

Castledowns/NW Community Consultation Meeting Summary

February 11, 2020

Community Attended the meeting Feb 11, 2020: **88**

Feedback forms received Feb 11, 2020 evening: **2**

Feedback received online: **96**

Dignitaries attended:

- N. Goehring, MLA
- S. Palazzo (Vice-Chair, Trustee)
- T. Harris, Trustee

Staff attended:

- S. Willier (St. Charles)
- J. Renaud (Bishop Savaryn)
- A. Ghali (Bishop Savaryn)
- F. Runco (St. Edmund)
- J. Thompson
- D. Paquette
- J. Fiacco
- L. Boxall

Feedback:

Parent/Guardian: 79

School Community:

Other: 3

- St. Angela - 3
- Bishop Savaryn - 3
- Bishop Greschuk - 2
- Katherine Therrien - 6
- Sir John Thompson - 9
- St. Charles - 7
- St. Edmund - 2
- St. Lucy - 71
- St. Timothy - 2

Community: 10

Staff Members: 14

Grades:

- Pre K-K - 19
- Grades 1-3 - 52
- Grades 4-6 - 40
- Grades 7-9 - 12
- Grades 10-12 - 5
- Not Applicable - 9

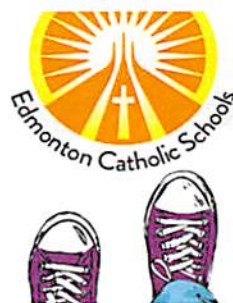
How did you hear about this consultation?

- Email - 41
- Letter - 4
- School - 32
- Other - 19

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Please take a moment to fill out this survey and provide your feedback.

Your Child | Your Voice | Our Future

I am a ... (check "v" that apply)

- ☐ community member
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- ☐ other (please specify) _____

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Please turn over...

Question 1: Provide your thoughts about the amalgamation of St. Lucy Catholic Elementary School, Katherine Therrien Catholic Elementary School and the development of a new attendance boundary for a junior high?

As long as there is consistency, the longer our children stay in one school the better.
The amalgamation sounds like a fantastic idea

Question 2: Should any other schools be considered in the potential amalgamation? Please indicate which school(s) and why?

No opinion

Question 3: Describe your school culture and programs offered. What would you like to see maintained or newly implemented into a potential new school/site?

An overall friendly atmosphere, our daughter is very artistic so ~~the~~ more is always welcome. Great field trips & experiences

Question 4: How would you like to be kept informed throughout this process?

Email

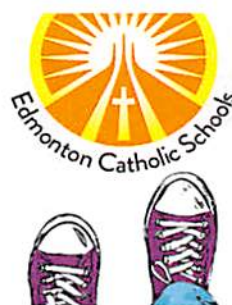
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*We need a
High School
ASAP*

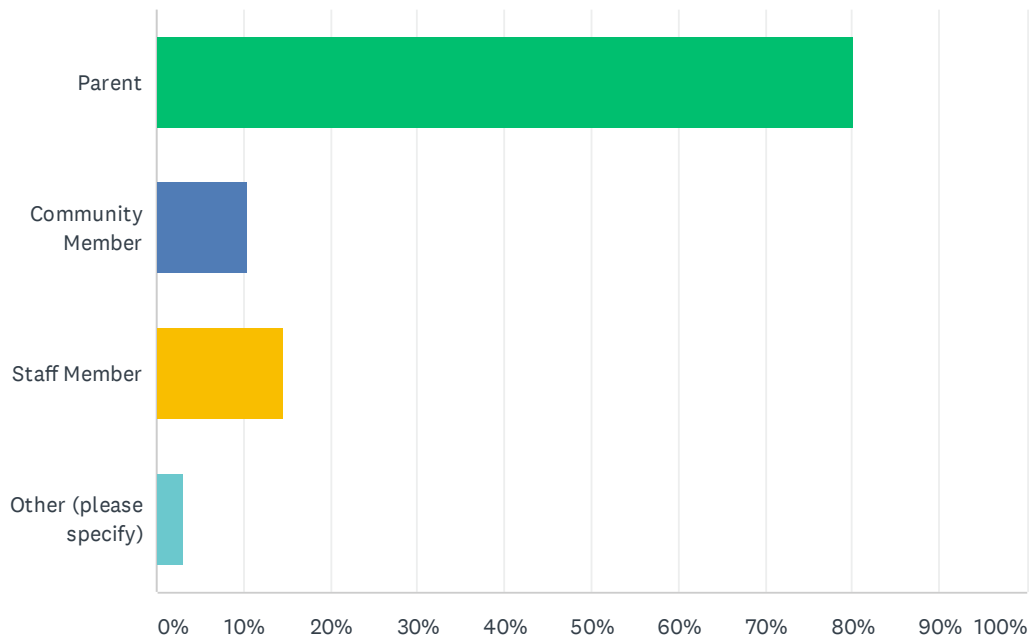
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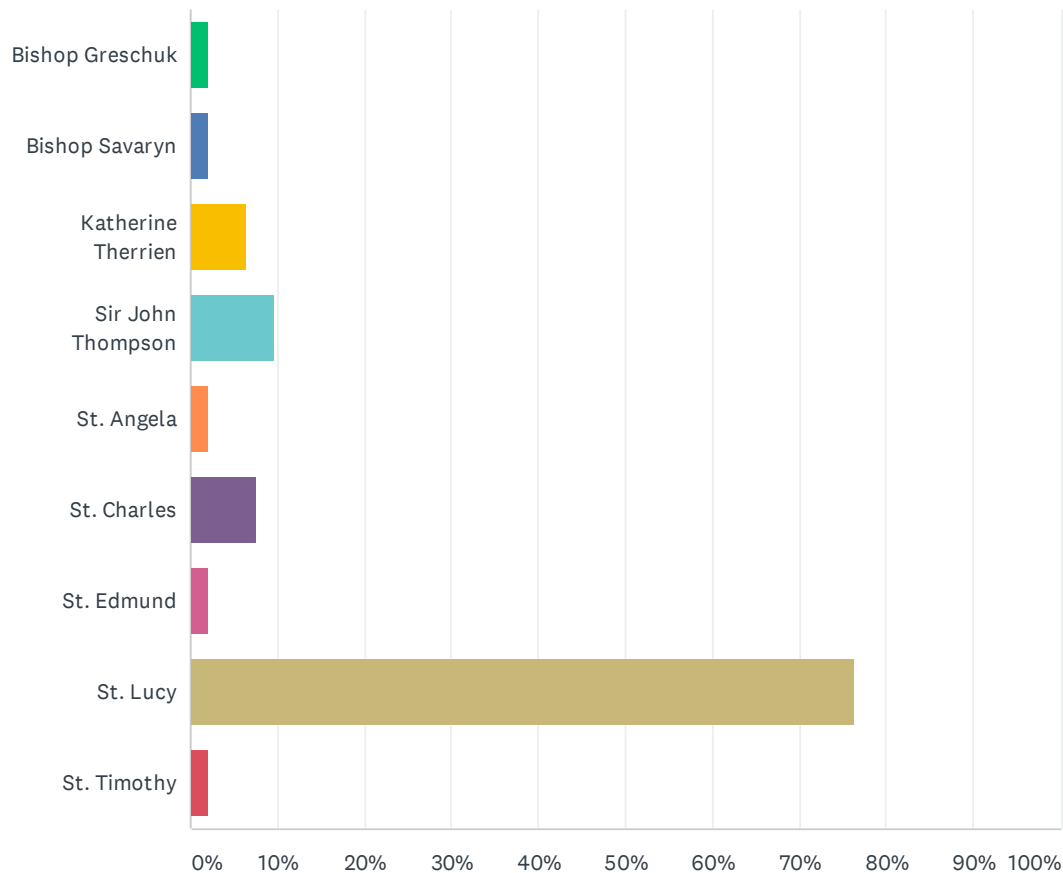
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Parent	80.21%	77
Community Member	10.42%	10
Staff Member	14.58%	14
Other (please specify)	3.13%	3
Total Respondents: 96		

