


**Cobourg ARC Emails and Responses as of December 22, 2017**

<p>April 3, 2017</p> <p>I likely cannot attend any of the meetings although I will try. As a result I must put my opinion forth here in this email. To follow is my suggestion for closure, why I believe it is the best closure and what can be done with the closed school to turn a negative into a positive. I suggest the closing of St. Michaels school. It does not have the proper playground and is like a jail yard with all that pavement. When there are funerals the school doesn't even get recess because their "playground" is the church parking lot. I suggest taking "St. Mikes school" and turning them into Catholic Retirement Residence apartments for seniors, like the old hospital did. This would give a MUCH needed income to St. Michaels Church and allow the future elderly residents to continue with their faith. Closing St. Michaels school is the best option. It has the least land, is oldest structure and has the option to be something else other than an empty building. Thank you for listening.</p>	<p>April 3, 2017</p> <p>Thank you for your comments. All ARC email and communications will become part of the Accommodation Review official record. Where there is an inquiry, inquiries will receive a formal response within 5 business days.</p> <p>Sincerely,          Tim Robins          Chair, Accommodation Review Committee</p>
<p>June 6, 2017</p> <p>Hello</p> <p>My daughters are both enrolled in the French immersion program at St. Michaels for school year starting Sept 2017. I was unable to attend last night's meeting I was hoping to review the four options to provide my feedback. I have looked on the board website and cannot find the actually options. Could you provide the options to me or point me in the direction to finding them online?          Thank you</p>	<p>June 6, 2017</p> <p></p> <p>Thank you for writing. To find the proposed accommodation options, please visit the Board's webpage at <a href="http://www.pvnccdsb.on.ca">www.pvnccdsb.on.ca</a> and click on the Pupil Accommodation Review tab. At the top of the Pupil Accommodation Review page is the Initial Staff Report. Please review the report, proposed accommodation options are outlined in the report. Further, we are seeking input on the report and proposed options. An online survey has been created and is available on the Board's homepage. Your comments and opinions are very important!</p> <p>I hope this response was helpful.</p> <p>Tim Robins          Chair, Cobourg ARC</p>

November 21, 2017

I have grown up in this community and now send my children to Notredame because of the supportive and healthy community that exists there. We chose Notredame (by choosing a home within the school boundaries) because it is a K to 8 school, where our children could develop friendships and continue with these friendships until grade 8. It is extremely upsetting that the boundaries for notredame would change. I am to blame for not being involved earlier, but quite frankly I am shocked that forcing 50 students out of their current school could be a consideration for anyone interested in the well being of children.

I look forward to hearing a response and the plans that will ensure these children will not be forced to leave their school community.

Stephanie Ross

November 21, 2017

Thank you for your reply. My request is to have in writing that the children who are in the gray zone will not be forced to leave their school and will have busing as per the current policy, for the duration of their education until grade 8.

I would also like to be sure that notes will formally be sent to all families involved and in this gray zone so they are aware of the planned boundary changes. Currently the 5 families I have reached out to inform them of this plan were completely unaware of the planned changes.

Thank you,

Stephanie Ross

November 22, 2017

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for writing to the Cobourg ARC email and expressing your comments on the proposed accommodation plans for Cobourg Catholic Elementary Schools. As you have indicated, during the Cobourg Catholic Elementary School Accommodation Review Public Meeting held on November 20, 2017 at St. Michael Catholic Elementary School, staff presented the proposed recommendations relating to the Accommodation Review. The proposed recommendation is to close St. Michael Catholic Elementary School and to relocate the French Immersion program at St. Michael Catholic Elementary School to create a dual track English/French Immersion program at Notre Dame Catholic Elementary school pending capital upgrades at Notre Dame Catholic Elementary Schools. In doing so, the Board must ensure that all schools are fully utilized and, as such, a proposed boundary change for the Notre Dame and St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School is recommended. However, the public comments are very important to the Accommodation Review process and your email and this response will be brought to the attention of board staff and the Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) to see if a solution can be determine to address the current students and families affected by this proposed boundary change. Please keep in mind that the proposed accommodation plans are being brought to the Board of Trustees on January 23, 2018 through the Final Staff Report. The Board of Trustees will be hearing from delegations at a Special Board meeting on February 7, 2018 and will vote on the recommendations in the Final Staff Report at a Board meeting on February 27, 2018. Further, the proposed recommendations are also be subject to the Ministry of Education approving Capital funding for required school building replacement or enhancements to Notre Dame Catholic Elementary School. As such, the proposed recommendations and boundary changes will not occur until approvals and capital

