

REPORT

SUBJECT: ST. HELEN SCHOOL ACCOMMODATION REVIEW

SURVEY RESULTS

SUBMITTED TO: ST. HELEN SCHOOL REVIEW COMMITTEE

DATE OF MEETING: October 1, 2002

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BACKGROUND:

Board policy 7.4 requires that a report be made that outlines the results of a parent and community survey concerning the accommodation issues for St. Helen School.

RESULTS OF SURVEY:

Attached are the following:

- a) a summary of St Helen School survey results
- b) survey results including comments
- c) letter to catholic school supporters
- d) survey

GENERAL OVERVIEW:

- 852 surveys were distributed, 396 returned or 46%.
- St. Helen School parents returned 65%, others from other schools & the parishes returned 41%.
- If St. Helen School closes, only 21% of respondents from St. Helen are in favour of moving students to other North Sarnia schools. Overall, 35% are in favour.
- 76% of St. Helen School respondents said they would consider sending their children to a public school. 29% of the others who responded said they would also consider this alternative.
- 91% of those who responded from St Helen said that their children would be inconvenienced by not having the ability to walk to school, come home for lunch or walk with parents to & from school. About 65% of the others agreed with this statement.
- 92% of the St. Helen School respondents felt that their children would suffer in the loss of the school's community participation. Overall, 72% agreed.
- 87% of the respondents from St. Helen School felt the community would lose its economic viability and property values would decrease. 56% of the others feel this would occur.
- 29% of St. Helen parents who responded were concerned that, if the school does not close, fewer resources would be available to all students in the system. About 47% of all others expressed a similar concern.

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SUMMARY OF ST. HELEN SCHOOL REVIEW COMMITTEE SURVEY RESULTS

		St Helen	G Hogan	St Anna	S Heart	St Michael	St Fliz	St Ben Ch	St Pot Ch	S.Heart Ch.	Staff	TOTAL
	DISTRIBUTED	184	170	200	178	20	20	20	20	20	20	852
	RESPONDED	119	56	77	73	12	15	17	10	12	5	396
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	% RESPONDED	65%	33%	39%	41%	60%	75%	85%	50%	60%	25%	46%
<u>2a</u>	If the School Box	ard decides	to close S	St. Helen S	chool, stu	dents would	l likely be	moved to S	t. Anne			
	School, Gregory	A. Hogan	School or S	Sacred He	art School	l. Is this acce	eptable to	you?				
	YES	21%	54%	36%	53%	17%	60%	6%	30%	0%	60%	35%
	NO		41%	57%	38%	58%	7%	53%	70%	75%	20%	54%
	N/A	7%	5%	6%	8%	25%	33%	41%	0%	25%	20%	10%
<u>2b</u>	Would you cons	ider sendin	g your chi	ld to a nea	rby public	school?						
	YES	76%	30%	23%	34%	58%	27%	24%	30%	17%	0%	43%
	NO		66%	73%	59%	8%	47%	29%	70%	25%	0%	47%
	N/A	0%	4%	4%	7%	33%	27%	47%	0%	58%	100%	10%
<u>3</u>	If the School Box	ard decides	s to close S	St. Helen S	chool, ma	ny of the stu	ıdents no	ow attending	St. Helen So	chool		
_	would require bu	ussing. You	ır commen	ts on buss	ing stude	nts to the ot	her scho	ols are requ	ested.			
<u>4</u>	Do you feel that	the childre	n would be	inconven	ienced by	not having t	he ability	to walk to s	school, come	e home for lur	nch,	
	or walk with you	to and fro	m school?									
	YES	91%	71%	51%	62%	92%	40%	82%	90%	100%	60%	72%
	NO		16%	32%	29%	0%	33%	0%	10%	0%	0%	18%
	N/A	1%	13%	17%	10%	8%	27%	18%	0%	0%	40%	10%
<u>5</u>	Do you feel that	the childre	n will suffe	r in the lo	ss of the s	chool's com	munity p	articipation	such as sch	ool programs	that	
_	are centrally loca											
	YES	92%	66%	56%	63%	92%	33%	88%	90%	75%	20%	72%
	NO		23%	30%	23%	92% 8%	33% 47%	6%	90% 10%	75% 8%	20%	12% 18%
	N/A		11%	14%	14%	0%	20%	6%	0%	17%	60%	9%
<u>6</u>	Do you feel that	the commi	ınitv would	l lose its e	conomic v	iability and	that pror	perty values	would decre	ase should		
_	St. Helen School											
	YES	87%	55%	55%	49%	67%	47%	71%	60%	83%	40%	65%
	NO		29%	32%	30%	17%	27%	12%	30%	0%	0%	20%
	N/A	7%	16%	13%	21%	17%	27%	18%	10%	17%	60%	14%
<u>7</u>	If St. Helen Scho	ol remains	open, the	Board will	be require	ed to mainta	in and o	perate more	floor space	than they rece	eive	
_	funding for. This										ctively	
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	Does it concern											
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8 Please feel free to make any additional comments that you wish.

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19 20	COMMENTS:	St. Helen	Sacred He	art only if	not then R	osedale or E	rol							
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87		G. Hogan	-			-		rcrowded sch	ool.					
88		G. Hogan	I am conce	erned with	the displac	ement of chil	dren from	n their existing	g schools ond	e the boundari	es are ch	anged.		
89		G. Hogan	I do not fe	ei that a sc	nool that is	at 95% capa	city shou	ld be conside	ered for closu	re.				

