

Public Feedback via Email – From November 27, 2019 to December 9, 2019

Date Received	Email	Response	Date of Response
December 4, 2019	<p>I am writing this as an older sibling that has attended st johns in the past. I've never seen such an upgrade to a rundown school cause such toxicity, fraud in resources, improper teachings, poor self-esteem for students, and a negative environment for those trying to succeed. During the run down years of st johns, the recesses were ghetto with a lack of outside equipment and enjoyment options, however, the inside was filled with intelligence, to a degree that would motivate students to learn and breach their educational barriers. The fact of the matter is St Johns in today's day in age is a fraudulent way for teachers to collect their pay and allow kids to torment each other physically and mentally, to the point that kids cant keep a smile on their faces for an entire day. My sister has been photocopying textbook pages, in the year 2019 where everything should be accessible for students striving to learn. This is an embarrassment, how can kids advance themselves in math if they have to photocopy everything including lessons. The teachers show no care, the principal shows no care, and they disguise every problem from the parents to ensure they keep their jobs and allow kids to mentally destroy themselves and each other. Students should be able to work in unison both through classes and personal growth. During my time, it didn't matter what clothes, phone, games, mark you had, you were a special factor and piece to the classroom. Now the classroom</p>	<p>Thank you for taking the time to share your feedback. Your comments will be shared with the boundary review committee and the Board of Trustees.</p>	December 10, 2019

	<p>has gotten so toxic that kids can't go home or walk into class without getting into a toxic argument or fight. The staff doesn't care at all to the point that suicide is a lingering topic among the school outside of public viewing. If you would like to discuss further, my phone number will be mentioned below, this is entirely from the perspective and creation of opinion from [REDACTED]</p> <p>Kind Regards. [REDACTED]</p> <p>PS If a school gets worse after a 5 million dollar investment, it's not at the fault of the students but at the fault of those who cant showcase lessons of positivity or resources to better an enviroment for the students.</p>		
<p>December 4, 2019</p>	<p>I have taken some time to consider the reports and the details provided during the school presentations and I'd like to voice my concern with the preferred option 1.</p> <p>Option 1 is currently the preferred option as it will serve to balance enrollment across the four schools, however the goal of the review is reduce enrollment pressure at St. John school and not balance enrollment across the four schools. Option 1 appears to only serve as an interim solution as enrollment in all four schools is still projected to be over capacity in a few years. As an interim solution option 1 is disruptive students, families and faculty in all four schools.</p>	<p>Thank you for taking the time to share your feedback. Your comments will be shared with the boundary review committee and the Board of Trustees.</p>	<p>December 10, 2019</p>

	<p>I believe that the benefit the board gains from balancing the enrollment numbers for a couple of years does not outweigh the disruption to the each of the school communities .</p> <p>I urge you to consider other options that achieves the goal of improving the learning environment at St Johns, while minimizing the impact to all schools included in the review, until a longer term solution can be found.</p>		
<p>December 4, 2019</p>	<p>My kids attend Our Lady of Lourdes and we are directly impacted by the Boundary review. We live in Zone x and have the following concerns:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We are very angry that our kids are going to be moved to a school requiring a much longer bus ride because St Nick's school is 7 km's from our house vs Our Lady of Lourdes which is less than 2 km's away! I am concerned for my kids safety on the roads and learning experience. 2. If you move my catholic kids we will be forced into the public school system to make room for kids who possibly only attend st.Johns because it is close to where they currently live. 3. I do not understand why your committee doesn't just move kids from st.johns to st.Nicks thereby minimizing the amount of moves? 4. A major reason for St.Johns being over capacity is the closure of Monsignor 	<p>Thank you for taking the time to share your feedback. Your comments will be shared with the boundary review committee and the Board of Trustees.</p> <p>Various options are being considered and the review is just beginning. The identified preferred option in the initial staff report may or may not be the recommended option at the end of this process.</p>	<p>December 10, 2019</p>

