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Subject: Call to Action – New School in Ward 7

Dear Planning and Environment Committee,

You have my unconditional support in finding creative solutions to speed up the timeline on building a new public elementary school in Ward 7, in an area Northwest of the Wonderland Rd and Fanshawe Park Rd West intersection. I fully support Josh Morgan's proposal and look forward to participating in future public meetings with local residents. Please do not slow this process by singlehandedly deciding on the well-being of our children, and instead seek to work collaboratively with those directly impacted by your decisions.

The current situation of overpopulation at Sir Arthur Currie Public School is beyond words. The situation screams "lack of planning", "inability to cooperate", and "disrespect for students, parents, and educational professionals" by the school board and city administration, and their respective elected officials. It's clear that the number of family houses already built in this area ensures that the number of students attending SAC for the foreseeable future will far outnumber the school's capacity. Additionally, the hundreds of new homes already being built will be filled with more families over the next 24 months, further exasperating the overpopulation at SAC. The problem is now, and it's becoming exponentially worse as each year passes.

My son is a grade 5 student at SAC, and has nothing but amazing things to say about the staff and students. This is the third school he has attended since kindergarten. Unfortunately, that's where his positivity about the school ends. Anytime he has spoken to my wife and I about an issue at the school, it always comes down to overpopulation. There is always a lineup for the washrooms, the field and basketball courts are too full to play at, the portables are not built for our hot and cold weather, and the traffic during drop-off and pick-up times has made it even more dangerous to walk home.

Please, if possible, include my e-mail on the agenda for Monday's (September 27) meeting and please consider Josh Morgan's proposal.

Thank you,

Sean Copeland

Resident of Ward 7