Q2 Which school does your child(ren) attend?

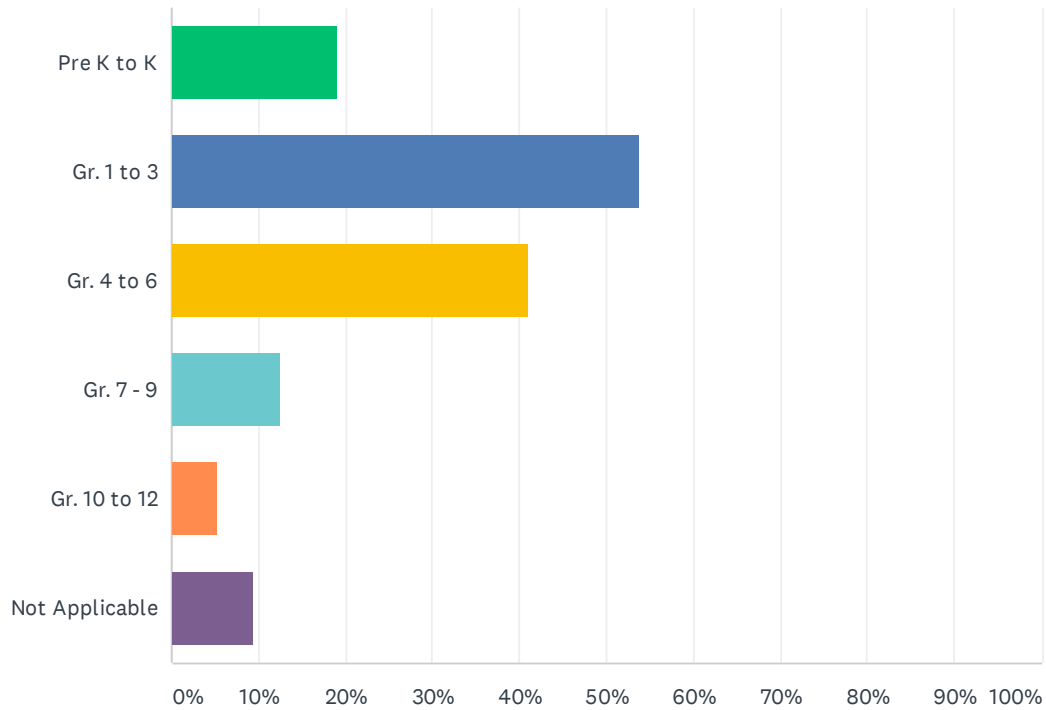
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Bishop Greschuk	2.15%	2
Bishop Savaryn	2.15%	2
Katherine Therrien	6.45%	6
Sir John Thompson	9.68%	9
St. Angela	2.15%	2
St. Charles	7.53%	7
St. Edmund	2.15%	2
St. Lucy	76.34%	71
St. Timothy	2.15%	2
Total Respondents: 93		

Q3 What grade(s) is your child in?

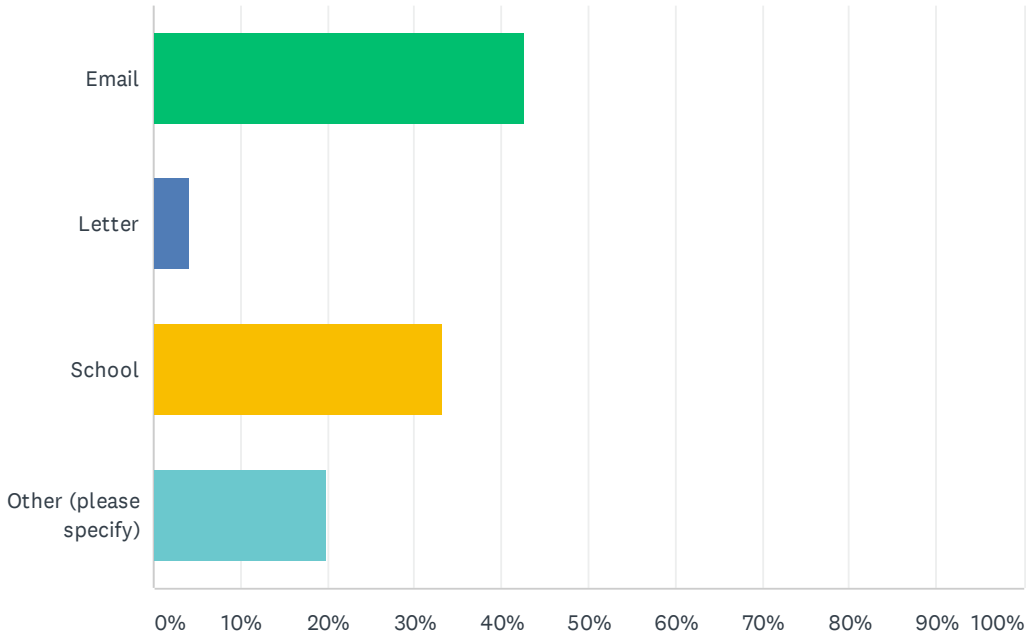
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Pre K to K	18.95%	18
Gr. 1 to 3	53.68%	51
Gr. 4 to 6	41.05%	39
Gr. 7 - 9	12.63%	12
Gr. 10 to 12	5.26%	5
Not Applicable	9.47%	9
Total Respondents: 95		

Q4 How did you hear about this consultation?