	<p>improvements are complete which may be at a minimum three (3) years plus before occurring. I hope this reply is helpful.</p> <p>This email will be shared with the Accommodation Review Committee and will become part of the official record.</p> <p>Please continue to monitor the Board’s ARC webpage for updates at <a href="http://www.pvnccdsb.on.ca">www.pvnccdsb.on.ca</a> or attend any of the upcoming public meetings.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p> <p>Tim Robins Chair, Cobourg ARC</p> <p>November 22, 2017</p> <p>Dear [REDACTED],</p> <p>Thank you for writing to the Cobourg ARC email and expressing your comments on the proposed accommodation plans for Cobourg Catholic Elementary Schools. Your request will be forwarded to Board staff for consideration. This email will be shared with the Accommodation Review Committee and will become part of the official record.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p> <p>Tim Robins Chair, Cobourg ARC</p>
<p>November 21, 2017</p> <p>All quoted from reference below...</p> <p>"French immersion—meant to inspire national unity—has turned into an elitist, divisive and deeply troubled system"</p> <p>"which have come to be seen by many as a free private school within the public school system"</p>	<p>November 22, 2017</p> <p>Dear [REDACTED],</p> <p>Thank you for writing to the Cobourg ARC email and for sharing this information. This email will be shared with the Accommodation Review Committee and will become part of the official record.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p>

<p>"In reality, it has become an elitist, overly restrictive system, geared to benefit a certain type of student"</p> <p>"Even reading scores in English are significantly higher for French immersion students than non-immersion students, according to a 2004 study, which noted the higher socio-economic background of French immersion students alone could not account for the stark difference."</p> <p>"The immersion program creates division along lines of gender, social class and special needs students, wrote a 2008 study from the Canadian Research Institute for Social Policy looking at French immersion in New Brunswick. Girls are more likely to be enrolled than boys and the French stream has fewer kids in need of extra help. All things being equal in New Brunswick, every class—French or English—should have 3.4 students with special needs. But when a school offered French immersion, the average number of special needs students ending up in the English stream was 5.7. This kind of segregation is not unique to that province."</p> <p><a href="http://www.macleans.ca/education/just-say-non-the-problem-with-french-immersion/">http://www.macleans.ca/education/just-say-non-the-problem-with-french-immersion/</a></p>	<p>Tim Robins</p> <p>Chair, Cobourg ARC</p>
<p>November 22, 2017</p> <p>To Whom it May Concern,</p> <p>On November 20<sup>th</sup> I attended a meeting at St Michaels school which was to be an Accommodation Review for merging the Catholic schools in Cobourg and building a new school in our community. I have loosely followed the newsletters that have come home on this subject and thought it would be prudent to attend this meeting to see what was proposed.</p> <p>You can imagine my surprise when I found out that with this process my children and home address are allocated to a "grey zone" in which we are to be displaced from our current School, Notre Dame and moved along with 50 other students to St Josephs.</p>	<p>November 23, 2017</p> <p></p> <p>Thank you for writing to the Cobourg ARC email and expressing your comments on the proposed accommodation plans for Cobourg Catholic Elementary Schools.</p> <p>Your suggestions on clarifying the boundary impact on students is appreciated and will be considered in the future. In terms of the current process, at Public Meeting #1 held in June 5, 2017 members of the public, who attended the meeting, were provided with a complete review of the Initial Staff Report (ISR) and proposed accommodation options which included a review of the proposed boundaries. Further, the ISR has been posted on the Board's webpage</p>

Two things have me bothered.

The first is that communication around this subject has not been clear. While I understood that an amalgamation of schools was happening nowhere until this meeting was it mentioned that boundaries are changing and that my children would be displaced from the school they call home. Communication should include in bold that boundaries are changing and families will be affected along with the map of the “gray zone” If you are not clear in your communication with the families of the affected schools and “gray zone” then you will not get the feedback or early involvement from the families in the community especially those affected.

Secondly, the thought of my children being forced from our school is unsatisfactory. When we moved to Cobourg with three young children we actively sought out an address that would enable our family to attend Notre Dame. We have been a part of this school for 10 years and should continue to be a part of this school for 4 more years until my youngest graduates. Although I am concerned for all displaced children in the gray zone, my priority are my own children. To have them uprooted in their intermediate years, potentially Grade 7 and 8 is unacceptable. Childhood at best is stressful and to tell a child they are forced to attend a new school while all their friends get to stay together is something I will not stand for. We picked Notre Dame school not only for our children but also for the fact that my two sisters and 2 cousins have kids at this school. These relatives are peer support for my children and also peer support for me and my husband. As working parents, we rely on the fact that I have family to help with our kids and my family in turn, rely on us. We are very happy with Notre Dame and would like to stay.

There are three solutions that I can suggest off the top of my head.

1. Please have my children grandfathered

at [www.pvnccdsb.on.ca](http://www.pvnccdsb.on.ca) since the March 28, 2017 Board of Trustees approval to proceed with the Accommodation Review.

Your suggestions on grandfathering and the sizing of the new school will be brought to the attention of Board staff for consideration.

This email will be shared with the Accommodation Review Committee and will become part of the official record.

Please continue to monitor the Board’s ARC webpage for updates at [www.pvnccdsb.on.ca](http://www.pvnccdsb.on.ca) or attend any of the upcoming public meetings.

