



2021 May 19

Mayor Ed Holder
City of London
Mayor's Office
300 Dufferin Avenue
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Dear Mayor Holder and Members of Council:

The Thames Valley District School Board (TVDSB) administration team watched with interest the discussion regarding the proposed development at 2631 Hyde Park Road and 1521 Sunningdale Road West (File O-9190) at the Planning and Environmental Meeting on May 10, 2021. Several questions came up about the TVDSB's position that I would like to address.

1. TVDSB received both permission and funding from the Ministry of Education to proceed with the construction of a new elementary school in northwest London (generally in the area north of Fanshawe Park Road West and west of Wonderland Road North) in October of 2020. This school is desperately needed.
2. Available land in this part of London is extremely limited. There are no available school blocks within existing developments in this part of the City. To date, this is the only property that has been offered to us for a school site through the course of our discussions with developers in the area.
3. The school we intend to build will accommodate 802 pupils (Kindergarten-Grade 8) as well as 88 childcare spaces.
4. In general, our schools in northwest London are overcapacity with the most proximal school to this site, Sir Arthur Currie (SAC), operating at over 160% of its intended capacity. The new school will alleviate accommodation pressures at existing schools as well as accommodate enrollment from future growth in this area.
5. SAC was built for 533 students and we are expecting approximately 950 students at this school over the course of the 2021-2022 school year. This number is expected to grow in future years. SAC currently has 12 portable classrooms on site, and this will increase to 17 units next school year given the enrollment growth at the school. In addition, we are in the process of procuring a

portable washroom building in order to continue meeting Ontario Building Code requirements. These temporary measures require a permanent solution.

6. At the May 10th meeting, there were concerns raised about students having to cross Sunningdale Road West in order to attend school. Students in London cross arterial roads every day. The TVDSB has plans in place in order to assist with active transportation to our schools.
7. TVDSB is in the process of submitting business cases to the Ministry of Education to construct new schools in west and southwest London as well as to build a permanent addition at Eagle Heights Public School in order to assist with student enrollment pressures. In addition, the board has initiated an attendance area review process to address enrollment challenges across London.

Thank you for your interest in this matter and please do not hesitate to contact us if you require further information.

Yours truly,



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