Answered: 96 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Email	42.71%	41
Letter	4.17%	4
School	33.33%	32
Other (please specify)	19.79%	19
TOTAL		96

What are your thoughts about a possible amalgamation of St. Lucy Elementary School , Katherine Therrien Elementary School and the development of a new attendance boundary for a junior high.

I am very excited to have a K-9, especially at the proposed location. St. Lucy Elementary School is an EXCELLENT school, and I would hate to see it closed; however, if it's staff will be transferred, and school culture is maintained, the new K-9 will be wonderful as well. I have no experience with KT, but in the best case scenario, this K-9 would simply be an expansion of St. Lucy.

Worried that it discourages young families from moving into older neighbourhoods due to lack of available schools Concern for low income families near St. Lucy or KT that currently don't require transportation but will at a new site Worried that the new school will be over populated before construction is completed based on numbers provided at information session Concerns over Jh boundaries and affect in the population at SJT (don't want to see the population affect the wonderful programs that are offered ...decreased population leading to loss of programming) Still not understanding how this would get us closer to abetting a high school in the north end as that is what is truest needed. Don't see the benefit of this for St Lucy that is already seeing so much success at their current site Why would you not consider a new JH/high school instead if you are saying that the population of JH students is so high birth of 153 ave. All those students will need a high school. As it stands there is enough high school spaces for the students currently in grade seven who will need seats in just over two years.

St. Lucy's catchment area is very large, the school seems very well attended, and it has a very good reputation. I would be very disappointed if such a successful school is closed or moved. Katherine Therrien is located in very close proximity to St. Timothy and would be a much more logical choice for amalgamation or closure (students moved to St. Timothy or other nearby schools). Also, this question is unclear. Is the intent to amalgamate St. Lucy and Katherine Therrien at either existing location? or as other reports on TV and other media implied that both St. Lucy and Katherine Therrien would be closed and students moved to a new K-9 in Oxford. If this is the case, I don't see how it makes sense. That K-9 school would have a massive catchment area and need to have an extremely high capacity. The question needs to be clarified to get proper feedback. My opinion is that if a school had to be closed, Katherine Therrien would be the most logical choice as it is in very close proximity to St. Timothy.

I am angry and sad to see St. Lucy close. It is a health population for an elementary if you join it with Katherine Therrien. The staff and students have created a beautiful environment. There are lots of kids so my son can go between friend groups, however, not too big as I know most kids and parents in his friend groups. Once you get into a Elementary/Junior High, those little kids get lost and forgotten about. The money from the government goes to the Junior High kids.

St. Lucy School should NOT close! - it is at 94% capacity - it does not have any split classes - their PAT scores are excellent - it has a great reputation for having a wonderful parent community and staff - it provides numerous student activities - contrary to the PowerPoint shared at Bishop Savaryn School, St. Lucy School has NEVER asked for any additional dollars to help subsidize operation costs, its PO & M costs are not over \$369, 000, and its year end equity is not \$49, 000 - a new K-9 school is not needed in the Castledowns/Northwest area. It is a high school that is desperately needed and parents have been asking for it for many years. - will this new K-9 school not affect the enrollment at Sir John Thompson and St. Edmund?? -would it not make sense for the English students already enrolled at Bishop Savaryn and the new English students in the Lorelei and Beaumaris area, be designated to St. Lucy School which is in closer proximity? Why St. Charles??

At this time I'm not sure definition of "amalgamation". Are any of these two schools are going to be shut down during "amalgamation" process or both to be closed and moved to a new K-9 school?
I support this proposal. Our area is in need of a new K-9 school - especially a new junior high.
We would be pleased to see a new junior high closer to our area. Closing and amalgamating an already somewhat crowded/growing population elementary school is going to help?
It would be nice to have a junior high closer to home.
I love the school they are in. Close to home, allows me to get kids to the OSC on the premises and get to work on time. If location is moved my children will have even longer days then already.
I will be happy if it enriches the programming, teaching and opportunities for my children.
If it is in the best interest of the students I am in favor of a new school development. I will miss the nature of a small school. The smaller school is a more welcoming environment and selfishly like that its close to our home
I would definitely miss a catholic school in the dunluce area
I don't like the idea of a Junior High with an Elementary. I don't have a problem with amalgamation, but keep elementary and junior high separate.
They need to build a big enough one to support the growing communities. Learn from the mistake at Christ the King, its already too small.
I'm definitely against building another junior high school when we already have Elizabeth Finch, Hilwie Hamdon, and John Thompson to name a few. We need High School! My kids will have to spend two hours a day just to go to a high school as I won't be able to drive them there as a working single parent. We need high school.
It's hard to imagine our child having to move but as long as the staff and guidance and morals stay the same we would be ok with it.
Disappointed.
Provided it can reduce class sizes, increase overall school budgets and provide students with necessary educational assistance/enrichment, I'm for it.
I'm concern about the population control on the proposed Junior High on Oxford if it will build K-Junior High, would that location can hold that amount of students and also control traffic during drop off and picking up kids? Is there any concrete reason why ECSD closing this two schools and building a new one? If its budget concern, how would it be cost cutting when you build a new school and what will happen to the buildings of the old school?
I think if there is a school being built on the North side, it would be helpful if it was a High School. I think St.Lucy is an excellent school with fantastic enrollment, and I do not believe it should be closed.
I don't think St Lucy needs to be closed. It's in a perfect area where a lot of children live within walking distance. If you send them to a news school you are going to need more bussing. The enrolment seems to be exactly if not more then it should be.
It will be harder for my child to get to and from school
St. Lucy school is full and every classroom is full and it wouldn't make sense to close down the school as there will be no where to put the students.
Our school is close to being at full capacity and therefore is self sufficient financially!!! It has been said over the years that St.Lucy is more than just a school!! It is a loving family community where people love coming to work, and substitutes love coming to sub!! Not all school dynamics are like this!!! It would be a tragedy to close down such an amazing home!!!!
I think this could be a good thing, as long as the class sizes stay the same and that the Baturyn Neighbourhood can feed into this school for junior high.