Respectfully,

Tim Robins

Chair, Cobourg ARC

<p>implementing the gray zone for new families of school aged children.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Consider building a bigger school so no children are forcibly moved from Notre Dame</li> <li>3. Consider making St Josephs a French only school thus eliminating a two tiered system at Notre Dame which potentially affects one school not two schools.</li> </ol> <p>At the meeting I was assured the board would listen to my concerns and advocate for my children. I expect nothing less. I look forward to a positive outcome to this very contentious issue.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Ingrid MacNie</p>	
<p>November 21, 2017</p> <p>Good Evening,</p> <p>I recently learned that the Catholic school board is considering some changes to the boundaries for Notre Dame School in Cobourg. I have 3 children that attend Notre Dame and I have learned that if these changes are made, my family will be affected. I understand there are complications due to the fact that there is a desire to close St Michaels in Cobourg which currently offers French stream. My understanding is that the board wants to continue to offer this two tiered system (see Macleans Article: <a href="http://www.macleans.ca/education/just-say-non-the-problem-with-french-immersion/">http://www.macleans.ca/education/just-say-non-the-problem-with-french-immersion/</a>) which could potentially displace a number of children from the Notre Dame school.</p> <p>These decisions are always difficult. However, it would appear to me that rather than upsetting one apple cart, two are now being turned over by this proposal. I would ask the board to be creative and work to resolve this without displacing more children from their school. I would recommend or suggest a grandfathering system or simply building a bigger school. I do not have all of the details as to if these ideas are</p>	<p>November 23, 2017</p> <p>█</p> <p>Thank you for writing to the Cobourg ARC email and expressing your comments on the proposed accommodation plans for Cobourg Catholic Elementary Schools.</p> <p>Your suggestion relating to the communications of the Accommodation Review process is appreciated and will be considered in the future. In terms of the current ARC process, the Board has utilized a number of communication strategies to help get the word out to the parents, guardians and the community including parent representation on the Accommodation Review Committee (ARC), a dedicated ARC Board Webpage, ads in the local paper, Notices going home to advise Parent and Guardians of the public meetings and ARC updates on the school webpages.</p> <p>Further, your suggestions on grandfathering and the sizing of the new school will be brought to the attention of staff for consideration.</p> <p>I hope this reply is helpful.</p> <p>This email will be shared with the</p>

possible or not, but I trust the school board can find a creative solution to this problem. My wife and I chose to live in this area because of friends our children have at Notre Dame. These are formative years for children and I do not believe it is in their best interest to move children to a new school. In some cases creating 2 large stressful events in 2 years (one to new school and then again to high school). My concern lies with my own children but the same holds true for every other student displaced.

I am disappointed that the communication around this topic has not been more clear. I did not realize the meeting entitled "Overview of ARC orientation Session" meant a school may be closing and your children may be affected. I would expect more clear communication from the board in situations such as these. These are large decisions and paperwork sent home that states "Accommodation Review" sounds more like the board is working on AODA projects rather than considering changing boundary lines. I would ask in the future, if there is a possibility that a student may be affected by an outcome such as this, please make the communication clear. I would propose something like "The School is Considering Changing Boundary Lines – This Could Affect Where Your Childs Goes To School". This type of communication would be more clear and allow parents to become involved earlier in the process.

From the people I spoke with in the last 24 hours since the meeting, its sounds as though the board is willing to listen to concerns and "not pay them lip service". I hope you are listening and I am certain that you will find a creative solution to this conundrum. I am hopeful that we can use this experience as a learning opportunity for communication in the future.




Thank you,  


Accommodation Review Committee and will become part of the official record.

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Respectfully,

Tim Robins  
Chair, Cobourg ARC

<p>November 22, 2017</p> <p>Unfortunately, I was not able to make it to the public meeting on Nov 20, but I would like to voice my concern about the proposed plan.</p> <p>I have three boys that go to Notre Dame, grade 1, 6 and 7. I am assuming my two oldest boys will not be affected, but my concern isn't just with my kids, it's with all of the kids that would be forced to move from Notre Dame to St Joseph. These kids have established friendships and have come to know Notre Dame as another home, where they can have fun and learn. They feel comfortable there when they are away from their parents.</p> <p>I know there are many factors to look at when making this decision, but I also know that the impact on the students is the number one factor to consider. Transferring students out of Notre Dame could have a big impact on these students. St. Joseph and St. Michael students remain together with their friends, but a select number of Notre Dame students will be separated from their friends, whom they have developed great friendships with. This will have a negative impact on the students transferring as well as the friends left behind.</p> <p>Please take into account this very sensitive and important part of the decision making process, as I hope that the kids are impacted the least. Please do not choose financial gain over our children's best interest. Thank you so much.</p> <p>Respectfully yours,  </p>	<p>November 23, 2017</p> <p></p> <p>Thank you for writing to the Cobourg ARC email and expressing your comments on the proposed accommodation plans for Cobourg Catholic Elementary Schools and the impact on students and families.</p> <p>Board staff will consider your comments.</p> <p>This email will be shared with the Accommodation Review Committee and will become part of the official record.</p> <p>Please continue to monitor the Board's ARC webpage for updates at <a href="http://www.pvnccdsb.on.ca">www.pvnccdsb.on.ca</a> or attend any of the upcoming public meetings.</p> <p>Respectfully,  Tim Robins  Chair, Cobourg ARC</p>
<p>November 23, 2017</p> <p>To whom this may concern</p> <p>This concern isn't directly related to the new school but perhaps you could direct me to the right place if this isn't something that you have control over. I pick my girls up every day from</p>	<p>November 24, 2017</p> <p></p> <p>Thank you for writing to the Cobourg ARC email and expressing your comments and or questions relating to the proposed accommodation plans for Cobourg Catholic Elementary Schools.</p>



school and we walk home. We head north on Burnham st. The street we have to cross is quite dangerous as there is a lot of traffic and cars are coming over a hill and around a curve.

