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**Subject:** New School Proposal: Fox Hollow Neighbourhood

Dear Planning and Environment Committee members,

My name is Andrew Clark and I am a resident of the Fox Hollow Community in NW London. My 2 children attend Sir Arthur Currie PS and I am also the co-chair of our school council. Our school has been growing at an insane rate over the last few years and as a result the school is at almost double its original size. This has led to so many issues around traffic, too many portables, and students not having access to the opportunity they should have at their school (e.g., too little gym time, poor quality bathroom, etc). Additionally, families that live next to the school are being bussed across the City to Ryerson, which negatively impacts the environment and community cohesion.

I am writing in support of the motion by Councillor Morgan's proposal to speed up the timeline for a new elementary school in our neighbourhood. I am supportive of this proposal for two main reasons:

- 1) We cannot wait 4 to 8 years for the properly North of Sunningdale to be developed. TVDSB has no underutilized capacity in schools in the NW, meaning that any delay in a new school could mean students would have to be bussed to the other side of London for an available classroom.
- 2) Having the school located within the neighbourhood instead of at the edge of the Urban Growth Boundary will decrease student transportation costs and allow more kids the opportunity to walk and bike to and from school. This has the ability to greatly improve the health and well-being of children in our community.

I urge the PEC to approve this proposal and encourage Council to move quickly so that we can start building the school as soon as possible. I also urge PEC to work with TVDSB and the Ministry of Education to ensure that the school is build big enough so that we do not run into this same problem again in 4 more years.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Cheers,  
Andrew

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