	<p>Gleeson, more evidence of poor planning by the school board</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">5. Moving kids from St. Johns to St. Nicks does not solve major capacity issues and will result in more future moves as the St. Nicks area becomes more populated requiring kids to move again which negatively impacts their learning.6. The City of Waterloo is focused on increasing urban density- tons of high rise apts in the works and LRT- which will only bring more families to the Lourdes school zone thereby further increasing the student population. This means that kids from the St. Johns area will be forced to move again7. The school board methods for predicting school populations is highly inaccurate as demonstrated by the mistakes made in the past (for example, closing Monsignor Gleeson, not forecasting for LRT or the switch to urban density).8. My wife and kids are apart of the Church community at Lourdes, if you move us this will change and negatively impact my kids catholic learning experience (at a time when the Church isn't exactly over populated with people!)9. If you move zone x kids to St. Nicks I will ensure the \$1000 I pay in property taxes goes into the public school board10. I will be in attendance at all voting meetings and will ensure voting results (which decision maker voted yes/no) is		
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	<p>made very public and will run my own PR campaign come re-election time to ensure those who vote to move students from zone x or those who do not stand up against this are known to the area!</p> <p>11. St. Johns is only over capacity because you closed a school! how about building another school or re-opening the school you closed in the area that is over populated</p> <p>12. Lourdes is already almost over capacity whereas other school are not- for example, Holy Rosary which is also closer to St.Johns and would require a shorter bus ride.</p>		
<p>December 4, 2019</p>	<p>I am a concerned parent from OLOL. We are located in the Zone X which is in the OLOL boundary.</p> <p>Wondering how many OLOL students who currently go to the school are out of bounds? There are many out of bounds students that go to OLOL which live in Zones E and B which are the two zones in Option #1 you would add to OLOL.</p> <p>My question to you is:</p> <p>Are the numbers you are using from the Zones E and B excluding or including those students that are already at OLOL? Are those students already being counted in the current enrolment and then also in the zones being added? Or are you just</p>	<p>Thank you for taking the time to thoughtfully consider the options and impacts of this review. Your comments will be shared with the boundary review committee and the Board of Trustees.</p> <p>The projections that we're currently using are based on 2018-19 actuals when there were 63 students attending Our Lady of Lourdes on out of boundary permission. There are 56 this year.</p> <p>These out of boundary students (63) are included in the Our Lady of Lourdes sub-area W. Therefore, they are not included in Zones E and B.</p>	<p>December 10, 2019</p>

	<p>adding the students in those areas that currently go to St. John? This would definitely affect the total number of students for at OLOL.</p> <p>Thank you for you time with this review.</p>		
December 5, 2019	<p>Hello Lourdes church and group,</p> <p>My wife and kids have been regulars at the church for the past 2 years and our kids have been fully immersed in church activities; however, resulting from the proposed boundary changes (we live in zone X and are proposed to move) we will not be attending Lourdes until their future at the school is certain.</p> <p>Resulting from the proposed changes we will not be donating our time or money at the church because we are very upset and angry! If the the proposed changes go thru our kids will be forced into the public school system and another family will be lost forever to the catholic church!</p> <p>If the proposed changes go thru and children from zone x are moved to St. Nicks there will be huge fallout and public outcry that will continue to occur.</p>	Thank you for taking the time to share your feedback. Your comments will be shared with the boundary review committee and the Board of Trustees.	December 10, 2019
December 7, 2019	<p>From the last boundary review meeting there was some wrong information stated:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. it was stated that lourdes has room for 12 additional portables, this is not true. The map that was shown has portables 	Thank you for your thoughtful comments. They will be shared with the Boundary Review Committee and the Board of Trustees prior to a decision.	December 10, 2019