Wondering who I could talk to about getting flashing crossing lights or something to that nature to alert vehicles to watch for children especially during school hours. I understand there is a cross walk at the south end of the school but it's quite out of the way for those of us heading north (And we aren't the only ones) and a long way to go for little kindergarten legs.

A few times we've almost been hit by cars. Just looking out for the safety of the children.

Thanks for your time

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We appreciate your concerns relating to traffic flow around the school and the safety of children and pedestrians.

I would suggest that you contact the Town of Cobourg and ask to speak from someone in Planning or Traffic Control. They should be able to assist.

I hope this reply is helpful.

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Respectfully,

Tim Robins  
Chair, Cobourg ARC

November 23, 2017

Hello. We did not know about the meeting in Cobourg this week regarding moving 50 students to St. Joseph's from Notre Dame in Cobourg. My son is currently in grade 5 at ND and we live in the "grey" area on ██████████. Can we please get a copy, or a referral to a website, of the minutes of the meeting ad this affects my son. Will there be another meeting for the parents directly affected so we can ask questions? Is this decision final or is it pending trustee review? What is the timeline? Do we jave the option of writing to the board and asking for our kuds to be grandfathered to stay at ND?

Thanks

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November 24, 2017


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Thank you for writing to the Cobourg ARC email and expressing your comments and or questions relating to the proposed accommodation plans for Cobourg Catholic Elementary Schools.

All information relating to the Cobourg Catholic Elementary Schools Accommodation Review can be found on the Board's webpage at [www.pvnccdsb.on.ca](http://www.pvnccdsb.on.ca). Please click on the button titled Pupil Accommodation Review. All future meeting dates and times are listed and the process the Board is undertaking following Ministry of Education Guidelines and Board Policy and Procedures.

Staff are working on a detailed Town of Cobourg proposed boundary map to be presented at the next ARC Working Meeting (December 18, 2017) and uploaded on the ARC webpage.

	<p>Your suggestions on grandfathering students will be brought to the attention of staff for consideration.</p> <p>I hope this reply is helpful.</p> <p>This email will be shared with the Accommodation Review Committee and will become part of the official record.</p> <p>Please continue to monitor the Board’s ARC webpage for updates at <a href="http://www.pvnccdsb.on.ca">www.pvnccdsb.on.ca</a> or attend any of the upcoming public meetings.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p> <p>Tim Robins Chair, Cobourg ARC</p>
<p>November 23, 2017</p> <p>What students will be affected. My children who attend notre dame live [REDACTED] Cobourg. When is this effective?</p> <p>Thank you. [REDACTED]</p>	<p>November 24, 2017</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>Thank you for writing to the Cobourg ARC email and expressing your comments and or questions relating to the proposed accommodation plans for Cobourg Catholic Elementary Schools.</p> <p>All information relating to the Cobourg Catholic Elementary Schools Accommodation Review can be found on the Board’s webpage at <a href="http://www.pvnccdsb.on.ca">www.pvnccdsb.on.ca</a>. Please click on the button titled Pupil Accommodation Review. Please review the Initial Staff Report for specific details relating to street addresses and the proposed boundary map. All future meeting dates and times are listed and the process the Board is undertaking following Ministry of Education Guidelines and Board Policy and Procedures. Staff are working on a detailed Town of Cobourg proposed boundary map to be presented at the next ARC Working Meeting (December 18, 2017) and uploaded on the ARC webpage.</p> <p>I hope this reply is helpful.</p> <p>This email will be shared with the Accommodation Review Committee and will</p>

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<p>November 23, 2017</p> <p>Thanks for the response Tim</p> <p>I am sure that the ARC team has used numerous methods to communicate the ongoing process. When I found the web page you mentioned the language used to describe the process is unclear. ARC means nothing to parents and even when spelt out: Accommodation Review Committee means even less. If I were running a project where I was planning to move a number of students from one school to another, and had not heard strong feedback from parents, I would be concerned my communication strategy was not working. Most parents I have spoken with in the last week since learning about this change are very surprised by it (These are parents that are involved in the school through volunteering and participation, not apathetic parents). I would suggest the communication strategy has been insufficient or the language used to communicate the change inadequate or unclear. I am happy to hear that the suggestions brought forward will be considered but also understand these are made without all the data. I am curious how I can become more involved with this process and gain access to some of the data. I am not aligned to the current proposals. I looked at the remaining schedule and have read through some of the documents and it would appear to me that there is potential for a boundary change as soon as September 2018. From the schedule, it would also appear that there is a decision pending in February of next year. I am not planning to explain to my children they will need to make new friends at a</p>	<p>November 24, 2017</p> <p></p> <p>Thank you for writing to the Cobourg ARC email and for the additional comments relating to ARC communications strategy. Your suggestions are helpful and will be considered as we continue through the Accommodation Review process.</p> <p>This email will be shared with the Accommodation Review Committee and will become part of the official record.</p> <p>Please continue to monitor the Board’s ARC webpage for updates at <a href="http://www.pvnccdsb.on.ca">www.pvnccdsb.on.ca</a> or attend any of the upcoming public meetings.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p> <p>Tim Robins Chair, Cobourg ARC</p>

new school, so that other kids can take their spot at their school. This plan is currently unfair and disadvantages more kids in the process.