No
Good would be better if there was a high school
I do not agree with it. I would think the money would be better utilized for a high school in the area, we have enough elementary and junior high school
I think the main issue is high schools and should be a priority. My oldest graduated last year and even then we were told how busy O'leary is and that they are taking up part of St. Cecilia's. Maybe bus kids to St. Cecilia's and put money into high school. Too late for my family as my youngest will start high school in September
Elementary schools should stay elementary, and junior high should stay junior high. I feel that combining the two would NOT be beneficial for the younger kids. In a large school it's easier for kids to get lost in the shuffle, and we'll lose the sense of community and family that St. Lucy gives. I also feel that the younger kids especially will be at a disadvantage as they are at the extremely impressionable age, and with such a large age diversity with the joining of schools would NOT be positive growth for a lot of the children. I would not want to enroll my child in a K-9 school. I would look at every other option before I would be forced to enroll them in that school.
St Lucy school
My family would be opposed to it. St. Lucy is tied closely to our community, and that would be lost with a bigger school.
I believe having St. Lucy in our community is a blessing. Great education level and the number of students are perfect.
As long as it does not impose additional fees for things like busing or school equipment.
Yes do it.
Great idea
I think it's an awesome idea.
This decision should be made in consultation with parents from those areas, as they are most affected. Demographics and budget cuts/expenses are an important factor as well.
I am completely AGAINST the amalgamation of the schools. I understand you it is more cost effective to build an elementary/junior high, however, I would not send my kids to a K-9 school. The school environment is completely different and I have worked for many years in the schools to know. Children in K-9 schools attitudes and behavior is different from that of children in a separate K-6 and 7-9 school. In regards to the additional dollars that was given, St. Lucy does not receive any of it and therefore that is a false statement. St. Lucy has 394 students and is almost at full capacity. Families come to that school even though it is not their community school because of the school environment and programs St. Lucy offers. The community environment that has been created at St. Lucy school by all the staff is above and beyond and that can not be replaced. St. Lucy offers many programs for the children, such as choir, running club, card club, drawing club, leadership programs, broadcast, intramurals, and so many more. The principal goes above to create a safe, caring, catholic based community. One thing both my love is that they can walk through the halls and say hi to everyone for all the kids know each other. They like the smaller school. Also St. Lucy shares buses with St. Charles School so there is no cost savings in the K-9 school buses for now they would have to take on the full cost of those 4 buses. Why not focus on building a High School which is needed more than an elementary and/or junior high. O'Leary is well over capacity, having to already find more space in St. Cecilia. There are safety concerns there that result in police being called and the school having to go on Alert numerous times throughout the year. Public busing to the school is another issue for these high school students and with the new proposed bus

routes it will only cause longer bus times and 3-4 bus transfers for some. Time and money would be better utilized in the well needed and long overdue high school.
Don't care
Bad idea for children who attend one of the schools that would be closed just to open a separate school why not fix up the schools already built
I do not think that we need another junior high school or a K-9 school. We need another northside Catholic High School desperately.
I believe we need JR/ high school, which was promised years ago closing community school Aren't the answer just to build bigger another waste of low funds already given. St Lucy is a small school big heart and def a very unique after 5 yrs I believe this school needs to stay
I am against it because I have already established my relationship with St. Lucy Staff. My family is already used to St. Lucy's School Policy and Procedures. Amalgamating two different elementary schools will only result to classroom congestion.
St. Lucy appears to serve the communities west of 127 st much better than any school east of 113 st. The new junior high boundary would likely relieve Sir John enrollment though and shorten the bus rides from our Castledowns neighborhoods
Good idea, new junior high is needed.
We need a new jr high. Leave the elementary schools alone.
Good proposal. Not sure how old is St. Lucy buildings but for safety purposes, avoiding accidental Asbestos leak, new buildings are better. Whether elementary or junior high, its always safety 1st. And new ambiance will inspire and motivate both students & teachers as well as parents.
I think we can't afford to lose schools or teachers
Need more information. What is the current student count at both schools, what will happen to the buildings and land, will bussing be free for the many who walk to school and would now have to pay. Socially/economically in our community may be a blockage to schooling.
I think it is a great idea
It sounds like it would better serve the families in the newer developments.
Love it
I feel like that would be a waste they are both amazing schools and to lose them both for 1 doesn't seem logic to me!! As well oxford would then seem way out of hand for the students that live in Griesbach like my kids!!
St Lucy school is a great. I put of my children at this fine school from 2003-2016. We live really close to school during this time period. I appreciate all the teachers, office staff. To me this school was like family. Even now I will see a familiar face of a teacher at store. It takes me a few minutes to figure out which teacher who taught my children. We chat for a few minutes and talk about when my kids were at the school and are shocked to hear how old they are now and what they are currently doing in their lives. St Lucy is a part of the Dunluce Community. I hope you do not close down this school.
We need a high school not to eliminate more schools
Not impressed with idea
I think the loss would be far too detrimental to the communities surrounding these schools. They are hubs for the community, safe havens for students, and really all around beautiful schools. Losing them would not be outweighed by a new school.

I like the idea. Would provide students many opportunities for more; resources, extra-curricular etc. I think that if the cost of modernization exceeds acceptable limits, new infrastructure is appropriate and feasible.

St. Lucy School should not be closed. KT and St Timothy should be amalgamated and St. Lucy should remain open. St. Lucy did not receive any district funding - only Katherine Therrien and this was very misleading at the meeting on Feb 11. We need a HIGH SCHOOL built in the area - not any more elem/junior high schools...Priorities are not being examined.

I don't think that's a good idea. St. Lucy has its right location and lots of students attending from a designated community. This school year, I encouraged parents to register their kids and they got in because its just accessible to their place.

Horrible Idea. St. Lucy has a stable enrollment and DID NOT receive any funding from the district - KT received the funding and this was very misleading and disappointing to hear that they were "Grouped Together".

It is a terrible idea. Leave these schools alone. What the north side needs is a high school. Ok early is over crowded. The north side has been promised a new high school for 20 years. Land by the YMCA in a good bus route was earmarked. Leave these elementary schools alone. Parents want their children to attend a nearby schools. This proposal means driving even further. Walking would not be possible. That is so bad for the environment yet we all claim to care about it. Aren't we in a climate emergency? Schools never have enough parking but you promise hundreds more drive? And more kids would have to take the bus when they can now walk from home? How is that a good thing? If st Lucy had low enrolment that is one thing. But they have over 350. The city had also proposed the first time home buyers program on the empty land nearby (old Edmonton public school site). When that is developed there would be even more kids in the area to attend schools. Dunluce school is at capacity already but if this proposal goes ahead my children would switch to the public system so they can stay in the neighborhood. The people making these decisions clearly do not care about the sense of community children experience or the effects communities suffer when schools are closed.

