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Subject: Sir Arthur Currie

My husband and I are seniors in the Fox Hollow Community . Although we do not have children in this school, we do have grandchildren in London. We have watched the growth in this community specifically in the student population at Sir Arthur Currie .

We frequently walk through the community and we have walked through the school grounds many times. We have seen the playgrounds get smaller. We have seen the portable classrooms multiply. We have seen the parking lot shrink. The parking is overflowing to the community park. The drop off is hectic and unsafe. If emergency services were required to drive down Denview Ave it would be a disaster because they can't get through because of traffic and people parking on both sides of the street. Parents are parking in private driveways while they walk their children to school because there is no room at the school.

The portable classrooms and portable toilets may be temporary solutions but they are solutions which are more likely to be permanent. I understand there are plans for a new school with a capacity of 800. This barely covers the current requirements. If hundreds of new family homes are being built in Fox Hollow North and Kent the new school will have 22 portables as well. Projected enrolment specialist working at the board with information from developers and city planners would confirm this. A capacity issue would exist on opening day for the new school. Does this really make sense?

What about the secondary school requirements? Where are all the elementary students going to go?

We teach our students to respect others and to be thoughtful and considerate. As taxpayers we are not treating our students with respect. Is it considerate to facilitate over crowding, eliminate play areas, and create disparity within the school community.

What about the safety concerns , air quality and social distancing?

I am just thankful my grandchildren are not in a new community where lack of planning and zealous building has forgotten about education and our precious youth.

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