Thank You,

[Redacted]

November 23, 2017

To Whom it May Concern,

On November 20th I was informed by another parent that there was a meeting at St. Michael's school which was to be an Accommodation Review for merging the Catholic schools in Cobourg and building a new school in our community. This meeting announced the allocated of a "grey zone" in which we are to be displaced from our current School, Notre Dame and moved along with 50 other students to St Josephs. I wasn't aware that the school boundaries would be changed. If so, I would have attend the meeting.

It isn't fair that you designed this mandatory "grey zone" for the kids to leave their school, Notre Dame to attend another one. [Redacted]

[Redacted] My kids do NOT want to move schools. They want to stay at Notre Dame and attend St.Mary's High School, just like their brother did before them. [Redacted]

[Redacted] How can you now force my children from their school? We have put so much thought and planning to have our kids go to Notre Dame. We have been a part of this school for 10 years and should continue to be a part of this school for 4 more years until my youngest graduates. Although I am concerned for all displaced children in the grey zone, my priority are my own children. To have them uprooted in

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their intermediate years, potentially Grade 7 and 8 is unacceptable. Childhood at best is stressful and to tell a child they are forced to attend a new school while all their friends get to stay together is something I will not stand for. We picked Notre Dame school not only for our children but also because it's a stable environment for my kids [REDACTED]. We are very happy with Notre Dame and would like to stay. [REDACTED] for my kids NOT to be able attend the school that they have been going to since they were in JK. You have no idea what this change will do to my kids. My son suffers from [REDACTED] as it is, this change will set him back.

My suggestion:

1. Please have my children grandfathered implementing the grey zone for new families of school aged children.
2. If you are going to keep the "grey zone" it should only apply for new kids entering JK as of 2018 or 2019.
3. Consider building a bigger school so no children are forcibly moved from Notre Dame I have been told that the board would listen to my concerns and advocate for my children. I look forward to a positive outcome to this very contentious issue.

Thank you.  
[REDACTED]

November 23, 2017

To Whom it May Concern,

Please forward all information regarding the above topic to this email.

Concerned Parent,  
[REDACTED]

November 24, 2017

[REDACTED]

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<p>November 23, 2017</p> <p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I would appreciate more information regarding this matter, about the said amalgamation of 3 schools into 2. I need to know if my daughter is one of the 50 students being transferred, if so it would not be in her best interest. I have explained to her what could happen with 50 students and she has expressed that she doesn't wish to transfer to St. Joseph's. She is doing very well where she is and loves her school &amp; teachers there. She has found it very hard not having Mrs. Graham there anymore. I look forward to your email and thank you for your co-operation.</p> <p>██████████</p>	<p>November 24, 2017</p> <p>██████████</p> <p>Thank you for writing to the Cobourg ARC email and expressing your comments and or questions relating to the proposed accommodation plans for Cobourg Catholic Elementary Schools.</p> <p>All information relating to the Cobourg Catholic Elementary Schools Accommodation Review can be found on the Board’s webpage at <a href="http://www.pvnccdsb.on.ca">www.pvnccdsb.on.ca</a>. Please click on the button titled Pupil Accommodation Review. All future meeting dates and times are listed and the process the Board is undertaking following Ministry of Education Guidelines and Board Policy and Procedures.</p> <p>I hope this reply is helpful.</p> <p>This email will be shared with the Accommodation Review Committee and will become part of the official record.</p> <p>Please continue to monitor the Board’s ARC webpage for updates at <a href="http://www.pvnccdsb.on.ca">www.pvnccdsb.on.ca</a> or attend any of the upcoming public meetings.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p>