St. Lucy is ready full with high attendance and putting two schools together make no sense.

a junior high is very much needed in our area

It would worry me because we are technically just out of St. Lucy's boundaries. I preferred the school and found that it was closer walking distance than the school in our area. My has made wonderful friends and has had wonderful teachers and I would hate for to have to start over. My is in a preschool in the neighbourhood, as well; and has many friends going to St. Lucy. It would be nice to have grow up with them. If we didn't have to be moved to the school in our area and were able to go to this new K-9 I would worry about class sizes. My grade class as St. Lucy is already at 26 students. I find that quite high and merging with another school would only increase class sizes; which isn't fair to the students or teaches.

Do not agree...do not like k-9 schools and st Lucy is an excellent school. Also, we need to be more concerned about a high-school or kids will not find a high school to attend

We need a new high school first in the NW before another junior high. St Lucy is a very uniquely laid out school with great teachers. Closing it would be a huge loss to our community.

I think it is totally unnecessary. I think we need a new high school in the north end before we build any more junior high schools or elementary schools. Elementary schools and junior high schools in the area are big enough to handle the need at this time. O'Leary is the ONLY high school in the entire north end and it is more than busting at the seams. What value is there to increase capacity for younger grades if you fail to address the lack of capacity at the high school level??

This is not right .. taking away these elementary just to build on a new area so it's easier for the rich... these schools are our community and have been For a long time A lot of kids are in these areas Just to send them to a newer area. No fair
I am very much in favor of a new k-9 in Oxford.
Absolutely not. We need less of these combo schools not more. And certainly not at the expense of losing schools
Not for the idea!
I believe that St. Lucy is at a healthy 370 students and disrupting that many students to move to a junior high elementary setting would not be beneficial. Also, Katherine Therrien is the school that is struggling with the budget not St. Lucy. St. Lucy was given no compensation of the \$169 000 from the district/division to run, so this information is false and misleading. St. Timothy and Katherine Therrien and even St. Charles student numbers are much lower then St. Lucy, which is running at 94% capacity. St. Timothy or St. Charles should close before St. Lucy. It does not make sense to shut down St. Lucy.
I prefer smaller, divided schools where each neighborhood child can walk to it. However, if the expansion plans predict inability of existing capacities to serve all kids from the neighborhoods, than of course, such consolidation is a must.
I think St. Lucy is totally viable on its own at 370 students. That is a very healthy number to run a school. The other two schools are the ones that are not at capacity and are in areas that are aging. Look at St. Lucy's PAT results, clubs it offers, and parent council achievements to see how vibrant a school St. Lucy is. St. Tims and K.T. are the ones right across a field from each other and should be combined.
I'm all for it as long as students are not affected by the Change, if it makes sense then sure .
Amalgamation is an ambiguous term in this case as you are discussing closures, not combining schools into an existing building. St. Lucy is operating at 94% capacity and has an excellent standing in the community and district. Highly disappointed that the agenda of this meeting was not shared prior to the date as most were under the assumption that the focus was on the programming changes of St. Angela, St. Charles and Bishop Savaryn Schools. False information share about the financial state of St. Lucy has tarnished our school's reputation. As a Catholic School System, we teach our students to speak the truth.
I do not think St. Lucy should amalgamate with Katherine Therrien. St. Lucy has good numbers, has been responsible with money and our students and families are happy in this community.
Not in favour! Utilization rate at St. Lucy is good, excellent school, great PAT results, wonderful community. This does not make sense!
We need a new junior high in the northwest so I wouldn't be opposed . As long as class sizes remain reasonable I have no issue with a merge
Undecided
I am applaud to this, St Lucy has a very high enrolment rate, and a very strong community. The teachers at St Lucy are amazing.
Need more information
Good idea if it saves the school division \$\$ and makes better use of the available resources
I understand the financial aspects that lead to this decision and that it is cheaper to build a new school rather than modernize two schools. The need for a new Jr High in the area will be welcomed. I however am also very worried about the lack of discussions around the need for a Catholic High school in the area

It would be sad to see such a dynamic school like St Lucy not exist anymore. I don't like the idea of a k-9 as you lose the close knit family feeling that you get with a k-6.
While amalgamation might make sense on paper, the emotional reaction to this possibility is strong. We absolutely adore Katherine Therrien school and the staff that work there! We feel a part of a community, a sense of belonging that I just can't picture elsewhere. As residents of Greisbach, a school in Oxford is just too far away for us. This creates uncertainty for us on where we will send out kids to school.
I think it would be a great idea. I love the idea of a K-9. Much more practical in the long run.
Great idea since more Junior Highs are needed in the North.
Class sizes would be too large to amalgamate. I don't agree with the new boundary. You should go where you want to go.

Should any other schools be considered in the potential amalgamation? Please indicate which school(s) and why?

No
Consider combining the schools near KT (for example, St. Timothy and St. Angela). Instead of going so far north to St. Lucy as they don't seem to have an enrolment issue.
Katherine Therrien and St. Timothy, these schools are closest in proximity only a few blocks from each other and are the logical choice to amalgamate.
We need a junior high and high school - not an elementary/junior high. St. Angela with Katherine Therrien, Katherine Therrien with St. Timothy or see what happens to your English kids from Bishop Savaryn and where they go. My [redacted] has a kid in [redacted] class that is supposed to be in Bishop Savaryn and they are not - [redacted] came to St. Lucy. More kids might move over. If you want to put St. Lucy and Katherine Therrien together...close Katherine Therrien and move their kids to St. Lucy...keep it solely an elementary and use the Oxford site as a JH and HS.
Absolutely! - St. Timothy: not at capacity, split classes, very close in proximity to Katherine Therrien, roof is leaking, older than St. Lucy School. - Due to both schools (KT & St. Tim's) not being at capacity, perhaps both these schools should be closed and the students bussed to St. Lucy. - St. Anne: not at capacity, split classes, very small staff; therefore, not many student activities taking place and teacher burnout, it is also in close proximity to St. Philip. Consequently, perhaps St. Anne should close and those students move to St. Philip. - Since Basil parents are strongly not in favor of moving their program to St. Angela, continue with the movement of the French Immersion program to Bishop Savaryn School and close St. Angela School (not at capacity, very old building, plenty of maintenance required). - Since the government will most likely not approve the construction of a north end high school due to St. Joe's not being at capacity, how about: - Closing St. Anthony's and St. Peter's, moving their services to St. Joe's, and close the high school program at St. Joe's - Another suggestion would be to close Lumen Christi Catholic Education Centre and move it to St. Joe's as well. - All three are very old buildings needing repair and I think it would be safe to say that St. Anthony's is underutilized.
Right now for instance classes at St. Lucy are overcrowded. My opinion is another possible amalgamation will be worst related students/class.
Don't have an opinion on this
Building huge schools is not the answer. Larger classes and fewer teachers are not going to improve our children's education, it will likely do quite the opposite.