	<p>going onto City land and using the kids play area for portables!</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. It was mentioned that the board is considering that St.Johns families may not be have cars to take their kids to St. Nicks well that same argument can be used for parents who are forced to travel to St. Nicks from zone x 3. Students from st.John's could easily be moved to Holy Rosary which has room for more students and is closer for St. Johns kids 4. It was brought up at the meeting that zone x people are being moved from lourdes primarily to save the financial costs of busing-this is one of the cheapest options 5. Zone x and Y kids can ride bikes to school thereby promoting and reinforcing environmental reasons not to move these kids. It is too far a bike ride for zone x,y kids to bike to St. Nicks nor is it a safe bike ride! 6. There was a strong feeling that regardless of any points raised that the board has already made it's decision to move kids from zone x and Y 7. Again, I will make sure that school trustees that vote to move zone x kids from Lourdes are not re-elected. I will run/finance my own PR campaign. 	<p>We would like to clarify a few of your points because we think there's some confusion.</p> <p>Regarding your first point about portables, the maximum number of portables that Our Lady of Lourdes could accommodate given its current electrical capacity is 4-5 portables. Twelve portables was mentioned in terms of the number that could be physically accommodated on the site without considering other factors. There is no parkland adjacent to Our Lady of Lourdes, however portables would take up playground space. No map was shown.</p> <p>The option to move St. John students to Holy Rosary is still a consideration and will be discussed at the next Boundary Review Committee meeting.</p>	
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<p>December 8, 2019</p>	<p>At the Dec. 4 boundary review council meeting, during the presentation of the data it was stated that there is some "double counting" of students in the St. John's numbers but that it isn't significant. The double counting occurs because there are students that live in the St. John's catchment, but they attend OLOL as out of boundary students. Per information given at the data review, it was understood that these students are counted in both St. John's and OLOL 2019 actual enrolment numbers.</p> <p>How many students, that live in the St. John's catchment, attend OLOL as out of boundary students?</p> <p>When this number of students is not double counted in the 2019 actuals for St. John's, what are the new actuals and projections for St. Johns and the sub-divided catchment? See the attached initial sub-divided enrolment chart for details.</p>	<p>Thank you for taking the time to thoughtfully consider the options and impacts of this review. Your comments will be shared with the boundary review committee and the Board of Trustees.</p> <p>We apologize for the confusion regarding double counting. Students living in St. John's boundary that are attending Our Lady of Lourdes on out of boundary permission are counted in the Our Lady of Lourdes projections for sub-area W, and not in the projections for St. John.</p>	<p>December 10, 2019</p>
<p>December 8, 2019</p>	<p>In regards to parent communication, it was outlined that the boundary review committee parent representatives will give 1-2 updates at their respective school's parent council meetings.</p> <p>How will parents be informed when the BRC parent representative updates will be given to council?</p>	<p>Parent representatives, along with the principal, would provide updates as part of regular school council meetings. This would mean that every school council meeting scheduled until the end of the committee's work (end of March) should have an update. No written updates will be provided.</p> <p>More fulsome updates and information can be found on our webpage https://www.wcdsb.ca/about-us/accommodations/st-johns-boundary-review/</p>	<p>December 10, 2019</p>

	<p>For those parents that can't attend the parent council meetings, will an email or other type of update be sent?</p>	<p>via the meeting materials and minutes under each meeting date.</p> <p>If you wish to receive email updates about the review, please enter your email address at the top of this webpage.</p> <p>Thank you for your interest in this boundary review. Your comments will be shared with the boundary review committee and the Board of Trustees.</p>	
<p>December 8, 2019</p>	<p>At the Dec. 4th council meeting, the board stated that they considered data from the municipality to make the future enrolment projections for the impacted schools. The future projected enrolment numbers for St. Nicholas are projected to stay stable with a slight decrease in enrolment, however planning and development data from the City of Waterloo shows a significant number of planned apartment buildings and proposed housing developments for the Ward 2/St. Nicholas catchment, which has the real potential to substantially increase enrolment numbers for St. Nicholas. Reference the attached documents and supporting article for details. Article: https://www.waterloochronicle.ca/news-story/9520826-apartment-towers-planned-for-columbia-street-west-in-waterloo/</p> <p>Can you please review the projected future enrolment numbers for St. Nicholas to ensure that the projections are aligned with planned housing developments in the St. Nicholas catchment?</p>	<p>Thank you for providing this information. We will cross reference with our development in our enrolment projections.</p> <p>Your comments will be shared with the Boundary Review Committee and the Board of Trustees.</p> <p>[NOTE: Attached documents can be found at the end of this document]</p>	<p>December 10, 2019</p>

