

Voice Message that was received on October 23, 2011: (Verbatim)

Yes Good Morning it is actually Sunday afternoon that I am calling,

I don't wish to leave my name or number. I am a member of the public that is following the ARC recommendation and the closures of schools in Hamilton and Barton your school is on the list. I understand that there is a meeting at Hill Park Secondary School this week. I've attended a couple of previous meetings last year. I was hoping to attend this one but I have other commitments and I am unable to attend. Just in general I am stating that I am all for the recommendations that are put forward. The closure of Sherwood Secondary at the end of this year and move students to Barton and then build a new high school and then close Mountain the one by Upper James and Caledon. I don't see too many students attending that school. I spend a lot of time driving on the Hamilton Mountain. In fact I come from work quite often down Mohawk Rd and when I get to Mohawk and Garth and Mohawk and Milbank I see 40/50 kids around 3:15 p.m. waiting at bus stops and the HSR puts out I believe a couple of extra busses. It is a great site to see 40 or 50 kids waiting at a bus stop that shows that Hamilton is vibrant and efficient and moving along very well and the kids seem to be happy. I am all for it let's close as many schools as possible and get every school acting and looking and being a model just like Westmount Secondary School 90-95% full. That is what we want and stop wasting our taxpayer's dollars. Please pass this along to the Trustees, John Malloy, Judith Bishop and Laura Peddle, the Trustee that is under controversy due to ethics breaking. I have been following this all very closely and totally aware of everything. In the lower City Delta I believe should close. You know I even go down Upper Paradise sometimes and I see St. Thomas Moore. For many years I have seen busses just packed to the doors when the kids come out – I see busses half empty now. Enrolment is down, we need to close schools immediately and save Hamilton taxpayer dollars to be used on other necessities. There is no sense wasting our money anymore and schools are a very large portion of our tax bills. So please pass this on and let's get Sherwood closed right off the bat and a few others at the end of this year and get Hamilton vibrant for our students. Thank you very much.