Not sure
I'm not sure as long as the school is not overcrowded.
Not sure
My children all went to St. Timothy (before we moved into another community, and that school has a very low enrollment, I was surprised to see their new school St. Lucy on the list to close and move since this school has so many more classes and students (2- per grade)
No unless needed.
No.
Not to my knowledge
I'm not sure
No opinion
Katherine Therrien
I'm not sure, maybe St. Charles as it's not far from St. Lucy's and could potentially feed into there for Junior High as opposed to St. Edmund's JH.
no
no
no I do not want to see a new k-9 school
New High School
If you are going to join schools, combine 2 elementary' s together.
N/a
I wish it doesn't happen but if it does Sir John Thompson would be a great addition because it's the feeder school.
St Timothy because it is also in the Castledowns area.
St. Timothy
Not sure what amalgamation means exactly. It is not clearly explained anywhere.
If enrolment is low in Katherine Therrien and St. Timothy then use those schools. Use schools where enrolment is low or has no programs. It is unfair to take St. Lucy school and close it down as a way to force the numbers of students in your proposed K-9 school.
No
None schools should be fixed before they need to destroyed
I am against this proposal. We need a High School not a K-9 school
Not sure would depend on numbers enrolment
No.
Bishop Savyrn attendees would far more likely benefit from an elementary program in Greisbach.
no
No. We need all of our schools
Not sure
No
No
Yes! I believe that St. Cecilia should be 7-12 or better yet K-12 French immersion with Spanish bilingual for St. Angela, Bishop Savaryn and Father Leo Green. It's very frustrating that I have to send my children on a bus all the way to the south side for high school! It would be awesome if the

school would be single track French immersion/ Spanish bilingual with a fine arts/Music program! It's very frustrating that we only have sport academy schools on the north end and nothing for all the dance, music and theatre students on the north end! I would encourage you to survey the parents to see what their thoughts would be. If you took all the immersion kids from all the elementary schools in the north end and put them all together under one roof, this would free up all those schools.
Bishop Savaryn School in Lake Beaumaris .
No
No.
NA
St. Tims-KT should be amalgamated/closed. Both have declining enrollments and the physical buildings are deteriorating rapidly - I cannot count how many roof leaks there have been at St. Timothy
KT and St Timothy both have declining enrollment and should be closed or amalgamated. St Philip and St Anne should also be amalgamated. The physical plant at St. Timothy is in way worse shape than many other schools in the area
Build a high school as promised for so many years. That is what is needed.
No. It is already a full and amalgamation in this economy seems like a waste of money.
No I don't feel that would be necessary
I don't feel any schools should be amalgamated.
No
St Charles, if you're going to go after the other two.
No! We need high school space. Leave elementary and junior high schools alone.
No
N/a
None. Never.
No, our school is operating at 94% it should be left alone! It's an AMAZING school!!!!
St. Timothy or St. Charles should be considered in the amalgamation because their numbers are much lower then St. Lucy.
St. Tims and K.T. should be amalgamated together as they are right across from each other and both have low numbers. Why would you close a busy school like St. Lucy?
Not sure
St. Timothy and Katherine Therrien are within a couple blocks of each other. It would make more sense to start with "amalgamating" these facilities as they are presently under capacity.
Katherine Therrien and St. Timothy. These school do have smaller numbers and are aging more quickly.
St. Timothy and Katherine Therrien - both have low enrollment and they are close together.
I think two schools are enough
Unknown
This should not happen.
No
St. Timothy because of its proximity to St. Lucy and Katherine Therrien
no comment
Katherine Therrien and St Timothy should be the shared schools. One K-3 and the other 4-6

I don't think so - there are no other schools to consider, really.
I would like to see Bishop Savaryn K-9 French Immersion
St. Charles ?

Describe your school culture and programs offered. What would you like to see maintained or newly implemented into a potential new school/site?

The teachers at St Lucy are all amazing, highly skilled, and sensitive to all of their student's needs. My children have needed special care and attention (including speech pathology and OT), which St. Lucy was able to give them. St. Lucy teachers prioritize lots of physical activity, and successfully incorporate it into everything. The family dances, events, guest performers, and resident dance teacher have all been great experiences for enrichment and bonding. I would like all of this to continue, especially having the resident dance teacher who comes in annually to teach all the grades.
Both St. Lucy and SJT have wonderful school communities for our children. They are welcoming communities that recognize and respect the uniqueness of each child. Both schools have ample programming that address a wide variety of student interests. Again as a concerned parent, we wonder if this decision is being made in the best interests of the schools our children attend. We have not heard any concerns regarding enrolment, facilities or availability of programming for our children and are wondering why this decision is being considered.
The community aspect of the school. Amalgamating into one massive school would remove the personal interactions and make schools more institutional, which would not be ideal for elementary schools in my opinion.
St. Lucy Feast Day, Family Dance, Clubs
No comments
We need access to more technology, a larger offering of programs & IB (programs geared to challenge accelerated students)
Open communication with parents AND kids, faith building exercises and the willingness to be more inclusive of all of God's children.
I would like to see that students with special education needs get the help they need to transition into higher grades. It will be hard for grade six kids to move to a completely new school when struggling, so having them stay in a school they are familiar with and being with the same kids will hopefully all them to feel that they still fit in.
OSC on premises would be very important. Kids and class interact and support each other.
The culture of the school seems like a small town. The kids know so many of their fellow students and that creates a sense of comfort. As long as the kids maintain a big of a small community feel, I would be happy.
Faith is important. Start times and end times considering how long the busing will take students to get to and from school. after school clubs effected...
Playground, swimming pool, skating arena. Not attached to the school for safety reasons but in close proximity
The culture of St Lucy is very cohesive. Everyone helps one another and it feels like a small family. Our child has a disability so I would want the new school to implement the same overall understanding and required modifications to classrooms, gym etc.
Offer a rich reading program.

