



September 5, 2013

Chair and Members of Civic Works Committee
c/o Lauren Kucera
City of London
300 Dufferin Avenue
London, Ontario Canada N6A 4L9

Dear Chair and Members:

I am writing on behalf of the students and parents of the new St. André Bessette Catholic Secondary School (located at 2727 Tokala Trail), our Parent Involvement Committee and the London District Catholic School Board. This new school opened in September with grades 9 and 10, with grades 11 and 12 scheduled to follow in each of the next two years, respectively. The school is designed to accommodate between 800 and 1000 students and welcomes all London students residing within its boundaries.

The school community and the London District Catholic School Board respectfully requests that an appropriate traffic signal be installed at the intersection of Dalmagarry Road and Fanshawe Park Road West to ensure the safety of students crossing at this location, as well as to ensure the safety of school busses (including special education vehicles) that will serve the school. Based upon discussions with your staff during the site planning phase of this project, we are aware that traffic lights had been planned for this intersection after development proceeds in the general area surrounding the school. Rather than waiting for development to proceed further, we are requesting that appropriate lights be installed as soon as possible, given the current level of pedestrian traffic to the school which will increase in each of the next two years. The following chart summarizes data related to current students attending the school who reside *south of Fanshawe Park Road* and are ineligible for bussing, along with projections for the next two years when grades 11 and 12 will be added to the school:

Year	"Walking Students"
Sept. 2013	128
Sept. 2014	207
Sept. 2015	274

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We are also concerned about the safety of school purpose vehicles that must use the Fanshawe Park Road and Dalmagarry intersection on a daily basis. The chart below summarizes school purpose vehicles by type and quantity for the current school year, along with projections for 2014 and 2015.

Year	"Yellow Bus"	"Mini Bus"	"Spec Ed"	Totals
Sept. 2013	5	2	3	10
Sept. 2014	7	3	4	14
Sept. 2015	9	4	5	18

Due to the volume of pedestrian use at this intersection and the level of school bus traffic we respectfully request that appropriate traffic lights be installed as soon as possible.

Respectfully,



Mark A. Weaver

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London District Catholic School Board