



Peterborough Victoria
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COBOURG CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS ACCOMMODATION REVIEW

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~~Please tell us what you see as the positive aspects relating to the proposed recommended option and guiding principles.~~

Negatives

We have many cousins that all go to Notre Dame & my husband & I actually [redacted] & bought in Cobourg so they could all go to school together. We have cousins in every grade but Gr. 8 - to think that we could be forced to move to St. Joseph's & be separated is devastating. We depend on our family network for our kids in the school & each other (parents) for drop-off's, pick-up's & coverage. We moved here to

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be with family. I do not want my kids to go to St. Joseph's.

→ Please consider Grandfathring families / cousins

→ Please be open to exceptions - Being a working parent nothing beats the peace of mind of knowing your kids have a large support system at their school. My fear is this will be lost.

PTO →

Positives
New facility - needed, better outfitted
classrooms.

Yet if I had my choice & if it meant
we would have to change schools. I vote
no change.

Thanks



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I have a daughter in grade 6 and a daughter in grade 3. My kids currently attend Notre Dame with 10 of their Cousins which has been a very purposeful choice. Community and family are very important and some of these kids are the affected "48" proposed to go to St. Joe's. My 11yr old did JK at St. Joe's and we make a choice to move her to Notre Dame due to some difficulties at the school →

if we were forced to leave Notre Dame we would choose KPR over going to St. Joe. I feel very strongly that the "48" kids should be grandfathered in. ~~As~~ As a parent I have invested countless volunteer hours to foster relationships within the school as I'm sure have some of the other parents, this cannot be discounted. It would be extremely detrimental to the affected kids. Please consider grandfathering!!



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- new school
- larger school potentially provides more resources

Please tell us what you see as the challenges relating to the proposed recommended option and guiding Principles.

- enforcing catchment area for schools
- new school to increase St Joseph's enrolment



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Updating of facilities,
- Should simplify where kids go
- Theoretically lower overall costs to operate 2 schools
- Larger school community can have more opportunities/options.

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- Larger student populations
- Need clearer boundary maps to fully understand impact on families who may be required to change schools.
- Bussing changes could be a challenge.
- Loss of any school / change of school community hard on kids & family



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We need to blow up the map of Cobourg to see where the boundary of new school will be.



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Please tell us what you see as the challenges relating to the proposed recommended option and guiding Principles.

- My son who has been at Notre Dame his whole student career would be transplanted
- We go to this school because our whole family is there. They are his peer group and our support.
- Grandfathering NEEDS to be considered



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English + French - Dual Track together
New School positive
2 schools for Cobourg.
Big yard - grass for students

Please tell us what you see as the challenges relating to the proposed recommended option and guiding Principles.

* The catchment area close to Notre Dame should go to Notre Dame. They should go to their home school (neighbourhood area)



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a new build will probably have a better chance of coming in on or under budget.
A retrofit will always have surprises to overcome during the build and may cost more than anticipated

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Those Families that live south of Elgin and west of William can currently walk to Notre Dame on ~~no~~ pedestrian friendly streets. Those families may prefer to go to Burnham P.S. where they can still walk to.
I would suggest the southern boundary change to be moved to Elgin St.



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new school

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forcing children to transfer schools & established relationships - need to grandfather families at a bare minimum - continue & current boundaries.



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I am very concerned about combining french + english streams. Segregation of students in local school (Gumnow) is detrimental to the confidence, mental health and wellbeing of english students. There is a clear separation of power that should not be present in



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- Many positives

Please tell us what you see as the challenges relating to the proposed recommended option and guiding principles.

- Boundary change not fair to parents not informed
- Parents need to be informed (but could be handled
- Is French immersion centre still an option. w/ grandfathering
- New map needs to be done - detailed x.



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Building modifications (updates to existing facility)

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Dual track. In order I would like to see a higher FI Centre because I think it's the best option (given this community & the current curriculum) for true language acquisition success.



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New Facilities would help increase enrollment in Catholic Schools - resulting in more funding for the Board
I FEAR proposed Rezoning of 50 children would result in 50 less children in the Catholic Board. I personally would move my children + tax dollars to public system if they are going to be displaced.

Please tell us what you see as the challenges relating to the proposed recommended option and guiding Principles.

Rezoning plan currently affects 50 children, however by the time of new facility completion this number would be much smaller. Information on this would be valuable. I feel most resistance will be in the rezoning. UNSTANDING, the actual number of affected students would help understand possibility to transfer these kids to stay in their own school.
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New facilities for future students, better use of schools.

Please tell us what you see as the challenges relating to the proposed recommended option and guiding Principles.

• Expanding funding when there are already 3 viable facilities
• Relocating students from their existing schools. I'm
glad to see dual track is important so children that
don't stick to french immersion don't have to CHANGE schools
- I would expect that this same consideration would
be taken for the children affected by the rezoning.



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I understand that Notre Dame needs a new facility.

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My 3 children are in the grey area and will be drastically affected by the change. I moved my children [redacted] to attend school with their cousins. They are currently in SK, gr. 2, & grade 4.

I would rather transfer my kids to KPR [redacted] which is a decision I don't want to make. I want my children to experience a small school environment / ~~for~~ community

where we know their teachers & friends families. from SK to gr. 8. Transferring & moving ~~moving~~ kids to different schools is stressful and unnecessary. Grandfather the 48 kids into the New

Notre Dame.