	A B C	D E F G H I J K L M N O
90	G. Hogan	Movement of students will increase class sizes, unless the board is planning to increase staff.
91	G. Hogan	Yes, however I want to make sure that my child does not need to move.
92	G. Hogan	No matter how you slice it, the result is a dilution in the time our children receive.
93 94	G. Hogan	Gregory Hogan is at near capacity with some classes with 30 students which is too many.
95	G. Hogan G. Hogan	I sincerely feel sorry for those students especially with 2 excellent schools in their own neighbourhood. Classrooms are almost at max. now. What are you actually gaining?
96	G. Hogan	The more students to the school, the better, not bigger classes though.
97	G. Hogan	Gregory Hogan is not large enough to absorb an entire school.
98	G. Hogan	Boundary changes would affect our children in the future & cause unnecessary relocation of schools without our consent.
99 100	G. Hogan G. Hogan	Transfer is acceptable as long as it is only some kids not all. I approve of the cost cutting - painful perhaps in the short term but healthy in the long term.
101	G. Hogan	It is not acceptable if class sizes exceed 28-30, if portables are used & if computer labs are lost.
102	G. Hogan	I would prefer the kids go to Sacred Heart & St. Anne's since I like a small school like Gregory Hogan.
103	G. Hogan	Would extra teaching staff come with students to maintain student/teacher ratio at a good rate?
104	G. Hogan	Boundary changes & additional bumping rights are a great concern.
105 106	G. Hogan G. Hogan	It seems irresponsible to bus that many children to different schools when there is a functional school already available. Will ensure that these other 3 north end schools are more efficient.
107	St. Anne	I feel that students attending these schools will be displaced & relocated to other schools.
108	St. Anne	All classrooms are presently being utilized, the portable situation is a very undesirable one.
109	St. Anne	This is not acceptable to me if it would affect my children's enrolment at St. Anne.
110 111	St. Anne St. Anne	St. Anne has an average class size of 25 students in Grades 1 to 8. Larger class sizes would be unacceptable. More students mean that more friendships could develop as well as more teachers & resources.
112	St. Anne	Moved from Greg Hogan to St. Anne & concerned that they will be moved again.
113	St. Anne	If #'s go up at St. Anne then boundaries will change, therefore affecting my children & their peers.
114	St. Anne	So long as no students currently at those schools are moved & no changes made to existing boundaries.
115	St. Anne	Why is G Hogan which has less pupils not up for discussion? St. Helen is 95% full, hardly bussed & in a viable condition.
116 117	St. Anne St. Anne	Are you closing St. Helen's for political reasons? i.e. Money won on decision between Clarke & Lakeroad closing. St. Anne has room for some students but that room will quickly be filled with nearby housing growth.
118	St. Anne	It is acceptable because I would want these displaced students to stay within the Catholic system.
119	St. Anne	St. Anne's now has too many children in the grades 1 - 6 & we now have split grades which I do not agree with.
120	St. Anne	More acceptable would be to allow students to still be close enough to walk.
121 122	St. Anne St. Anne	Enrolment is up this year at St. Anne's with a pending building boom on the horizon.
123	St. Anne	Every classroom including the science lab, storage room is used for classes. Maybe it would be wise to wait another year or two to see how much growth there is around St. Anne's.
124	St. Anne	Most emphatically no, since my children will once again be bumped.
125	St. Anne	Acceptable provided the class numbers stay below 30 students & there was at least one E.A. in each class.
126	S. Heart	For the children's emotional concerns, they are being split up into too many schools.
127 128	S. Heart S. Heart	St. Anne has new development around it, why over crowd it now & then reduce boundaries later. Sacred Heart would love to have the St. Helen's students.
129	S. Heart	Yes, but only if children currently attending these schools are not displaced.
130	S. Heart	Additional resources are needed for additional students & classes would have to stay within Ministry guidelines.
131	S. Heart	Sacred Heart can not support 302 students & receive the same level of instruction.
132 133	S. Heart S. Heart	Class sizes would increase too high for Sacred Heart school if students were moved here. I don't want my children in over crowded schools.
134	S. Heart	Moving is not only a physical change but emotional, spiritual & social change.
135	S. Heart	Why can't we keep something stable such as where children will be brought up & educated?
136	S. Heart	Cannot say yes until a review/data is provided as to boundaries.
137 138	S. Heart S. Heart	I like the small class sizes at Sacred Heart. Yes, however if I lived in the St. Helen's district I would be extremely upset.
139	S. Heart	Schools are not overcrowded now so I don't see a problem.
140	S. Heart	Both grades 3 & 6 are too large and have split classes.
141	S. Heart	It is not acceptable to move the St. Helen's kids to other nearby schools because it puts my child at a slight disadvantage.
142	S. Heart	Yes, provided the cost of reopening a new school in 4 - 5 years has been considered.
143 144	S. Heart S. Heart	As long as the computer lab is not used to house the extra students. I strongly believe there is no acceptable reasoning why St. Helen's is closing. Sacred Heart does not need more students.
145	S. Heart	If this board chooses to close St. Helen's they should be replaced immediately by an appointed government superintendent.
146	S. Heart	With the school at such a high occupancy it is unacceptable to close it.
147	S. Heart	As long as it doesn't decrease the quality of education our children are receiving now.
148 149	S. Heart S. Heart	We are told that the computer room & other areas would have to be shut down to accommodate the kids from St. Helen's. How many families have children in other different schools because of poor decisions made at Board level?
150	S. Heart	Class sizes would increase therefore less attention is given on an individual basis.
151	S. Heart	Sacred Heart enrolment has dropped significantly & there is space for more students.
152	S. Heart	My children are currently in a school where it's mere size allows the teachers to know all the kids.
153 154	S. Heart St.Michael	As long as no portable classrooms are used, nor the class sizes increased. Why not select a school with bussing? St. Helen's has only one bus & other students walk.
155	St.Michael	I feel the board is closing schools in order to fill the capacity of St. Anne's, which should not have been built.
156	St.Michael	Why bus kids when they can walk?
157	St.Michael	No, this is not an ideal situation since it would impact other schools.
158 159	St.Michael St.Michael	If St. Helen's is closed I'd hope room would be made at other Catholic Schools to handle the displaced students. It would be extremely difficult for St. Helen's students to be separated among 3 different schools.
160	St. Eliz.	A similar situation has occurred in Wallaceburg with a closing of Our Lady of Help School.
161	St. Eliz.	These children seem to have adjusted well and most seem to attend the Catholic school by bus.
162	St. Eliz.	The other schools can accommodate the children. Let's not spread the money too thin so that everyone looses.
163 164		Another step towards the total loss of our Catholic Schools.Less high price superv. & admin staff, leave the children alone. St. Helen is in a great location, no need for bussing the children.
165		This divides an existing St. Helen's community & uproots them into another community.
166		They lose their purpose and identity and become disjointed and second class coming from outside the existing area.
167		Two of the schools are over capacity & the other 2 would only have 82 spaces. What happens to the other 213 students?
168		The school closings have to stop.
169 170	St.Pet.Ch. St.Pet.Ch.	I feel they will go to the public school next door. The ability to lunch at home or have comfort from a parent when ill & exercise.
171	St.Pet.Ch.	If it is closed, the students should be moved to the next closest school to their homes.
172	St.Pet.Ch.	I am concerned about possible bumping of students from the other schools.

