## Clarke Elementary Family of Schools In-person Community Consultation Feedback - January 17, 2023

Loss of community, too many transitions Transportation – will there have to be triple routes? Lose leadership Opportunities with younger students like lunch helpers Safe bus stops Safety – bullying – concern with younger students on bus with Clarke s Younger kids on buses for first time What does the yard look like at The Pines (fencing, supervision) Fencing around The Pines Current bus shortages – what about needing more buses next year? Library books for different ages Specialty classrooms that are duplicated should be repurposed into mainstream classes (Pines) Rip the band-aid off, why not do it sooner (Sept?) reduce space pressure at NPS (stage/Library). Move Grade 5's now (Sept).

Fix busing (adjust bell times) – different bell times will result in different ridership. Clarke early run, Pines later run. What will nutrition breaks & recess look like? Extracurriculars? Move Grade 7/8's at Clarke Accommodating 4 sections of Grade 7's Accommodating 4 sections of Grade 8's Can we keep all the grades together? What happens to these students for co curriculars? Going between the schools and walking across the parking lot (safety concerns), will students be scared? Can the cohorts stay together? Breakup of families Could Grade 5's go

## **Clarke Elementary Family of Schools** ONLINE FEEDBACK FORM RESPONSES JAN 24, 2022 32 responses received from parents/quardians

When moving the Grade 5s from Newcastle PS to The Pines, we want you to consider...

Please don't do this

Safety in proximity to the highway and gas station. Young students will be exposed to mature things that wouldn't happen in an elementary school. Extra curriculars, social events. Age appropriate things to do on the yardThere is no playground, pavement games, etc. They are only 10. That these are still little kids. The school is only accessible via the highway and iols the highway. What about afterschool care? Not doing it. Need for increased busing. Not enoughspaces right now

There will be an increase in vehicle traffic when parents A) don't want their kids taking the bu

How is adequate childcare going to be available and at prices comparable to home daycares that are affordable and currently accessible from NPS? The bus only drops off and picks up at one location.

What will be done to address the issue this causes with families of multiple JR aged children a potentially two schools with different start times?

The bus schedule for Clarke should still stay the same as it currently is, but The Pines should move to the later bus schedule like Newcastle PSThis will prevent a mix of younger children with the high school kids. This is for safety but to also prevent the younger children from be exposed to inappropriate language and conditions.

There will have to be more buses and bus routes added, fordth capacity issues and the separation for younger to older students.

A before and after school program will have to be started

A playground will have to be added and the current outdoor play area updated with new equipment and safety fence to prevent theyounger children from roaming around into the field or the 115.

Everything, this is simply inappropriate. Please consider moving the Gracefields community to Bowmanville as originally planned when built. Newtonville students should be moved to Port Hope

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The mental health aspect of it. Not being prepared for Jr. high sports (will there be teams and extracurricular activities). Bus and school times (will they be more aligned). If we do not like this plan will we be allowed to transfeour kids to a school in Bowmanville to keep them together?

The first problem is getting the students to school. If they are not at school they cannot lear The school board should look at the bussing problem first. Access for vehicles, with more buses and more children, there will be more cars. How do you make one entry exit point work o activities / yard for students to still "play" at recess.

The fact that this school is along a busy highway with cars travelling 90 + km/hr. This is not safe location for a junior student.

How will my 9 year old be kept safe in the school yard?

Also, a lack of older students at NPS will leave few student helps to monitor lunch periods, reading buddies, etc. How will NPS ensure lunch time supervision?

This also doesn't allow the grade 5's and 6's to take on leadership and mentorship activities. To ensure there are proper outdoor areas and activities. Therehould be many opportunities for intramural activities. Before and after care for students. Extreme safety and caution nea the 115.

Should not be on a bus with high school students.

Splitting intermediate grades, impact on extracurricular act-5(nm.79 391. 1 0 0 1 497.83 361

to earn volunteer time while helping work with the younger grades (I.e. Grade 7 and 8) whether it be tutoring, helping coach a sports team or even being a temporaaysistant  $(\breve{s}Z]vI]\breve{s}[\bullet P]$  ] X

They are very young to be exposed to highschool life

Ensuring a separate environment for the grade 7/8 to prevent an intimidating environment. How will you ensure a safe environment?

Separation from older students- separate washroom facilities

The issue of low enrolment at Clarke high school is largely because of lack of courses and programming. Moving and shuffling students from different age groups inappropriately to make up for the school's shortcomings shouldn't belie right solution to this problem. Ensure there is no mixing of high school and elementary students during school hours. Have  $\epsilon$  separate wing, entrance, bathrooms, etc. for elementary studentsAge-appropriate

Extra curriculars, social events. Keeping them separate from the high school. The importance of age-appropriate activities, while preparing them. Making sure they have optimal programming for French.

Make Clarke Grade 7-12.

The optimal use of space. The Clarke building has the space to accommodate many more students, alleviating the overcrowding at both NPS and he Pines.

Preteens will be influenced by older kids and not in a good way.

There is a clear need for space in schools for elementaraged students- not high school- why not build an elementary school?

Their safety. Having worked at an AntHuman Trafficking organization, right here in EAST Durham - I would strongly urge and support gathering feedback from the Durham Regional Police Human Trafficking Unit on ways to keep children safe. Specific plansnoseparating ages, enhanced yard duty, transportation of students, timing of the schoolshaving community police officers potentially available for this particular area.

