and partnerships with our communities. We need to share resources and motivate students to be involved in our community as lifelong learners.

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