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173		•	St.Pet.Ch.	All those so	hools are	excellent b	ut are not co		chools like	St. Helen whe	ere most pupils	can walk	to school.				
174			St.Pet.Ch.							different scho							
175			St.Pet.Ch.	We have no	children i	n school, h	owever if this	s will crea	te a financia	I savings, it is	a good move.						
176			St.Pet.Ch.	St. Helen sl	hould not b	e under rev	view.				· ·						
177			St.Pet.Ch.	Because it	is a huge o	disruption in	n a child's life	e, their sei	nse of comm	unity & spirit	is radically cha	anged.					
178			S.Heart.Ch.	Not if it mea	ans raising	the studen	nts in these s	chools ab	ove the acce	eptable numb	ers.	_					
179			S.Heart.Ch.	I understan	d there are	not enoug	gh spaces to	accommo	date these of	hildren. This	will cause over	rcrowding	at other so	chools.			
180			S.Heart.Ch.	This is not a	about what	is accepta	able to individ	luals & fai	nilies but it's	about fundin	g our gov't. pro	ocess.					
181			S.Heart.Ch.	The school	is 95% ful	l so it shou	ld not close.										
182			S.Heart.Ch.	Because th	is would m	ake the cla	asses too larg	ge, the chi	ldren would	not get the be	est education.						
183			S.Heart.Ch.	You are clo	sing a con	nmunity sch	nool that will	always be	an area of	oung familie	S.						
184			Staff	High quality	schools,	good faciliti	ies, excellent	t academi	c reputations	3.							
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186	<u>2b</u>	Would you cons	<u>ider sending</u>	your child	to a nearl	y public s	chool?										
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196		COMMENTS:	St. Helen	If the Catho	olic Board f	ails to mair	ntain its educ	ation star	dards, it will	be a future of	hoice.						
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200			St. Helen	My child wa	as baptized	Catholic &	I expect my	child to b	e raised & ta	aught in a Cat	holic system.						
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212			St. Helen					_		tion on Board							
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214			St. Helen		We are the Catholics & want to give our daughter Catholic education & more discipline. I don't want them to attend a school where they don't have God as part of their every day life.												
215			St. Helen								values taught a	t St. Hele	en's school.				
216			St. Helen				ır faith is very				J						
217			St. Helen	I feel the tru	ustees & a	dministratio	on have lost s	sight of the	eir mission.								
218			St. Helen	They are no	ot working	with all stal	keholders & t	they are n	ot putting be	st interest of	children first.						
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256			G. Hogan	While I truly value the Catholic Education system, my child's health comes first.
257			St. Anne	The Catholic system has always had a superior curriculum to the Public School system.
258			St. Anne	I appreciate the religion component in the Catholic system.
259 260			St. Anne St. Anne	Depends on the learning environment, if St. Anne becomes overcrowded then portables are required we would consider it. Our goal for our children is where they start school they would finish there.
261			St. Anne	We feel that stability is key to a child's early years.
262			St. Anne	Son was effected by St. Joe's. closure, we moved to St. Anne's boundaries & felt we would have consistent boundaries.
263			St. Anne	If my child was within walking distance to a Public School I would send him to that school.
264			St. Anne	I feel that Catholic Education is superior to the Public system.
265			St. Anne	Would consider if my children's education was suffering under Catholic School Board.
266 267			St. Anne St. Anne	No, I will drive them to the school so they can finish their senior years at St. Anne. I hope it won't be forced on us.
268			St. Anne	If I wanted my child in Public School I would have sent her there to begin with.
269			St. Anne	Absolutely, Northern here we come.
270			St. Anne	Yes, in a heartbeat.
271			St. Anne	Child was transferred to St. Anne's from St. Mike's & if transferred again we will absolutely change systems.
272 273			S. Heart S. Heart	If Sacred Heart closed we would bus our children to a Catholic school. If I had to I would not hesitate.
274			S. Heart	Although we prefer a Catholic education I will not tolerate an over crowded school.
275			S. Heart	Catholic education is what I chose for my children because of a sense of community.
276			S. Heart	I would send my children to a Public school but fully intend to practice my Catholic faith through the church.
277			S. Heart	If my child was subject to long bus rides & inconvenient school location I may consider sending to the Public school.
278 279			S. Heart S. Heart	Not unless class sizes grew too big.
280			S. Heart	I would not consider sending my child to a Public school, I paid Catholic taxes & children deserve a Catholic education. If my children would rather walk to school, come home for lunch or go to a school close to home, yes.
281			S. Heart	I am considering already to switch my daughter to Bridgeview School.
282			S. Heart	We send our children to Sacred Heart School as we feel it provides the best education.
283			S. Heart	Our nearby Public school has a lot of bullies & this would never be an option.
284			S. Heart	If downsizing of Catholic schools continues & the Board continues to make inappropriate/decisions.
285 286			S. Heart S. Heart	I think Rosedale Public School must receive many phone calls inquiring about it. Never, separate system is more superior.
287			S. Heart	I value the Catholic school system & would never dream of leaving unless the situation became academically unsound.
288			St.Michael	If the Catholic system makes it difficult for me I would send my 3 children to the Public system.
289			St.Michael	Possibly, if my children were faced with a lengthy bus ride. Most school busses are overcrowded & unsafe.
290			St.Michael	If it means my child would be attending a school in my community then I would send him to a nearby Public school.
291 292			St.Michael St.Michael	Children in the same neighbourhood should be going to the same school. Sending children to a school outside of the neighbourhood may have a negative impact on their social & academic life.
293			St. Eliz.	I'm proud to be a Catholic and want my kids to have the same opportunities in the Catholic system.
294			St. Eliz.	It is about being Catholic. Not about the education only.
295			St. Eliz.	I prefer not to send my children to a Public school but many factors must be considered with this decision
296			St. Eliz.	If there is a strong Catholic belief and practice at home, it would be acceptable for my child to attend a Public school.
297 298			St. Eliz. St. Eliz.	I would send my child to the Christian School before I send her to the Public School.
299				It's not that I would want to but if it means having my child sent a far distance, then I would think about the Public system. I would not but a lot of parents will do just that.
300				The religious aspects doesn't seem to matter any more, the emphasis is on the bottom line.
301			St.Ben.Ch.	If it meant less time on the bus I might have a strong consideration in doing so.
302				Community involvement is very important & to remain in the school area is a must to feel part.
303				Not a chance, had a child in public school & there is no comparison having them in RC system.
304 305			St.Pet.Ch.	If my children had to be bussed & there was a public school next door I would send them to the public. I am a firm supporter of Catholic Education.
306			St.Pet.Ch.	I know many including my son are considering this alternative.
307				I fear that this will cause further loss of young people attending our churches.
308			St.Pet.Ch.	Rosedale Public is closer to our son's house than St. Helen is & Rosedale would be the only community school.
309				Proximity to the school has been a major factor in many families purchasing homes in the area.
310				Never, we are Catholic School taxpayers and want our children attending Catholic Schools. If I did have children in RC schools under threat of closure, I would seriously consider it.
312			Staff	Catholic component too important.
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314	<u>3</u>			to close St. Helen School, many of the students now attending St. Helen School
315		would require b	ussing. Your	comments on bussing students to the other schools are requested.
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318		DISTRIBUTED	184	170 200 178 20 20 20 20 20 20 852
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321		COMMENTS:	St. Helen	Children need more activity in their daily lives, not less, bussing takes one hour of it a day.
322 323			St. Helen St. Helen	To close a full school where the vast majority of students can walk & force them to be bussed is ludicrous. My children walk to school allowing for more quality family time. Is also good exercise for my children.
324			St. Helen	If this is the case I hope there is adequate bussing for these children, too many children on one bus.
325			St. Helen	J.K. students could potentially be on the bus for over an hour in the morning & again in the afternoon.
326			St. Helen	I'm concerned about how much earlier my child will have to leave home as it is she boards the bus at 7:15.
327			St. Helen	An added expense that wasn't there at St. Helen's. Longer bus travel for students makes it a longer day.
328 329			St. Helen St. Helen	I have 2 children attending St. Helen's & there's no way they will be bussed. Bussing kids is not acceptable when they live within walking distance to high quality schools.
330			St. Helen	Against. There is a very small number of children that need to be bussed at this school.
331			St. Helen	The cost of bussing will go up, I prefer them to walk.
332			St. Helen	More busses mean increased operating costs, high risk of accidents, earlier to school & later to home, no sports teams.
333			St. Helen	Bussing may effect our routine as I am currently a full time student at Lambton College.
334 335			St. Helen St. Helen	My son is bussed now so it doesn't bother me. How can my kids be guaranteed that they would be with their existing friends?
335			St. Helen	Do not wish for them to have to be bussed which is why we moved into the neighbourhood.
337			St. Helen	Under no circumstance would I bus my child when another public school is 3 minutes from my house.
338			St. Helen	I fear my daughters bus ride which is now 40 minutes will be even longer if bussed to another north end school.

