

Southeast Galt School Closure Review
Public Comments – February 6, 2012

Date	Affiliation	Comments	Response (if applicable)
2012.01.13	unknown	<p>To me it would make more sense to close either St. Ambrose which is an old, unattractive school with no room to accommodate students from the other schools. They have no where for the students to play outside except for an unsheltered, sweltering hot tarmac which is a health concern for me during summer months. Then there is St. Vincent de Paul, a modular school never meant to be a permanent structure apparently. Now these two schools are also central in comparison to the other schools so it would be easier to shuffle the students from these schools around with out also having to supply transportation for them. They could easily walk like many of our children already do.</p> <p>Several parents are concerned that the other schools that are to be considered for closure may be discriminated against due to the fact that 1) St.Ambrose is attached to our local community and 2) apparently St.Vincents gym was funded by the city. Hopefully this will not be the case.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments. They will be shared with the Accommodation Review Committee, Trustees and will be posted on our website. The gym at St. Vincent was not paid for by the City but the gym at St. Anne was.</p>
2012.01.17	St. Vincent de Paul	<p>I would like to receive email updates throughout the review process. My child attends St. Vincent de Paul and we are quite pleased with the school, staff and how much our son enjoys his days at St. Vincent de Paul.</p> <p>To actually think of such a fine school to be considered for 'closure' with the number of children attending and the supportive community it has garnered, quite honestly baffles me. I full on understand logistics and numbers. However, we are talking more than 'overhead', we are talking community. THIS fact needs to be considered in the process as well.</p>	

2012.01.17	St. Francis	<p>First off I would like to say that I have a son that attends St.Francis. St. Francis is a smaller school but over the years we have made a lot of improvements to our school. We the proud parents fought like heck to have a new parking lot to accommodate around 15 or so cars so that our children have a safe place for them to come and go from school. We also worked hard to have a greening project implemented so that our children have trees to provide them shaded shelter from the scorching summer days, benches and boulders where our children have a quiet place to sit, read and converse with their peers, basketball nets, hop scotch and a two creatives as small as they are but none the less one more bonus for our children to socialize and communicate with other kids.</p> <p>I had the opportunity to look at some of the specs that you have provided for us parents. With that in mind it is my strong belief that there should be 3 schools to be considered for closing.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. St. Anne's as that school has the lowest enrollment. If I remember from meetings in the past they are only at around 100 + students no where near their maximum capacity required by the board.2. St. Ambrose for what it lacks. I would be livid if my child had to be transferred to that building people call a school. No trees, little to no grass, no playground and absolutely no possible way to expand. There is the fact that they are attached to John Dolson which I sure hope won't be a deciding factor.3.St.Vincent, they do have room to expand but also from a previous meeting that I attended they mentioned that it is a modular school. I don't understand much about modular structures but I do know that it can not be as strong and definitely not a permanent structure. Are there plans to rebuild this school to make it a sound and safer structure?	
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