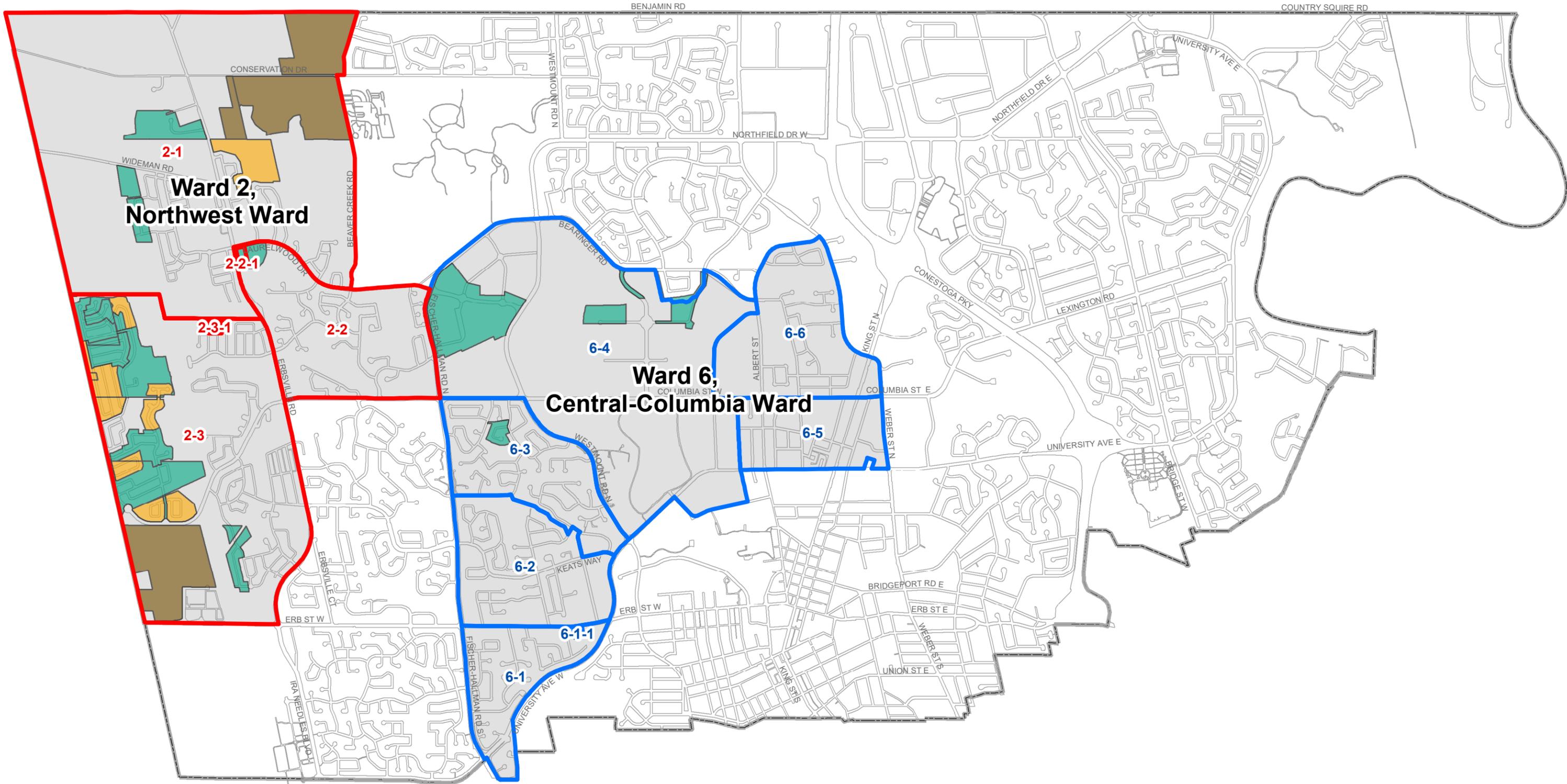
<p>December 9, 2019</p>	<p>I am emailing to document and express my families discontent and anger over the flawed proposed boundary review which is proposing to move my step kids (we live in zone x which 1.8 kms from lourdes) to St. Nicks. I work for the school board and know:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. st.johns is overpopulated because you (the school board) closed Monsignor Gleeson resulting in an increased school population. 2. The school boards proposal to move kids from zone x who attend lourdes is applying the same flawed logic and terrible planning that has the school board in a mess 3. The proposal to move kids from lourdes and move in st.johns kids does not account for the population the urban density increases that the lourdes area is guaranteed to see as the city of Waterloo increases its focus on increasing the population in the downtown areas. 4. The proposed move of zone x kids to st.nicks will result in many future moves as the st.nicks area becomes more built up with homes that are slated to be built 5. At the boundary review meeting the boards team stated Lourdes has room 	<p>Thank you for your thoughtful comments. They will be shared with the Boundary Review Committee and the Board of Trustees prior to a decision.</p> <p>We would like to clarify a few of your points because we think there's some confusion.</p> <p>Regarding your fifth point about portables, the maximum number of portables that Our Lady of Lourdes could accommodate given its current electrical capacity is 4-5 portables. Twelve portables was mentioned in terms of the number that could be physically accommodated on the site without considering other factors. No map was shown. All of the land at Our Lady of Lourdes is owned by the board and portables would take up playground space.</p> <p>Other options will be discussed at the next Boundary Review Committee meeting.</p>	<p>December 10, 2019</p>
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	<p>for 12 additional portables but this was a lie as the map shown had portables being built on land that was not school board property and on the current baseball diamonds (I guess the proposal will see the kids lose their play areas as well?)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">6. There are schools much closer to St. Johns that have a population that is either less or projected to be less (based on the lack of land and ability to build high rise apt like there are going up downtown). Holy Rosary for example is closer.7. The board wants to move zone x kids because in the short term this is the least costly solution, very flawed way of thinking8. The school times at St. Nick are drastically different than Lourdes thereby hurting mine and other families ability to earn an income9. St. Nick is almost 7 km's from our home via bus so my kids will never be able to walk or ride a bike, this does not promote a positive experience for kids or align with the city's hope to have more people biking and less driving.		