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339		. Helen	We are in St. Helen's school and if my children were bussed in the A.M. the pickup time is 7:05 a.m.
340		. Helen	What time would they be bussed to go across town?
341	St.	. Helen	Why should money be spent on bussing when it has been shown that it accounts for attentiveness problems at schools?
342		. Helen	We chose our home by choosing St. Helen's, thus being within walking distance from our chosen school.
343 344		. Helen . Helen	The board isn't concerned placing an additional 250 kids on busses, since some of the busses operate at 1/2 capacity. It's absurd. I absolutely reject bussing the primary level children.
345		. Helen	If on a bad weather day the school bus doesn't come then she misses out on school.
346		. Helen	I worry about the fact that there are no seat belts for them to wear.
347	St	. Helen	Considering the impact of the environment other school boards are cutting back on the use of busses.
348		. Helen	Bussing students is not a healthy or reasonable option when the school is at 95% enrolment & 1/10 now bussed.
349		. Helen	Transportation costs & or child's time riding busses should be made public.
350 351		. Helen . Helen	Many parents find that if you pick up your child after school they will tell you everything that is important to them. I am concerned about over crowded busses as has been reported at St. Therese's & safety on bus.
352		. Helen	The health hazards & safety standards for bussing are my major concerns.
353		. Helen	Students attending St. Therese's are three to a seat. This is unacceptable.
354	St.	. Helen	There are no seat belts and no supervision on the bus.
355		. Helen	Waste of time, money. Irrational solution.
356 357		. Helen	As long as busses are monitored, as kids get board and restless sitting in the bus.
358		. Helen . Helen	I am looking forward to the walking option which will allow my 8 year old to sleep beyond 6:45 a.m. Do the busses have enough seating room for all kids to sit in a safe & comfortable manner?
359		. Helen	If a child gets injured on a bus because no seat belt is worn who is responsible for injuries or even death?
360		. Helen	Play time, homework time would be lost on busses.
361		. Helen	We would have to find transportation for daughter or she will not be playing on any school teams.
362		. Helen	It does not make sense when a school is full & only a handful are bussed.
363		. Helen . Helen	A five minute walk compared to a 1/2 hour to 45 minute bus ride.
364 365		. Helen	Obviously, bussing our children would impose the hardship & restrictions we sought to avoid when we purchased our home. Maybe the Ministry of Education should communicate with the Ministry of Environment & the Ministry of Health.
366		. Helen	Crowding children on to a bus can lead to discipline problems, safety at the drop off & pick up points.
367		. Helen	Children may not be used to it & would feel insecure.
368		. Helen	Bussing does have some positives, in inclement weather.
369		. Helen	It is fine if the children are bussed to the nearest Separate School, but unacceptable if they are bussed across town.
370 371		. Helen . Helen	This is one of the most significant, bothersome issues for us regarding school closure. "Quality of life" takes a big step backwards when you have to deal with this community to/from school.
372		. Helen	One of our children was sick on a weekly basis so we moved so she could walk. Do you want her throwing up on the bus?
373		. Helen	It's unfair, ridiculous, absurd, cold hearted and mean spirited.
374	St	. Helen	Childhood obesity is now occurring in one out of every four North American children.
375		. Helen	Although there are many contributing factors, lack of exercise is significant as a causal effect.
376		. Helen	I purchased my home in this area specifically so that my children could walk to school. They will not ride on the bus.
377 378		Hogan Hogan	We moved to a location near a school to avoid buses. My children if affected would register at the Public school within walking distance.
379		Hogan	Long distance bussing is not good for the quality of a child's school life.
380		Hogan	Children will be inconvenienced, not to mention the parents.
381	G.	Hogan	Bussing to any other school is welcome and worth Catholic Education and faith.
382		Hogan	Children lose the comfort of being close to school, lose the sense of community they have by just walking together.
383		Hogan	St. Anne was built to cut down on bussing cost & now you want to close a neighbourhood school & pay for cost of buses.
384 385		Hogan Hogan	I feel bussing hinders physical health as it hinders opportunity for physical activity. Bussing kids to school is ok as long as it is convenient, organized, and safe.
386		Hogan	Ok if cost effective, as long as programs are not cancelled or classes become too big.
387		. Anne	If it has to be done, do it.
388		. Anne	This will increase the cost factor to operate schools. The children will no longer get their daily exercise.
389		. Anne	My concern would be in the increased length of time to ride on the bus.
390 391		. Anne . Anne	Why would you close a school that requires no bussing & is full? We are fortunate to have the privilege of busses to transport our children. The kids like to socialize on the bus.
392		. Anne	I have no problem with this.
393		. Anne	Leave St. Helen's open then you would not have to bus them to other schools.
394	St.	. Anne	My children have always taken the bus & I have no problem with that.
395		. Anne	That is not fair, people bought their house in this area because of the reputation of St. Helen.
396 397		. Anne	Are increased bussing costs considered in the anticipated savings of St. Helen's school closure? This is common with most schools
398		. Anne . Anne	This is common with most schools. If you bus children all over, then you are breaking up a community & damaging our sense of security.
399		. Anne	I disagree with Dr. Rankin's comments regarding bussing. Kids are picked up & dropped off at one safe spot.
400		. Anne	Active lifestyles are the responsibility of the parents & Phys. Ed. Is key in schools.
401		. Anne	I hope the students walk over to Rosedale.
402		. Anne	The board will save money by closing St. Helen's but then have to pay extra money to bus these kids to different schools.
403 404		. Anne	If St. Helen's school closes, these kids may have a 1 hour bus ride to and from school.
405		. Anne . Anne	Younger children find this difficult enough, if they now have to be bussed. Not in the best interest of children & parents.
406		. Anne	Bussing or walking to school has nothing to do with the quality of education you receive once inside the school.
407		. Anne	There is a great lack of physical activity among young children, the more bussing the less physical activity.
408		. Anne	The risk of accidents increase for children when being transported in a bus as opposed to walking.
409		. Anne	I thought the school system was trying to reduce bussing.
410 411		. Anne . Anne	Bus rides of over 20 minutes for primary grade children are unacceptable. I believe the children are much safer being bussed than walking.
412		. Anne . Anne	Bus them.
413		. Anne	This is the safest form of getting the children to their school, so I see no problem.
414	St.	. Anne	Closing a neighbourhood school to bus students doesn't make sense other than a purely business perspective.
415		. Anne	With the devastating effect of global warming, I want people to walk or bike more & drive less.
416		. Anne	My children are currently sitting 4 to a seat & children are standing in the aisle. Where do you propose to put more kids?
417 418		. Anne . Anne	The kids would be up at least an hour earlier. Even though bussing is convenient it eliminates a break from school whenever possible.
419		. Anne	My children have always had a 20 - 25 minute bus ride within Sarnia city limits & have never had a problem.
420		. Anne	If you close the school, the School Board must provide bussing for those who need it.
421	S.	Heart	More busses should be used to keep bus rides down to 30 minute max.