The small school feel, where students, teachers and parents can collaborate for the benefit of the student
More home economics program to teach kids on real life matter like producing own food, gardening, basic cooking even for elementary to make sure children are aware at early age how to be independent. Children will benefit on this programs as I've seen in other countries doing this as part of curriculum in elementary.
St. Lucy is a fantastic school, that maintain fantastic relationships with the children and the school's stakeholders. We have a great music program which the kids love, alongside many extra-curricular activities. I think a new high school would be a great asset to the north side, and I believe various options would be the way to go.
From what I know and see I believe St Lucy is perfect the way it is on what it offers our children.
St. Lucy is incredibly welcoming and programs offered are intramural, drawing club, card club.
Committed teachers for sports and inter murals
I would love to see the French as a second language be maintained from Grade 4 onward. I want my children to be able to hold their own in the French Language without them having to attend a French Immersion school.
Maintain St Lucy, is and always has been a great community school
current programs
My kids like St. Lucy the way it is.
O'leary is an amazing school. That is where I went, my oldest and my youngest will. Too late for my youngest to go to another school
The school has a huge sense of family and community feel to it. It's sports programs are fantastic for a elementary school and academically I love the fact that the standards are higher than normal. Sports programs can be maintained, but the family and community importance would be lost.
N/a
St Lucy has a small school feeling where all the staff know each student. Kidz Club before and after school care is a wonderful program that is a huge part of the St Lucy community.
Same principle and teachers of St.lucy. The care and education they give these students
The teachers truly care about the children and they help provide extracurricular activities like sports teams. The parent council also create opportunities to fund activities, field trips and school events.
It's tough for small schools to offer what a larger one can. Resources are limited and we are always in a very tight financial situation.
Great school culture. Love the small school environment but it's almost too small
More resources. Clubs. Smaller classes. When you're in a small school this is difficult.
St. Angela School unites a community. It is not only a school, but a family of staff, parents and students. My child is in French Immersion program and the recent change to move all French Immersion programs to Bishop Savaryn School is affecting a lot of families in Athlone/Wellington area. I'm still trying to decide what the best option is for my daughter: continue the French Immersion program or stay at a school within walking distance from home... I would have liked to see the FI phased out gradually, like Bishop Savaryn is doing with the English students.
St. Lucy provides a safe, caring, healthy, spiritual and inclusive environment. You know your kids are being looked after and taught by warm and loving teachers and staff. The school goes above and beyond by have sensory paths in all of its halls, having the students do morning announcements and weekly broadcast, having a dance residency program, ski trip, hot lunch program, school family dance, and so much more. Recently for random act of kindness week students wrote thank you cards to public service people (police, doctors, nurses, firefighters) and

seniors in hopes to show their appreciation for what they do and brighten their days. St. Lucy has numerous programs such as; literacy, home reading, ELS, technology, music, choir, guitar, patrols, lunch monitors, social justice club, student leadership team, spirit club, environment club, physical activity, volleyball, floor hockey, intramurals, basketball free throw, cross country running club, running room, card making club, board game club, drawing club, and so much more. All this should be implemented in any and all schools. However, why change something that is working so well and therefore do not close St. Lucy school. This would all be lost in a large K-9 school environment.
Bigger school
Don't change things that ain't broke why not spend the money to repair the schools and our make bigger then close the old ones to make one new one don't make much sense
I love St. Lucy. I do not want a new school
I truly can't answer except every class teacher student is a family. No special classes but any class that's provided is done with the child in mind
St. Lucy has a very good impact on my child's growth and development.
it's more about transportation and closely knit elementary school neighborhoods for me. The addition of K-9 schools is far more important to junior highs than they are to current elementary schools. Dunluce park is going to have a park rebuild very soon and St. Lucy will be able to continue great education to the communities west of 127 st.
n/a
Don't know
Bigger gym for both indoor & outdoor sports. More advanced COMPUTER learning for both elem & junior, possibly robotics.
Maintained, my child attends the hockey academy at st eds
Music, large play park, larger parking lot
7 habits (taught at St Charles)
Definitely Fine Arts! Music, Theatre, Dance, Art, French immersion, Spanish bilingual.
Programs offered at St. Lucy: Behaviour team which includes EBS and TA-BT that implement anxiety workshops for gr. 1-6, Mental Health Advocates, Super-Friend Club, as well as Problem-solving skills sessions as requested by teachers.
I simply would not be attending the new school as it would be way out of hand for my kids
N/a
I like the small school setting it creates more of a community feel and a better learning environment
I would like the community feels of the school to be maintained.
Our school culture is very "warm". We have a reputation of being welcoming and staff, parents, and students do not have a high turn over.
St. Lucy is an amazing place to work. You will not find a stronger staff that are willing to closely collaborate to meet the needs of our students. We take great pride in our school and it will be extremely disappointing to the community if the school closes. I am extremely upset that you misinformed the public about St. Lucy receiving district money for operations where KT received all of this money.
Catholic school is very important in our community especially to this changing world. Catholic faith should remain to those students and apply in their daily lives.

I want to see St Lucy stay open. We have a very active parent council, strong community and great teachers
Build a new high school. If this goes ahead my children will switch to the public system and stay in the neighborhood
I like the current programs offered by St. Lucy.
Our school is very warm and welcoming. Students are encouraged in their leadership and it is very much a community
I would like to see St. Lucy stay as a stand-alone. They offer many groups and school activities and their enrolment is already quite high. Merging them with another school would only increase already large class sizes.
A like the small but not too small school that the staff knows all
Unique classroom setting - not desks but tables and couches and work spaces in the hallways for students to work away from others.
I would just be happy to see a new high school in the north end. I don't even care about what programs are offered... just some classrooms and teachers to teach the many many students coming up into high school. We have waited for years for a new high school in the north end and it is absolutely ridiculous that we still don't have one.
Add more new classes in our older schools
Good athletic program
I like the separation between elementary and junior high. If anything put jr high and high school together
Everything left alone! We have an amazing school community!!!!
I know St. Lucy offers a variety of extra-curricular events. Cross country running, Volleyball, basket ball free throw, indoor running room games, floor hockey, various clubs - art, board game, cards clubs... etc. There is an after-school program/daycare that runs out of the building too. Kids club.
The St. Lucy Culture is amazing and a great, respectful environment. The emphasis on an individual child development and inclusiveness is absolutely a must.
Parents really do not like a K-9 school. They will seek out K-6 schools as they don't like having older kids with the little ones. I, myself, like elementary schools separate from junior highs as everything is dictated by the junior highs in terms of schedules, gym time, budgets, sports teams, and everything runs around the junior high students. And for a junior high to be viable you need a lot of students. Usually four elementary schools feed into one junior high so having a huge K-9 school would be very intimidating for little ones. I have taught in K-9 schools before and it's not recommended. Even the staff sit in the staff room separated.
I would like to see no programs stopped the students have already suffered when the busing became shared and programs were deleted so actually, I would like to see more programs reinstated that would benefit the children
We are a strong teaching staff in an ever-changing community. We have a wonderful reputation within the community and work to support our students in all their needs.
I hope to see the programs at St. Lucy school maintained. Our school has a strong community. Our students thrive in a smaller environment and have a greater bond across the grade because we value our small community and often have buddy classes working together. Our students feel safe and welcomed in our school.
Do not want a new site!
Extracurricular sports for younger grades. I feel like the younger kids don't have exposure to participate in intramurals etc