This is their last chance to be "kids." Integrating Grade  $\vec{a}$ nd 8 with high school kds robs them of the opportunity to be role models for younger grades and has them looking to "older kid" trends socially and physically far too soon. This was done to the Grade 6 kids this year and is unfair. Let kids be kids! They don't need to worryabout high school pressures inGrade 7 and 8. Moving the Grade 7's and 8's to Clarke is fine as long as they are kept separate from the high school kids except in the off chance of cross education or even allowing the high schools kids to earn volunteer time while helping work with the younger grades (i.e. grade 7 and 8) whether it be tutoring, helping coach a sports teametc.

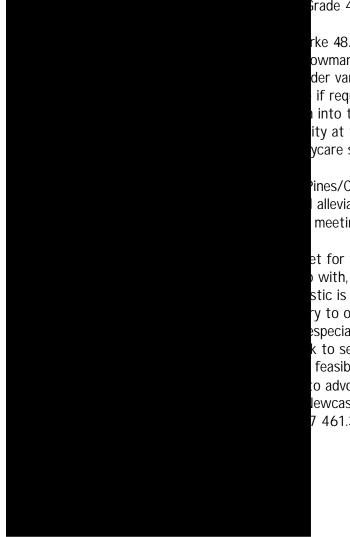
Will they lose extra curriculars? Leadership programs? Will they be on the bus with high schoc students?

Getting a new high schoobuilt. Clarke is a sad option for secondary students in Newcastle with less than 200 students.

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	Access to facilities, separation from older high school students (gynhunchroom, outdoor spaces) exposure of middle school students risky behaviors in high school students (smoking, drug use, language, interpersonal relationships, sexuality etc.). Access to developmentally appropriate curriculum materials (library, classroom equipment, gym equipment). This again is a younger age goup being put into a high school crowd with many pressures they have not been prepared for. No last minute teaching will prepare them to move into a pressure-filled environment. They will end up with many mental health problems, stresses and challenges they are not prepared for. Keeping them safe from older students at Clarke. This is not a good idea. Taking a "phased" approach is going to result in many parents requesting changes to their child's classroom if they are told that their child will be in one for the classes moving into the
	Clarke building. This seems like a massive headache from a planning perspective, with parents requesting/insisting on their child being switched to a class that will remain in The Pines building. If all Grade 8 classes weremoved at once, there would be no other option and less management of which students get to stay and which must move. Moving all toberade 8s at once also means that kids will not have to worry that their friend groups will be split amongs schools, and therefore can continue to see their friends at break times, even if they are not in the same class.
Other feedback we want you to consider	Please remain status quo. I really think the lack of programming and extracurriculars and the exposure of the youngest grades isparticularly alarming. The fact that these schools are on a highway is frightening. There is only one way to access to school and as wewitnessed last year when there was an accident our kids were stuck at the school for hours. The board should consider making The Pines solely French Immersion. This would relieve pressure from NPS. I don't think Grade 4's should be considered to move. That is far too young to subject them to a change in school and routine. Make Newcastle PS an English only school for 46. Make The Pines a French Immersion only school for K-6.



Frade 4 and 5 to The Pines, and NewcastlePS would

rke 48. Build an adequate high school in Newcastle owmanville to receive a level of education that allows der variety of subjects/material/support. Could if required. This should cause space to open up at into the YMCA daycare as they have wait lists that ity at the moment and overcrowding at the schools ycare space in the town. Have the YMCA offer before

ines/Clarke site that is not of the 115? That would alleviate a lot of concerns parents have. meeting with the community? Please advise publicly

et for this area, the denial of a new school, ba**aid** with, given that the Ministry is forcing the school stic is it to think that people will not jushtimue to ry to other areas? I personally don't want my childre especially if the school lacks the same level and k to send them stewhere. So this plan to "fill The feasible?

to advocate along with the school board for an lewcastle? It blows our mind they havelenied that 7 461.38 re W\* n BT /F5 11.04 Tf 1001648.82

Kids cannot walk to school and cannot relign buses as well. School buses often cancel. Children and parents from many families will have a difficult time especially if they have kids ir different schools.

French Immersion program should stay in Newcastle PublicSchool until Grade 6 to build strong French study communities in the school.

Strongly disagree with the plan to separate Grade 4 and 5 from NPS to The Pine Senior PS. As this age group, they are growing and learning to be big kids, but they will never experience being senior kids at

for breaks. Getting more kids invested in the Clarke community at an earlier age may also help keep kids from leaving when they hit Grade 9, improving Clarke enrollment numbers and then, potentially, course options.

STOP allowing out of area kids from enrolling at Bowmanville HS. This perious decision by the KPR school board was a mistake. I understand why it was done at the time (to stop so many kids from switching to the Catholic board to attend St. Stephen's) but that one decision has compounded over the years on any current Clarke IS kids. The result has been lower enrollment at Clarke every year and fewer course options. Clarke students shouldn't have to continue to pay the price for a poor decision made at the board level years ago. At the very least STOP providing bussing from Newcastle to BHS. If a parent decides to enroll their child in an out of area school, it should not be on the  $\mathcal{F}$   $\mathcal{F}$   $\mathcal{C}$   $\mathcal{C}$   $\mathcal{C}$