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422	S.	. Heart	It doesn't really matter what we think, you're still going to bus students.									
423	S.	. Heart	I feel children should be bussed.									
424	S.	. Heart	It would be terrible to lose the St. Helen's students to the Public system.									
425		. Heart	Sacred Heart is already busy with busses.									
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426		. Heart	This is not family oriented as many children enjoy the option of family lunch.									
427	S.	. Heart	Are we not using the money for bussing that is supposedly saved for closing the schools?									
428	S.	. Heart	Would be ashamed to see children taking the bus when they can be walking & getting exercise.									
429	s	. Heart	Many disadvantages to bussing, lack of exercise, less time for breakfast, social misconducts & bullying.									
430		. Heart	There's no reason not to provide boundary scenarios immediately.									
431		. Heart	Over 80 % of Sacred Heart students are bussed, so this is not an issue.									
432	S.	. Heart	Is it cost effective?									
433	S.	. Heart	Bussing can be a safer alternative to walking but not in favour of early or long rides.									
434		. Heart	I believe safety is an issue, especially for younger students.									
435		. Heart	I think the School Board should reduce bussing & fund only the school.									
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436		. Heart	More busses on the road would be required which means more drivers & more money to cover the busses.									
437	S.	. Heart	I can see many parents sending their children to the Public School & this will reroute taxes to the Public School system.									
438	S.	. Heart	Bussing is not an issue, the schools are close & each ride would be short.									
439	s	. Heart	Being a parent whose kids have always been bussed, it sucks, especially when there are not enough seats for all the kids.									
440		. Heart	Bussing is not as healthy for students. The increase in bussing costs would be less than the savings of closing St. Helen's.									
441		. Heart	Children have to be on the bus longer when travelling to another school area.									
442	S.	. Heart	Bussing students takes them away from the community & isolates them.									
443	S.	. Heart	Schools that form part of the community are healthier for the child development.									
444	S.	. Heart	Additional bussing would only create more chaos for the bussing routes & times.									
445		. Heart	The school day is long enough for learning, adding an additional hour or so is not fair to the children.									
446		. Heart	95% of the St. Helen children walk & bussing these children is unnecessary.									
447		. Heart	I would be concerned about double bumping for students who now are within walking distance.									
448		. Heart	Bussing diminishes children's free time, any chance to "just be a kid" should not be minimized.									
449	S.	. Heart	Without any data it is difficult to make any sensible comments - how many children? What ages? How far? Etc.									
450			St. Helen's is walking distance for a lot of children & they would have to be bussed 45 min. to 1 hour to a different school.									
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		t.Michael	It makes no sense to increase bussing in a school community where a majority of students walk.									
452			We are only contributing to increased pollution & unhealthy lifestyle of our children.									
453	St	t.Michael	Only if you don't have to bus past another Separate School to get there.									
454	St	t.Michael	Being able to walk & to be in the immediate area of your school has several intangible bonuses.									
455			Bussing can be very hard on some students, especially the younger ones as they would arrive already tired to school.									
456			Although bussing is safe, you have to consider the time spent on the bus & the age of the child.									
457		t. Eliz.	From what I have read the school is at 95% capacity and most of those children walk.									
458	St	t. Eliz.	As long as the ride one way does not exceed thirty minutes in total bus riding time.									
459	St	t. Eliz.	Bussing doesn't hurt anyone. Children have been doing it for years.									
460	St	t. Eliz.	Bussing children to other Catholic Schools would be much more acceptable than sending them to Public School.									
461		t. Eliz.	Must be convenient for the students and families.									
462		t. Eliz.	long and uncomfortable rides would cause some children to enrol in closer Public Schools.									
463	St	t. Eliz.	No problems as long as the children are not on the bus for forty-five minutes at one time.									
464	St	t.Ben.Ch.	Unnecessary expense, waste of time. Unnecessary to put children on a bus when they can walk.									
465	St	t.Ben.Ch.	Children are on bus much too long & requires them to be up & ready for school too early.									
466			I feel there is greater danger in bussing students than having them walk.									
467			Schools should be within walking distance for Grades 1 to 8. People buy homes in school areas.									
468	St	t.Ben.Ch.	Bussing children is not healthy physically & emotionally.									
469	St	t.Ben.Ch.	Children should be getting fresh air & exercise by walking, not by bussing or riding in cars.									
470			Small children should not spend up to an hour on the bus going to and from school.									
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589		S. Heart	They would be inconvenienced by not being able to walk to & from school.
590		S. Heart	Yes, community schools should be a priority for society.
591		S. Heart	Moving children to a new school may be very stressful to some children.
592 593		S. Heart S. Heart	Please refer to Sarnia This Week by Dr. Rankin.
594		S. Heart	It is important for some parents & children to have them home for lunch. Not just an inconvenience but detriment to their being.
595		S. Heart	They are some what inconvenienced but that is today's reality.
596		S. Heart	My children are already not able to walk home at lunch due to time restraints & we live in the Sacred Heart area.
597		S. Heart	Currently my child is bussed & alternate transportation is required with after school activities.
598		S. Heart	They would need to adjust.
599 600		S. Heart S. Heart	I feel my children are safe with me taking them to and from school. There are many advantages, exercise, time with children & the security knowing they are not far from home.
601		S. Heart	In most communities this is not realistic or possible.
602		S. Heart	For some people this is very important, they have arranged their life style & housing choices to be able to do this.
603		S. Heart	I feel kids spend enough time at school & are not supervised enough.
604		S. Heart	I feel those that who choose to do sports must get alternate transportation.
605 606		S. Heart S. Heart	My children have difficulty with school & need the break to come home for lunch. This place is more a burden for supervision in the yard, more on custodial staff to clean, etc.
607		S. Heart	Absolutely, potential increased cost for pre and post school day care.
608		S. Heart	Children benefit from having hot lunches.
609		S. Heart	Some will, some won't.
610		S. Heart	I think this speaks to the whole notion of community & neighbourhood schools being eroded.
611 612		S. Heart St.Michael	The ability to participate in after school programs is made more difficult for the parents as we do the extra driving. These alternate schools are quite a distance from the St. Helen's district.
613		St.Michael	Do you really think anyone will check no? How ridiculous.
614		St.Michael	Yes, but they will get used to it in time.
615		St.Michael	Children will be forced to make an unhealthy choice.
616		St.Michael	Being close has many advantages & parents are willing to switch systems in order to maintain them.
617 618		St.Michael St.Michael	It takes away from being a part of your own community. I don't see having to eat lunch at school an inconvenience since children would have more time socialize with their friends.
619		St. Eliz.	Regular bus children do not have that option now so why are we stressing about those who walk now?
620		St. Eliz.	Parents need to get involved in the new school community.
621		St. Eliz.	I'd love to have my children come home on their nutrition break and I'm able to walk them to and from school.
622		St. Eliz.	This is a big part of our valuable family time and an important part of the children's day/life.
623 624		St. Eliz. St Ben Ch	A little inconvenience almost always comes with change and that is unfortunate. This is an excellent time to stimulate bonding time with parents, siblings, & best friends.
625			Schools and homes close to school are definitely an asset to the children.
626			Walking with friends is important. Waiting for a bus and hoping to sit next to a friend is not right.
627			Are you so money oriented that the child's welfare has not been considered?
628		St.Pet.Ch.	Being able to come home for lunch is the best for all.
629 630		St.Pet.Ch. St.Pet.Ch.	It is not that it is an inconvenience, it is taking away a part of their community. Especially in winter.
631		St.Pet.Ch.	
632		St.Pet.Ch.	Our son bought his house close to St. Helen's so that his children could walk to his house or ours & back.
633		St.Pet.Ch.	As grandparents we would miss having contact with our grandchildren.
634		St.Pet.Ch.	If a grandchild had an emergency we could be at St. Helen's in three minutes.
635 636		St.Pet.Ch. St.Pet.Ch.	Ask the children that used to be walkers at other schools OLM, St. Joes, see what they think of the bussing. If they want the exercise, they can walk home after school.
637			I feel blessed that our children were able to walk to school & come home for lunch.
638			It will be taking a lot away from them including loss of quality time with their friends.
639			The whole emotional adjustment will be hard for some children.
640			This is a huge change in the children's outlook on school & travelling back & forth is more than an inconvenience. Walking for children is very important in the development of positive school spirit & parent involvement.
641 642			Walking for students is very important in the development of positive school spirit & parent involvement. Yes, after school activities are not available to bus students.
643		Staff	Impacts on extracurricular activities, practice schedules etc, however current reality at most schools.
644 645		Staff	Older students who walk to & from school are getting some exercise compared to standing around a school yard.
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655	<u>Do you feel that</u>	t the children	will suffer in the loss of the school's community participation such as school programs that
656			hin walking distance that would impair their overall social and spiritual development?
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658	DISTRIBUTED	St. Helen	G.Hogan St. Anne S. Heart St. Michael St. Eliz. St. Ben. Ch. St. Pet. Ch. St. Heart Ch. Staff TOTAL
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666	COMMENTS:	St. Helen	They are independent if they can walk & they can attend to things that are important to them.
667	Johnnett 10.	St. Helen	Her Girl Guides, friends.
668		St. Helen	If they are bussed they will not be able to partake in after school events.
669		St. Helen	Of course, that's one of the best parts of going to school, developing a close school community.
670		St. Helen	My kids do not want to leave this school.