Sense of community. Playground. Before and after school care.
Our school is a low social economical community but a strong one. It provides assistance to families in need. Offers amazing programs and opportunities to the students, running club, choir off site performances, skiing, multiple field trips.
Leadership
French Programming especially in the development of any new Junior High School. We also need a Catholic High School in the Northwest that would offer French Programming as well
Various clubs; dance, skipping, coding, intramurals, book club etc.
Our schools are fantastic! (St Lucy & Sir John Thompson) They have sports programs (running club, volleyball), art clubs (scrapbooking, card making) and music clubs (guitar club, choir)
The culture at KT is warm, welcoming, friendly - it feels like family. Not only are our children receiving a world-class education, as a parent I have made good friends with other parents, which is so rare these days. Movie nights, serving Christmas hot lunch, volunteering on field trips and just having the opportunity to know who the other parents are makes it so special. Our oldest is in grade and we've watched and little friends grow together since kindergarten - we've been to birthday parties, and playdates. I don't think a larger school could offer than amazing sense of belonging and community. We have also been very impressed with the after school care program at KT - I hope these changes doesn't result in losing them as a resource.
St. Lucy is an amazing school. They have a ton of extra-curricular activities that are offered for kids in all grades. I love seeing all students able to get involved in the school.
7 habits
I would like all programs at Bishop Greschuk maintained. Excellent school.

How would you like to be kept informed throughout this process?

Through email.
Email and school newsletter
Email, newsletter, school handouts, presentations.
Emails from the district and followed up with the principal. I love the fact that our principal keeps us informed and give the personal touch. I appreciate principals who go the extra mile and send emails and follow up emails...and puts all of this information in a simple way for parents. St. Lucy's principal always responses to my emails and talks to me in the hallway - always asking if there is anything else I am concerned with and not sure the answer of. She goes the extra mile and I am so grateful for her support.
Hopefully, all parents and staff involved will be better informed about this process than what has already taken place. - signage about the meetings would have been helpful - why not use the word "closure" instead of "amalgamation?" This is very misleading. - sharing accurate information about St. Lucy School in the PowerPoint instead of incorrect facts about money being allocated, PO & M costs, and year end equity - prior the Bishop Savaryn meeting, making parents and staff clearly aware that the closure of St. Lucy School was being proposed, would have been helpful - at the Bishop Savaryn meeting, why were parents not being given the opportunity to ask questions and voice their opinion?? - if the proposal is to close Katherine Therrien and St. Lucy, why would the meeting take place at Bishop Savaryn??? Once again, this was very misleading. - Prior to the first meeting that was held, why didn't someone consult with St. Lucy School to see if there may be a

conflict with the date? Our casino night was scheduled on that evening and therefore many parents were unable to attend.
Email or public meetings
Email
By mail or email
Emailed any information would be great.
School or email. Would like to know what school year this would be for?
Email/ school newsletter
Email updates from the school are helpful
E mail
Emails
email or school news letters
Email, school newsletter
Email to
Email
Email
Email
Through email and school communication
letters, email
Email
Emails
Final decision and when st. Lucy will be closing if proposal goes through
ECSD page
Through school emails
Email's or newsletter.
Email
email or school notes
I did not receive to email that was supposedly set out on Jan 10, 2020, neither did my husband as well as 2 other parents I spoke to, so I would like to see more transparency from the board in regards to decisions made about St. Lucy
Facebook
Via email or through st. Lucy.
By email
Email
Yes
Via school news letters.
Email
Email
Email
email and school newsletters
I would like to be kept informed by email at my children to the new school.
If St. Lucy closed I would not send

Posting on ecsd
Email
Email
Email
Email should be fine
email
email
email
Email
Email
School newsletter
Email
via email
Email
Thru social media.
Email
Email
I will check the school board page often.
Email
email
Email
email
Mail outs to all residents in the proposed boundaries. Not just current school families
Email.
Email
Emails or through the school itself.
Emails from school board
Email
ECSD website
Email
Email
Email
Phone
I would like to be emailed new information regarding meeting dates and given agendas in advance so we know which schools will be talked about at which meetings. One of the meetings was on our schools casino night.
email

Any meetings pertaining to St. Lucy possible school closure and public information or forums need to be clearly communicated as such. I would like info, emails, posters to clearly state "possible St. Lucy School closure" instead of having a meeting at Bishop Savaryn with lots of St. Angela parents attending because of french programming moving, only to find out that the meeting is about K.T. and St. Lucy . Why not have a meeting at St. Lucy school to address those parent concerns? Hopefully you did that with the St. Angela parents. So please communicate with me by coming to St. Lucy school for a meeting with parents and another meeting with staff, and also keep me informed through clearly headlined emails whenever it pertains to another meeting about St. Lucy School.

Emails

Email and within a timely manner.

I would appreciate truthful and transparent information sent to our principal so that we can discuss information as a staff.

Email

Email

Email

By email. By public's consultations where question's will be answered.

Email

Email and invitations to future update and consultation gatherings

email and through the school newsletters

email, posts to the school website

The school's regular communications channels (website, weekly email, etc.) I think it would also be a good idea to have an information session specifically for the KT parents so the presentation can be more focused on the impact the changes are going to have for our KT community and students.

Email, meetings.

Newsletters

I would like to have more details as this goes. BG junior high is Cardinal Leger which doesn't look like it will be affected.