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**Subject:** September 27th Meeting: Item 4.1

Hello Planning and Environment Committee,

I am writing to you in support of agenda item 4.1 for the September 27th meeting and ask that my email be included on the agenda.

I've lived in Fox Field for almost 10 years now and while it wasn't guaranteed that a school would be built here when we moved, the area was zoned for a school and that was a selling point for us. However, the school was built to support just over 500 students and the population has exploded in this area.

Over the few years that my oldest child has been attending Sir Arthur Currie (SAC), I've seen spaces inside the school that weren't designed as classrooms being taken over to support the growing school population. A popular "Maker space" was repurposed as a classroom and an activity room was transformed into a temporary classroom. Last school year there were enough portables in the school yard that much needed space for the development of children was taken away. This year we have portables in the parking lot because there just isn't enough space for students. These aren't City of London problems, but have been provided to give background on what we see in the community. The growth in this neighbourhood isn't stopping as there are houses being built to the west of SAC currently.

I do support the move by Auburn Developments to sell land on the south side of Sunningdale Road to the TVDSB in order to accommodate a new school and build their townhouse development on the north side. This proposal allows TVDSB to fast track the building of a new school and gives Auburn Developments what they need to continue with building additional houses.

This proposal should also give additional childcare spaces, which will help alleviate the child care wait list and alleviate the SAC parking situation where staff and parents dropping off their children need to use the Fox Field District Park.

My support for this proposal is also due to traffic along our street during the school "rush" hours as we are on a direct route to school. We were shocked that on the first day of school that there was so much traffic that it was backed up past our home. This never happens and was another wake up call of how the area is growing in population.

This is a precedence setting request but is something that is absolutely necessary in order to accommodate the massive growth that is happening. If something isn't done now, I strongly believe we're going to be in a situation where we're unable to properly support the school community.

Thank you for your attention and consideration to this sensitive proposal.

Regards,

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