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680			St. Helen	My daughte	er has knov	wn many	children si	nce J.K.	to es	tablish hers		lace she will r	need time &	spiritual p	ower.	
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688			St. Helen	-	-		-			-		vere able to w	alk home w	ith their fr	iends.	
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690 691			St. Helen	-	-	_						oesn't compa	re to just att	ending ch	iurch.	
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725 726			G. Hogan G. Hogan	Do the child Classmate			lly bussed	suffer -	- no.							
727			G. Hogan				no effect of	on socia	l, spir	itual develor	oment.					
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741			St. Anne	Just the fac	ct that hom	e is a saf	e haven &	if it's wit	thin w	alking distar	nce that's a c	omfort.			•	
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755			S. Heart	Children the	at attend a	common s	school & live i	n a comm	non neighbou	urhood have a	a social & spirit	ual bond.			
756			S. Heart	Many parer	ts work &	cannot pic	k their childre	n up.							
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772			St.Michael	As our scho	ool populat	ions increa	ase many of c	our childre	en & teachers	s are lost in th	ne numbers.				
773			St.Michael	A sense of	community	is fostered	d to a large ex	xtent by c	lose proximit	ίy.					
774			St.Michael	Parents wo	uld be less	inclined to	o volunteer or	take part	in special e	vent evenings	3.				
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788			St.Ben.Ch.	Some child	ren may no	ot be able t	to participate	due to lac	ck of accessi	bility.					
789			St.Ben.Ch.	I feel all the	se things a	are necess	ary for the ch	ild's welfa	are.						
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794			St.Ben.Ch.	If school pr	ograms ar	e lost, child	dren will lose	interest &	not participa	ate in other so	chool programs	S.			
795			St.Pet.Ch.	They will pa	articipate ir	n programs	in whatever	school the	ey will attend	J.					
796			St.Pet.Ch.	Yes because	e St. Hele	n was note	ed for such a	strong se	nse of comm	nunity & spirit.					
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801			S.Heart.Ch.	I believe the	e schools s	should be a	a community of	centre for	after school	programs & o	community eve	nts.			
802			S.Heart.Ch.	This centra	lization tak	es away fr	om the comm	nunity feel	ling.						
803			S.Heart.Ch.	Your action	will split th	ne cohesio	n totally.								
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	A B	С	D E F G H I J K L M N O
837		St. Helen	Most young families look for homes that have a reputable school in its neighbourhood, property values will greatly decrease.
838		St. Helen	School closures always cause property values to decrease.
839		St. Helen	Nobody wants to move into a community only to bus their children to another community.
840 841		St. Helen St. Helen	I think they are just seeing the value of the school land & forgetting the strong negative effect closure has on kids. What is at stake is much more than money, this administration & trustees need to focus on Catholic and family values.
842		St. Helen	This would mark the beginning of end of St. Clair Board.
843		St. Helen	This is not pro active, but irrational decision making. Not the last Catholic school to end Domino effect.
844		St. Helen	I bought my house because of school proximity. Will the Board compensate me?
845		St. Helen	The Board would be the economic beneficiary of prime building lots of north Sarnia.
846 847		St. Helen St. Helen	The Board should be pro actively looking & acting upon cost saving activities other than school closures. Retter to have diversity in the pointheauthead (not all non Catholics, etc.) as it increases knowledge & acceptance of others.
848		St. Helen	Better to have diversity in the neighbourhood (not all non Catholics, etc.) as it increases knowledge & acceptance of others. There's not going to be enough school spaces in the area for all the children & this is bound to effect real estate values.
849		St. Helen	St. Helen's school area is known by the policing services as "sleeping hollow".
850		St. Helen	Good health & education are the basis for a better future. The community should save money not on these programs.
851		St. Helen	The demographic market for the St. Helen's area is "young families". Close the schools, decrease property values.
852 853		St. Helen	If you remove a school from any neighbourhood it makes the area unattractive to future buyers.
854		St. Helen St. Helen	Those are not my reasons for wishing the school to remain open. I want my kids in the same school regardless. If they build houses where St. Helen's is now, where will all the children go?
855		St. Helen	When the school closes I'm sure the new subdivision that is built will keep property values inflated.
856		St. Helen	Build houses somewhere else. This is a school.
857		St. Helen	We would lose the ability to attract Catholic families to the neighbourhood, no Catholic schools within walking distance.
858 859		St. Helen St. Helen	This community will lose faith in the Catholic school system which means the school systems jobs will be in jeopardy.
860		St. Helen	The Board will make a profit selling the property & be able to pay their debts for the new schools built. People will want to move to the new neighbourhood by St. Anne's so their children can walk.
861		St. Helen	A north end neighbourhood without a Catholic school is obviously less attractive to a percentage of the population.
862		G. Hogan	Many people, our family included choose their homes based on the proximity of their school.
863		G. Hogan	School district boundaries is more important than immediate walking distance.
864 865		G. Hogan	People tend to buy homes which are close to schools. It is still a great neighbourhood.
866		G. Hogan G. Hogan	Loss of a local school always decreases economic viability.
867		G. Hogan	People are not in the habit of moving into the area with an ugly, vacant school nearby.
868		G. Hogan	Neighbourhood schools make a huge impact on property values.
869		G. Hogan	Lots of complete communities are bussed to elementary schools.
870 871		G. Hogan	Doesn't sound like it would attract young families, does it? There is other schooling available (public) so proporty values shouldn't be effected.
872		G. Hogan G. Hogan	There is other schooling available (public) so property values shouldn't be effected. Why buy a home in St. Helen's area & bus children? Just buy a home closer to Hogan or Sacred Heart.
873		St. Anne	Yes, because there will be no school in the area.
874		St. Anne	I would need to see data from other areas where a school was already closed to give an informed response.
875		St. Anne	Many people pick their homes & communities because of the schools.
876 877		St. Anne	The land is worth more than the school. The kide would all be bused to a good school & Liden't think that would impost property values.
878		St. Anne St. Anne	The kids would all be bussed to a good school & I don't think that would impact property values. The property values in College Park took a massive dive when they changed their boundaries. This effect would be similar.
879		St. Anne	Property values would go down as the closed school property is notoriously poorly maintained.
880		St. Anne	Having the option of sending your children to a Catholic school is a selling feature to people relocating.
881		St. Anne	Maybe slightly initially, but not long term.
882 883		St. Anne	Closeness to schools is always a factor for the purchase of a home.
884		St. Anne St. Anne	I am certain the economic viability of that area would suffer. Look what is happening in the Wiltshire subdivision, opening the 3 new schools has brought on development.
885		St. Anne	Hugely. Homes in the area have lucrative pricing for most parents of school age children.
886		St. Anne	If the property is sold for new development, real estate values could possibly increase.
887		St. Anne	This area is highly sought after by young families because of St. Helen's, property values will go down.
888 889		St. Anne St. Anne	No one wants to live around an area that doesn't have a school near it. I think the board will gain financially from the sale of real estate, unlike the Sarnia Board Office that you can't give away.
890		St. Anne	The area surrounding St. Helen's is probably 90% families with school aged children.
891		S. Heart	This is all a residential area, impacts should be minimal if bussing is provided.
892		S. Heart	That is one of the main attractions of the area.
893		S. Heart	Just wait until you sell all the property for a new housing development.
894 895		S. Heart S. Heart	Parents, especially young couples are looking for homes near to schools. Individuals move to the St. Helen's area for the school & community aspect. The school is a vital hub.
896		S. Heart	Brights Grove is booming & there was only one Catholic school.
897		S. Heart	The Board would lose more of its economic viability as many families would likely switch to the LKDSB.
898		S. Heart	I think the Catholic board will sell the property quickly upon closure.
899 900		S. Heart S. Heart	There's still two Public schools in the neighbourhood. The houses are in prime North end locations & people will buy because of the quality of homes.
900		S. Heart	If I were a parent with children starting school, I would not move in the St. Helen's area.
902		S. Heart	The area is growing with new properties around it.
903		S. Heart	We moved from Calgary & would not consider homes that did not have a Catholic school within walking distance.
904		S. Heart	I don't know what the economic effect would be especially if a new subdivision if built on the St. Helen's property.
905		St.Michael	Real estate prices has nothing to do with school closures. The Catholic boards financial gain has everything to do with it.
906 907		St.Michael St.Michael	Would be less attractive to a family purchasing a home who prefer their child to attend a neighbourhood Catholic School. Most people buy their home because they are close proximity to a school. Resale values would obviously suffer.
908		St.Michael	Board certainly profit from the sale of the valuable land that St. Helen's sits on.
909		St.Michael	I don't live by a school for a higher property value.
910		St. Eliz.	Having a school close to your home is always an attractive option for home buyers.
911		St. Eliz.	Many people chose that location to live based on the convenience and closeness of their choice of school. Any loca to a well reunded, full community effects the viability and proporty values.
912 913		St. Eliz. St. Eliz.	Any loss to a well rounded, full community effects the viability and property values. Our Lady of Help school closed and all that property is still up in value.
914		St. Eliz.	Of course there would be some impact.
915		St. Eliz.	It is not an issue unless those buying a home will have children attending a Catholic School.
916		St. Eliz.	Vacant, unkept buildings rarely increase property value.
917 918		St.Ben.Ch.	
918		St.Ben.Ch. St.Ben.Ch.	People want to be close to schools so these areas are more saleable at better prices. This may force some to consider moving. This is hard to forecast as schools are only a part of the relocation decision.
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St.Ben.Ch. St.Pet.Ch. Parents of children will buy property more often if there is a school close by. St.Pet.Ch. Do not think that property values would be affected what ever. Worked in real estate some years ago.	M N O
St.Ben.Ch. I really feel that a community loses its economic viability if the school closes.	
922 St.Ben.Ch. The land that St. Helen's sits on, 9 1/2 acres is prime land. 923 St.Pet.Ch. Parents of children will buy property more often if there is a school close by. 924 St.Pet.Ch. Because there is a public school next door, their enrolment will go up. This area has always been popular because of its proximity to St. Helen School. St.Pet.Ch. Closure of school would make living here less desirable for young families. 927 St.Pet.Ch. Catholic buyers would consider other areas. Public school buyers might make up the difference. 928 St.Pet.Ch. People see it more of an attack on the spirit of the community than an economic one. 929 St.Pet.Ch. Do not think that property values would be affected what ever. Worked in real estate some years ago.	
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930 St.Pet.Ch. Definitely a big factor	
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931 S.Heart.Ch. St. Helen's area has good family houses & the proximity of a school in walking distance is a good selling for	eature.
932 S.Heart.Ch. You will profit by selling the land for home development.	
933 S.Heart.Ch. If the school sits idle and boarded up it will definitely lower property values. 934 S.Heart.Ch. Parents of young children would be less inclined to buy homes because of the lack of an accessible school	N.
935 S.Heart.Ch. Families with young children pay special attention to the availability of good local schools when purchasing	
936 Staff If the school becomes an eye sore, yes. If the property becomes part of the new bldg. venture off Rosedale	
937 Staff On a temporary basis St. Helen has been a drawing card for this area.	
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939 7 If St. Helen School remains open, the Board will be required to maintain and operate more floor space than they receive funding for. This will have the effect of spreading the resources more thinly and will hinder the opportunities to effectively	
941 operate and maintain the schools across the system at large. It is estimated that if St. Helen School is closed	
942 the Board would save about \$100,000 in operating expenses annually and also forego spending for capital improvements.	
943 These savings would then be used to improve the opportunities to serve all students in the entire school district.	
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954 COMMENTS: St. Helen If our school is full, how can that be?	
955 St. Helen We would rather have less people on the School Board. We could save on their salaries & benefits.	
956St. HelenSt. Helen's has been a part of this community for many years & the students have enjoyed their programs957St. HelenDoes closing schools significantly surpass the resulting emotional, social & spiritual economic consequent	_
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959 St. Helen Not if school class sizes increase therefore teachers will have less time to focus on individual students.	
960 St. Helen \$100,000 is peanuts in a huge budget.	
961 St. Helen The Catholic School Board will lose money to the Public system for each child that leaves the Catholic system.	stem.
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965 St. Helen If our children move to another school, wouldn't it effect the cost of running those schools & create crowde	ed classrooms?
966 St. Helen We are being misinformed about this issue & have suspicions about numbers being quoted.	
St. Helen Over crowded schools, significant travel time out weigh potential gains in "resources".	
968St. HelenClosing schools that are 95% full, no bussing requirement is not the answer. Pressure the government.969St. Helen\$100,000 is 1/10 of a percent of your total budget.	
970 St. Helen Kids in the other schools will never experience an improvement in their education as a result in this cost of	utting measure.
971 St. Helen Perhaps the school near Modeland Road were ill conceived & you are asking the St. Helen's community to	o pay the price.
972 St. Helen I believe capital improvements are not funded from operating expenses, but payments from the Ministry for	r Capital projects?
973 St. Helen All the Catholic schools in Sarnia need to be reviewed as closing St. Helen's isn't going to save much. 974 St. Helen You're closing the wrong school, close St. Anne's.	
974 St. Helen You're closing the wrong school, close St. Anne's. 975 St. Helen The parents will find a way to make up for the fewer resources.	
976 St. Helen Cry me a river.	
977 St. Helen The term is called "Fund Raise", to assist in raising needed monies.	
978 St. Helen This is conjecture, no one knows what the feasibility funding from the Government report will contain.	
979 St. Helen The so called savings would then have to be used for bussing 300 children on a daily basis. 980 St. Helen If schools need to be closed, close the schools where there aren't enough pupils to justify their existence.	
981 St. Helen The children's social & spiritual development is being over looked. Dollars are not the only issue here.	
982 St. Helen Resources are already unavailable to students if they are going to be housed in over crowded schools.	
983 St. Helen As long as all the schools face the same thing.	
984 St. Helen I'm willing to pay more out of pocket or even lay off a Board member or two.	
985 St. Helen St. Helen does not bear the responsibility for this. 986 St. Helen "Goodwill" is on the books yet it is not a tangible asset but it surely has value.	
987 St. Helen Resources are already low. There are other schools with less capacity that should be looked at first.	
988 St. Helen Putting 283 kids on busses & filling three other schools does not sound like saving funds in the end to me.	
989 St. Helen Capital does not come directly out of the Boards annual expenses.	20/ 1
990 St. Helen The Board may save \$100,000/yr., but forecasts show about 100 students will leave the system or \$700,00	JU/yr lost.
991 St. Helen In addition \$150,000/yr bus leasing costs, \$300,000 to \$400,000 for new portables. 992 St. Helen If I can not afford my garage, should I spend more money to knock it down to plant grass seed? I don't thinl	k so
993 St. Helen Catholic board is at risk of losing funding they expect to receive if part of St. Helen's population migrates to	
994 St. Helen Don't waste money on luxury when our children's education is on the line.	
995 St. Helen For years our school has rec'd exceptional funding from the Parent Council that have provided us with mar	ny items.
996St. HelenThe Board makes poor spending decisions. \$100,000 could be cut easily, try giving up your Palm Pilots.997St. HelenI see so much waste & silly spending that I'm not convinced these savings would benefit the students or sy	etem at large
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999 St. Helen If 1/3 Catholic schools in Sarnia would be closed maybe Board should cut own budget too.	
1000 St. Helen I would like to be advised of the improved opportunities that have fallen upon the system at large by the clo	osure of schools.
St. Helen Let individual schools participate in fund raising activities to help support the resource needs.	
1002 St. Helen They will lose tax dollars if families choose Public system over Catholic.	