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	<p>My family is very upset and maybe forced to move out of the catholic school board system because of this move.</p> <p>We are hoping the school board and trustees will stop making poor short term decisions.</p> <p>Please add to my earlier comments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The board is using the same short term thinking that has resulted in this mess2. The review board has not considered the focus on family population growth due to the city approving more high rise building and urbanization in zone x3. I am seeing a huge switch back to young families moving into zone x (this also aligns with the cities goal to increase the population in the downtown core)4. I strongly believe these meetings are all smoke and mirrors for a decision that has already been made.5. I know the board has planned a 'transition' team to help with the move but a welcome sign and small get together is not going to help my child anxiety as they lose the		
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	<p>friendships they have established. if you don't think this is a big deal imagine I told you reading this that your moving workplaces...now magnify that feeling for a child who doesn't have as developed a mind!</p> <p>6. Moving student from zone x will result in more many additional moves than just moving st.johns kids to a school that can handle the capacity. If kids have to be moved then limit the number of moves by moving st.johns kids just to st.nicks. Moving zone x kids will create more future moves as the kid population grows in zone x resulting in more students and more buses traveling and as the population increases in zone x due to development. It is mind blowing that the board has not taken this into account and an example of poor poor thinking and planning! The board should be help accountable in the future for the mistakes that are being made today!!!</p>		
<p>December 9, 2019</p>	<p>I am emailing with regard to my daughter [REDACTED] (Grade 6) and son [REDACTED] (Grade 4) who attend Our Lady of Lourdes school. I would like to address my concerns with regard to the</p>	<p>Thank you for taking the time to share your feedback. Your comments will be shared with the boundary review committee and the Board of Trustees.</p>	<p>December 10, 2019</p>