	<p>Tim Robins Chair, Cobourg ARC</p>
<p>November 23, 2017</p> <p>To Whom it May Concern,</p> <p>On November 20th I attended the drop-in information session at St Michaels school for the Accommodation Review and was advised of the details of the proposal going forward for the merging the Catholic schools in Cobourg and building a new school in our community. My husband and I have read the information that have come home on this subject and thought it would be very important to attend this meeting to see what was in the details of the proposal. I was very surprised and alarmed to see that the proposal going forward was going to directly impact 50 students at Notre Dame and REMOVE them to St. Josephs (which is a high percentage against the current population). I was also very concerned that my SK grade child and my soon to be second child starting at Notre Dame in September would be one of these children. I voiced this to the leads of the meeting and we went over to the "scaled up" map and I still do not have a definite answer as to whether of not we are deemed in the "grey" zone as the map was not clearly marked and there was no more information on who these 50 students where available. I was advised that I would have follow-up on this matter later this week and have not heard an update as of yet.</p> <p>I would like it to be completely clear that, whatever the outcome is (if we are in the grey zone or not) that my husband and I are not supportive of this proposal with the emphasis being on displacing 50 currently enrolled students at Notre Dame to St. Josephs.</p> <p>We are disappointed, alarmed and to be honest stressed about this because we love Notre Dame and we love this school because we are a COMMUNITY. We are a community from the friend network my child has at school, we are a community across the 11 cousins that all attend this school within our family and we are a</p>	<p>November 24, 2017</p> <p></p> <p>Thank you for writing to the Cobourg ARC email and expressing your comments and or questions relating to the proposed accommodation plans for Cobourg Catholic Elementary Schools.</p> <p>Your suggestions on grandfathering, the sizing of the new school and program directions will be brought to the attention of staff for consideration.</p> <p>I hope this reply is helpful.</p> <p>This email will be shared with the Accommodation Review Committee and will become part of the official record.</p> <p>Please continue to monitor the Board's ARC webpage for updates at <a href="http://www.pvnccdsb.on.ca">www.pvnccdsb.on.ca</a> or attend any of the upcoming public meetings.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p> <p>Tim Robins Chair, Cobourg ARC</p>

community across the parental support and back-up system we have in place. I cannot tell you how important it is and how much it means when I drop my child off at school to know that he has his cousins and their friends sprinkled throughout the grades (every grade but Gr. 8 currently) to have in his everyday life. I also personally rely on my sisters, cousins and friends as a school network and even back-up for child pick-up and vice versa. I do have confirmation that some our relatives and people that I am referring to directly are some of these 50 students and it breaks my heart to think that because of some accommodation review that you would force them (or even our family) to leave Notre Dame. We are active within the school community, I attend all field trips, volunteer in the class, my Mother in law volunteers 1 day a week in the class and now we are being told that we may be forced to leave.

My husband and I relocated back home to Cobourg (where we both grew up) last year from Ajax, to raise our family close to our family and one of the main reasons was so my son (and my other when school age) could go to Notre Dame and go to school with all of their cousins. The fact that this may need to change and not be possible is inconceivable. We purchased a house in the area and we did so that we could attend Notre Dame. We were very mindful of the St. Josephs boarders when doing this, as this is not and has not been a school that I want my children to attend.

I am not only extremely unsupportive of the proposal but I am also disappointed in the communication around the impact ie: 50 students being displaced. This subject has not been clear. So unclear, to the fact that when I went online I could not read the black and white small scale PDF map of the boundaries and then when I do attend the meeting the leads cannot even provide a definite answer as to if we are one of those 50 students as their "scaled up" map is blurry near our address. Communication should include in bold that boundaries are changing and families will be affected along with



a CLEAR map of the “gray zone” or even go as far as providing the student list. If you are not clear in your communication with the families of the affected schools and “gray zone” then you will not get the feedback or early involvement from the families in the community- especially those affected.

I urge you to please consider an alternative to this proposal. I understand the need to amalgamate schools and update facilities – but why at the expense of the children and families attending? We have provided nothing but support to the teacher and staff at Notre Dame and we ask that you in turn do this for us. Please consider the following:

1. Please have families grandfathered implementing the gray zone for new families entering the school
2. Consider building a bigger school so no children are forcibly moved from Notre Dame
3. Consider making St Josephs a French only school thus eliminating a two tiered system at Notre Dame which potentially affects one school not two schools.

At the meeting I was assured the board would listen to my concerns and advocate on our behalf. I expect nothing less. I look forward to a positive outcome to this very contentious issue.

Thank you.

November 27, 2017

Good morning. I got news that 50 students will be transferred to St. Joseph's. My son goes to Notre Dame. We live at 586 Dibirad Blvd Roseneath. My question is does this boundary effect us? Or will he be able to remain at Notre Dame?

Thank you

November 27, 2017

Shannon,

I will ask Board staff to review and advise.

Isabel,

Can you assist with the below question and advise.

Tim

<p>November 27, 2017</p> <p>Thank you for looking into this. I would like my son to remain at Notre Dame</p>	<p>Tim Robins Chair, Cobourg ARC</p> <p>November 27, 2017</p> <p><b>Shannon,</b></p> <p>Your request is noted. Staff is in the process of reviewing all public input relating to the proposed accommodation option for the Cobourg Catholic Elementary Schools Accommodation Review.</p> <p>This email will become part of the public record and will be shared with the ARC at the next Working Meeting scheduled on December 18, 2017.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p> <p>Tim Robins Chair, Cobourg ARC</p>
<p>November 27, 2017</p> <p>Could you please provide further details regarding the possible amalgamation of Cobourg elementary schools?</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	<p>November 28, 2017</p> <p>Thank you for writing the Cobourg Catholic Elementary Schools Accommodation Review Committee. Information relating to the review can be found on the Board's webpage at <a href="http://www.pvnccdsb.on.ca">www.pvnccdsb.on.ca</a> under the pupil accommodation review tab.</p> <p>I hope this response is helpful.</p> <p>This email will be shared with the ARC and become part of the official record.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p> <p>Tim Robins Chair, Cobourg ARC</p>
<p>November 27, 2017</p> <p>I am preparing some comments for the Accommodation Review in Cobourg and just had</p>	<p>November 27, 2017</p> <p><b>Hi Heather</b> <b>Heather</b> we have received considerable feedback</p>

a question for you. I understand that the option that is being considered involves transferring 50 students from Notre Dame to St. Joseph's. I am wondering if those 50 students are going to be given the option to stay at Notre Dame to finish their elementary schooling?