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1003		St. Helen	Does it concern you that you may not be re-elected because you closed a healthy school to save .01% of the budget?
1004		St. Helen	This decision should not be about money or politics, we are talking about children & education.
1005		St. Helen	Does this mean they would be taking \$100,000 to maintain or operate St. Helen's? How much would each school lose?
1006 1007		St. Helen St. Helen	No it does not if everyone is equal and each school gets the same amount. With the funding formula under review by the Gov't. how can we be certain there will be any effect on resources.
1008		St. Helen	I'm disgusted that you would include a question like this that is so misleading & meant to bring on guilt.
1009		St. Helen	The loss of a principal alone would account for almost \$100,000/yr but you anticipate savings in plant operation, etc.
1010		St. Helen	The fact that you added the clause "closure is in the best interest of the whole school community" means you've lost sight.
1011 1012		St. Helen St. Helen	I want you to communicate to parents/parishes openly, honestly about our debt & financial status. I want you to demonstrate that you have made cuts in areas that do not effect students directly.
1013		St. Helen	I want you to let the P.R. person go, that would save at least \$60,000/yr. I don't want you to advertise for Catholic schools.
1014	5	St. Helen	I believe that funding from the gov't. will improve & floor space does not equal quality education.
1015		St. Helen	Greater concern is an attitude that promotes the belief that greater resources is better for everyone.
1016 1017		St. Helen St. Helen	Everyone will have to sacrifice a little instead of one school sacrificing a lot. Find a way to balance your books by cutting back on the areas that are not necessarily as tight as can be.
1018		St. Helen	Air conditioning is not a priority in my mind.
1019		St. Helen	I feel parents would be agreeable to fees for certain things to allow their child to attend their neighbourhood school.
1020		St. Helen	I would donate or pay higher school taxes rather than closing more schools.
1021 1022		St. Helen St. Helen	If our kids are put into schools that are already full we would be more concerned about the resources spread more thinly. We've helped many in need, isn't it time to help ourselves?
1023		St. Helen	I don't believe this analogy. It is well known that the R.C. system is not lacking in funds.
1024		St. Helen	What about the 2 schools in Tupperville which have a small amount of students? How can they run?
1025		St. Helen	I think this is a generic number the School Board has come with & they don't have the reports tabled.
1026 1027		St. Helen	I feel you will skew any reports, surveys in the Boards favor. My children need the resource help.
1027		St. Helen St. Helen	No, my child will have to move to a 32:1 ratio now that could be scary with all the new academic demands placed on them.
1029		St. Helen	This is a question that would skew the results of any survey.
1030	5	St. Helen	This question is very leading & would not be found on a survey that was in any way credible.
1031		G. Hogan	The board should have looked ahead before spending thousands of our tax dollars on St. Anne's.
1032 1033		G. Hogan G. Hogan	The board should do everything possible to keep schools open & look for other possibilities for revenue. I would be willing to see a few things go so that a community school could remain viable.
1034		G. Hogan	I heard the same bogus estimates during the OLM meetings & have seen no extra funds.
1035	(G. Hogan	Has the board asked St. Helen's parents if they would be willing to work for extra fundraising?
1036		G. Hogan	Keeping a few students in a school is not viable anywhere & waste of money & resources.
1037 1038		G. Hogan G. Hogan	Depending on how large the classes would be with extra students would be the deciding factor. You're already nickel & diming us, what's the difference.
1039		G. Hogan	Currently the parent council is very active at Hogan & provides extra monies for our children's programs.
1040		G. Hogan	We would have to look at that situation down the road.
1041		G. Hogan	I would be willing to pay extra taxes to maintain our present schools.
1042 1043		G. Hogan G. Hogan	They get less every year now. Parents fund most operating costs now, we have no textbooks now, I don't expect \$100,000 will change those facts.
1044		G. Hogan	Most programs are at bare bones now, what is left to cut?
1045	(G. Hogan	\$100,000 seems very minimal considering the pain of bussing. Let's cut costs elsewhere.
1046		G. Hogan	The savings pales in comparison to the lives you are adversely affecting.
1047 1048		G. Hogan G. Hogan	Keeping too many schools open is an irresponsible option. Is the saving of \$100,000 annually the real reason for closure?
1049		G. Hogan	Does it concern the board that it may lose many students to the Public Board?
1050		G. Hogan	This is a biased question with not enough information.
1051 1052		G. Hogan G. Hogan	What costs would be incurred with the additional bussing, increased class sizes, etc. at other schools? Parents have an opportunity to join 3 really great schools.
1053		G. Hogan	It concerns me that St. Helen's would be using funds that could go towards my children's school.
1054		G. Hogan	Fewer resources have been the norm for the last 5 years thus fundraising has increased.
1055		G. Hogan	Funding for whole board must be taken "in total" not on a "by school" basis.
1056 1057		G. Hogan G. Hogan	Wait to see if the funding formula changes. This is a short term resolution for a long term problem.
1057		G. Hogan	Continuing to close schools is the easy answer.
1059		G. Hogan	We as parents & families have a responsibility to provide resources to our children even more than a school.
1060		G. Hogan	I would however like to see where the \$100,000 goes to ensure the kids receive some benefits from the closing.
1061 1062		G. Hogan St. Anne	If money is diverted to the Public School board as a result of closure, what difference would it make? Would like to see how they arrive at these savings because there will be an added cost of bussing the students.
1062		St. Anne	We need to take a break & access what the closures have already done on our Catholic School communities
1064		St. Anne	So far most schools have been raising money themselves. I don't think it is much of a difference to the picture.
1065		St. Anne	I feel there would be great capital expenditures to the remaining schools to accommodate the transported students.
1066 1067		St. Anne St. Anne	Closing the schools to save \$100,000 is ridiculous especially one that is 99% full. Gov't. funding does not cater to small communities, the problem should be addressed.
1067		St. Anne	It concerns me that all the children will be placed in different schools which mean larger classes.
1069		St. Anne	I think the public may not understand how important it is to save the best buildings in order to save Catholic schools.
1070		St. Anne	\$100,000 is not a lot compared to the overall budget.
1071 1072		St. Anne St. Anne	Computer use by the primary grades does not have to be so extensive. Air conditioning is a frill - user pay? I haven't seen any extra resources since closing OLM or St. Joseph's schools.
1072		St. Anne	Has renting out a portion of the extra rooms the board has been looked at?
1074	\$	St. Anne	We are forced to operate our schools according to the current funding formula.
1075		St. Anne	The formula may be flawed but in order to offer the best programs with the money that's available, it must be followed.
1076 1077		St. Anne St. Anne	Resources could be arranged at each individual school with help from volunteers. Funding formula is ridiculous and I feel the board should take action on the funding issue & not close more schools.
1077		St. Anne	It's amazing how money can always be found. Close the French School instead.
1079	5	St. Anne	It does not concern me more than the strain that will be caused by crowding the other schools.
1080		St. Anne	No one should assume that being a board member is an easy job, be creative & look for solutions.
1081 1082		St. Anne St. Anne	Resources are already sparse enough. The dollar decline is minimal on a per student basis & I am sure the board will blow the money elsewhere.
1083		St. Anne	Other ideas for income should be considered, use of school all season, night & day time school rentals, downsize.
1084		St. Anne	It may over time prove to be more costly if new construction is needed in the future.
1085		St. Anne	All students deserve the best opportunity & environment to learn & having more resources is essential to have that happen.