	<p>boundary changes that will impact and affect not just my kids but the whole family.</p> <p>One of the biggest reasons we moved our children from the Public School board to the Catholic board was to integrate religion in their schooling experience and their lives. We especially loved OLOL for the quality of education, to make this happen we sold our home in Kitchener, purchased our current home within the boundaries that were in place for OLOL. My children have integrated well in school, the discussion of changes has created a great deal of anxiety. My son has accommodations set in place and is extremely sensitive to changes. He has been accessing counselling supports to help him with anxiety. It is starting to affect him in more ways than just being anxious.</p> <p>This change will affect our whole family, our jobs and schedules in a big way. We would really like the school board to reconsider this decision.</p>		
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Plans of Subdivision:

- Registered
- Draft Approved
- Pending

Subject Wards:

- Ward 2 Polling Boundaries
- Ward 6 Polling Boundaries

Ward 2 and 6: Planned and Estimated New Dwelling Units

See attached map for specific locations of new and pending developments referenced below.

Ward 2

Ward 2 has between 4,723 – 5,506 registered, draft approved, pending, planned and estimated new dwelling units. The majority of these new dwelling units are ground-related low-density residential dwelling units. A further breakdown of where and approval status of new units is detailed below.

Ward 2 Subdivisions – Total of all active subdivisions within Ward 2

Within Ward 2 there are:

- 4 pending subdivision plans
- 5 draft approved subdivision plans
- 11 registered subdivision plans

	Total Units	Built Units
Registered Subdivisions for Ward 2:	1122	754
Draft Approved Subdivisions for Ward 2:	Min: 553 Max: 810	N/A
Pending Subdivisions for Ward 2:	Min: 996 Max: 1222	N/A

Source: Region of Waterloo,
2018YE

District Planning Areas - Beaver Creek Meadows

Ward 2 contains a large undeveloped but Council approved Distinct Plan area known as Beaver Creek Meadows. The estimated number of planned units are noted below. Future subdivision plans may differ from the total number of units noted below, though the District Plan area was planned under the assumption of 2,318 total new

units. The majority of the Beaver Creek Meadows District Plan area is located in Ward 2, but two of the seven neighbourhood areas within the District Plan area are located in Ward 3.

Beaver Creek Meadows total Planned Units

	Total Dwelling Units	Estimated population
Total of entire District Plan Area (Wards 2 and 3)	2,318	7,008
Total of District Plan area located within Ward 2 only	1,546	4,507

In Progress Block Plan - Erbsville South

The Erbsville District Plan area is located to the west of the Beaver Creek Meadows District Area. There are existing residential units located in this District Plan area. Eventually there will be a District Plan for Erbsville, but currently there is a Block Planning study underway for a sub-area of the District Plan area known as the Erbsville South Block Plan. The Block Plan has not yet been publically released (schedule for late 2019), but preliminary planning has identified the number of potential new units noted below:

	Total Dwelling Units	Estimated population
Potential Planned units	206	618

Future development lands - not yet Planned (Erbsville)

The remainder of Erbsville has not yet undergone a District Planning exercise. However, planning staff have estimated a total of 300-600 potential new residential units. This estimate is based on several assumptions including applying an average density based on surrounding existing and planned residential areas to the

developable area. The actual amount of land available for development and future number of units is to be refined through future a District Planning Study.

Demographic analysis for Ward 2

Average household size and number of children in dwelling units is noted in the table below. Note Census boundaries do not align perfectly with Ward 2 boundaries. Included in the analysis are number of units and the population for the three census planning districts used (Clair Hills, Columbia Hills, and Laurelwood).

Ward 2: Analysis (based on 2016 Census #'s)				
	Avg. House Hold Size	Avg. Number of Kids	Number of units	Population
Clair Hills:	3.0 ppl	2	1540	5010
Columbia Hills:	3.0 ppl	2	1615	5235
Laurelwood:	3.0 ppl	2	1565	5250
TOTAL:	3.0 ppl	2	4720	15495

Source: Statistics Canada, Census 2016

Ward 6

Ward 6 is generally more developed and has less greenfield land compared to Ward 2.

Subdivisions for Ward 6

Within Ward 6 there are:

- 3 registered subdivision plans
- 0 draft approved and pending subdivision plans

	Total Units	Built Units
Registered Subdivisions for Ward 2:	29	28
Draft Approved Subdivisions for Ward 2:	N/A	N/A
Pending Subdivisions for Ward 2:	N/A	N/A

Northdale

A large proportion of the development within Ward 6 is concentrated in the Northdale neighbourhood. Development in this neighborhood is typically higher density and higher scale compared to other parts of the City. Recently, most development in this area is apartment/condo developments. As of October 1, 2019, there are 560 total units pending for the Northdale Area. The total number of units in the neighbourhood is 6,018. The population residing in Northdale is 15,366 (This number is based on number of beds, and accounts for students whereas the Census data provided for Wards 2 and 6 does not).

Demographic analysis for Ward 6

Ward 6 consists of the University Planning District, which has a very low Census count. Therefore, the population for this area is based on the dissemination area population count for 2016.

Ward 6: Analysis (based on 2016 Census #'s)				
	Avg. House Hold Size	Avg. Number of Kids*	Number of units	Population
Beechwood:	3.0 ppl	2	3285	8325
Columbia:	2.0 ppl	1	3265	6965
University:	no data	no data	no data	no data 148 (Dissemination Area Population added)
TOTAL:	2.5 ppl	1.5	6550	15438

Source: Statistics Canada, Census 2016

* for couple and lone-parent families with children in private households