I look forward to hearing from you regarding the above.

Thank you,

Heather LeVon

since our Public Meeting last week. In that feedback there has been a theme of requesting that all of the present Notre Dame students be allowed to remain at Notre Dame. This important feedback will all be brought to our next ARC Working Committee on December 18th.

I hope that helps.

Thanks,

Tim

November 27, 2017

Tim and Heather:

I will ensure that the below correspondence is added to the ARC public emails and brought to the attention of the Accommodation Review Committee.

Tim

Tim Robins  
Chair, Cobourg ARC

November 27, 2017

Hi there, what is the proposed boundary change? Wondering if our family will be affected. Thanks. We are west of Notre Dame in New Amherst so I'm thinking we won't be affected but just wanting to make sure.

Thanks,

Karin

November 28, 2017

Thank you!

November 28, 2017

Karin



Thank you for writing the Cobourg Catholic Elementary Schools Accommodation Review Committee. Information relating to the review can be found on the Board's webpage at [www.pvnccdsb.on.ca](http://www.pvnccdsb.on.ca) under the school accommodation review tab.



You are correct, New Amherst is not affected by the proposed boundary change.

I hope this response is helpful.

This email will be shared with the ARC and

	<p>become part of the official record.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p> <p>Tim Robins Chair, Cobourg ARC</p>
<p>November 30, 2017</p> <p>To Whom it May Concern,</p> <p>Hello, my name is <b>Britt Parker</b> and I am writing to express my concern about the Accommodation Review for merging the Catholic Elementary schools in Cobourg. My husband <b>Trenholm Parker</b> attended the meeting on November 20th at St. Michael's to see if it impacted our two children at Notre Dame (<b>Hazel</b> Gr. 1 &amp; <b>Willen</b> Yr. 1 Kindergarten). We have not been following the subject that closely until we realized that it may have a negative impact on our family. It wasn't until after the meeting we believe our children will not be required to move schools but my sisters (<b>MacNiels</b> &amp; <b>Seggles</b>) &amp; cousins (<b>Greer</b> &amp; <b>Dunbrack</b>) children are in the 'grey zone' with the potential to be moved to St. Josephs.</p> <p>We started a family here in Cobourg to be with family. Our children go to Notre Dame to be with family. Currently we have an immediate or second cousin in every single grade other than grade 8 at the school. My mother-in-law and I volunteer weekly in each of my children's classrooms. We understand the sense of community at Notre Dame and have nurtured that with hours of volunteer work to get to know the teachers, the children and the values at the school. As family we rely on each other as support system for drop off's, pick up's and extra hands on class trips.</p> <p>The purpose of this letter is to first confirm that my children will not be displaced to St. Josephs. The 'grey' zone at the meeting was not clear and communication leading up to the meeting has not been clear in that boundaries would be changing and children would be displaced.</p>	<p>December 1, 2017</p> <p><b>[REDACTED]</b></p> <p>Thank you for writing to the Cobourg ARC email and expressing your comments and or questions relating to the proposed accommodation plans for Cobourg Catholic Elementary Schools.</p> <p>Your suggestions on grandfathering, the sizing of the new school and clarification on the proposed boundary map will be brought to the attention of staff for consideration.</p> <p>Further, board staff will be checking on the proposed boundary map in relations to your address and will confirm if your family is impacted. Staff will respond to you shortly.</p> <p>This email will be shared with the Accommodation Review Committee and will become part of the official record.</p> <p>Please continue to monitor the Board's ARC webpage for updates at <a href="http://www.pvnccdsb.on.ca">www.pvnccdsb.on.ca</a> or attend any of the upcoming public meetings.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p> <p>Tim Robins Chair, Cobourg ARC</p> <p>December 1, 2017</p> <p><b>[REDACTED]</b></p> <p>Staff have checked and confirmed that your home address is not in the proposed new boundary (grey zone) and therefore, your</p>

<p>The second purpose is to please ask for consideration for my sisters children and my cousins children to remain at Notre Dame. I know that they have each taken the time to write emails to voice their concern.</p> <p>Please consider the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.) Please have families grandfathered implementing the grey zone for new families entering the school.</li> <li>2.) Consider designing the new school to be large enough to accommodate the 50 children so they can stay, as well as future growth in the area.</li> <li>3.) Please create a clearer, more precise Map. The Board has both the School Boundaries AND highways marked with the same red colour. The downtown Cobourg area is incredibly difficult to see closely, with no street names visible.</li> </ol> <p>At the meeting we were assured that the board would listen to our concerns and advocate on our behalf, hence this email as follow up.</p> <p>Looking foward to hearing from you.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p></p>	<p>children would remain in the Notre Dame catchment boundary.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p> <p>Tim Robins</p> <p>Chair, Cobourg ARC</p>
<p>December 1, 2017</p> <p>Hi there,</p> <p>As a teacher of one of the affected schools, I feel it would be wise to have all English students attend the same school. This would mean shared resources among staff (through materials and collaboration), which I hope would result in better education for our students.</p> <p>As a parent of a student in the 'grey area', I would be highly disappointed if my children did not get to attend Notre Dame. We have just built a house, and chose the location specifically to stay</p>	<p>December 4, 2017</p> <p></p> <p>Thank you for writing to the Cobourg ARC email and expressing your comments and or questions relating to the proposed accommodation plans for Cobourg Catholic Elementary Schools.</p> <p>Your suggestions on grandfathering will be brought to the attention of staff for consideration.</p> <p>This email will be shared with the Accommodation Review Committee and will</p>

<p>within the Notre Dame boundaries. My daughter goes to school with numerous cousins and family friends. She is only in Year 1, but has found comfort in her school environment and I worry about how she would handle a change of schools.</p> <p>I know that the idea of grandfathering current students into Notre Dame has been brought up by others (should boundaries change), but I wonder how that would then affect my son who has yet to start school?</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration in this matter,  </p>	<p>become part of the official record.</p> <p>Please continue to monitor the Board's ARC webpage for updates at <a href="http://www.pvnccdsb.on.ca">www.pvnccdsb.on.ca</a> or attend any of the upcoming public meetings.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p> <p>Tim Robins  Chair, Cobourg ARC</p>
<p>December 18, 2017</p> <p>I realize this communication may be a little late in terms of decisions that may have already been made for Cobourg's Catholic elementary schools. However, I would like to express my view point as a parent to give consideration again for the creation of a French Immersion Centre in Cobourg.</p> <p>My youngest daughter is currently in grade 3 at St. Michael in Cobourg where she has been enjoying her year immensely in a French only learning environment. I know from my older children attending the French Immersion program (over the past 20 years), they strongly felt it would have been beneficial for them to have been in a "French only" environment. The also commented that in terms of the social aspect of school, their friends were from the immersion program as well.</p> <p>I know this had been previously discussed when my oldest daughter was enrolled and Notre Dame was reopening as an elementary school. I understand that the board also has a current open French Immersion Centre in Bowmanville. Any statics from their school would be really helpful for those making decisions.</p> <p>I believe it would be also beneficial to wait until the end of the current school year before making final decisions. This would allow the teachers, parents and students the opportunity to comment and reflect on the success of St. Michael as a French only school.</p> <p>To quote from the Board's website "Research</p>	<p>December 19, 2017</p> <p></p> <p>Thank you for writing to the Cobourg ARC email and expressing your comments and or questions relating to the proposed accommodation plans for Cobourg Catholic Elementary Schools.</p> <p>Your suggestions on single track "French only" environment will be considered by staff including review of statistical data. Further, all proposed accommodation options commit to an implementation date that is subject to the Ministry of Education approval of capital improvements. As such, closure of St. Michael and transfer of the French Immersion program would not occur until the Board of Trustees approve the final accommodation option and the Ministry of Education approves capital funding and work is completed.</p> <p>This email will be shared with the Accommodation Review Committee and will become part of the official record.</p> <p>Please continue to monitor the Board's ARC webpage for updates at <a href="http://www.pvnccdsb.on.ca">www.pvnccdsb.on.ca</a> or attend any of the upcoming public meetings.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p> <p>Tim Robins  Chair, Cobourg ARC</p>

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Any re-consideration toward this proposal would be appreciated.

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December 18, 2017

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Respectfully,

Tim Robins  
Chair, Cobourg ARC



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<p>December 21, 2017</p> <p>Hello Tim,</p> <p>I just wanted to take a minute to say how impressed I was after attending the working meeting for the Cobourg ARC committee this past Monday Dec 18th. I was not sure what to expect but I must say that you and the committee members were a pleasure to witness. It was great to see such a large group of people take the time to really listen to each other's inputs, respect each other's decisions and present a plan that meets the needs of our community. I was particularly impressed with the sincerity and concern that prompted your decision to grandfather children in the gray zone. I understand that one of your goals for the strategic plan was to ensure that decisions are evidence based and responsive. You exceed my expectations with both your collection of evidence and with your responsiveness to the communities concern.</p> <p>Thank you sincerely and please share my thanks with your committee.</p> <p>██████████</p>	<p>December 21, 2017</p> <p>██████████</p> <p>Thank you for your email and for the positive comments in support of the Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) work and the process that the committee followed in achieving its mandate.</p> <p>I will ensure that this communication is shared with the ARC members. This email will be part of the official record.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p> <p>Tim Robins Chair, Cobourg ARC</p>