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1169			Fewer resources are already extended to students on such things as the hiring of an expensive Public Relations Person.	_
1170			If board members would apologize for past foolish building then maybe Catholic rate payers would be more open.	
1171		S.Heart.Ch.	This is an emotional blackmail statement. Sarnia Catholic parents have always found a way to augment programs.	
1172		Staff	I find this comment hard to believe.	
1173		Staff	If St. Helen does not close, it would appear that another school must to maintain quality education throughout the system.	
1174		Staff	I understand this is a Board wide problem & I think people are trying hard to make the right decisions.	
1175		Staff	There have been too many cuts now to allow further reduction of resources elsewhere.	
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1183	COMMENTS:	St. Helen	No newly refurbished school will bring back what the children are losing.	
1184		St. Helen	With all the development taking place in the north end, I believe it would be a big mistake deciding to close the school.	
1185 1186		St. Helen St. Helen	By changing the stability of the school, we are only going to create more problems with the growing youth in our society. Less children in Catholic schools means less Gov't. revenue, plain & simple.	
1187		St. Helen	We are creating a so so education for our children instead of the quality it once was stated to be.	
1188		St. Helen	I feel this is a useless piece of information because even in the rare case my responses are read, they won't be considered.	
1189		St. Helen	Do not waste my time unless you are willing to work on behalf of the children.	
1190		St. Helen	If the School Board closes St. Helen's I will not vote for any of the existing trustees again.	
1191		St. Helen	I feel the School Board has already made up their mind & this is a waste of time. Hopefully you will prove me wrong.	
1192		St. Helen	School is an extended family of friends to my children. It has become a safe ground with daily routine & programs.	
1193		St. Helen	With every school closure the Board seems to change the closing criteria to fit their needs, not the children.	
1194 1195		St. Helen St. Helen	It is time to stop the closures & take time to evaluate the system. The system is failing our children. Innovative ideas are necessary to keep doors open and studies that would be more productive & less divisive.	
1195		St. Helen	The emotional, physical, mental anguish these children will go through is not worth sacrificing.	
1197		St. Helen	By closing our school you will be hurting neighbourhoods, communities, friends, families & mostly the Board.	
1198		St. Helen	I wish the trustees would listen with their hearts & support keeping St. Helen's open.	
1199		St. Helen	God be with you when you go to sleep at night.	
1200		St. Helen	Every classroom will be overcrowded, teacher aids will have to be hired to help with the larger class sizes.	
1201		St. Helen	Every request ever made of the families of St. Helen's school has been met with unqualified success.	
1202		St. Helen	Rather than telling this community you are taking their school away, why not ask what the community can do to save it.	
1203 1204		St. Helen St. Helen	I believe withdrawing students to the Public system is the only way closings will be stopped. Hard to attract new customers with negative publicity & to retain students with narrow minded solutions.	
1204		St. Helen	As a Catholic family in St. Helen's community I am appalled at what the Board calls criteria for the reviewed process.	
1206		St. Helen	Before we put blame on Queen's Park, perhaps we should review how our School Board is managing our dollars.	
1207		St. Helen	The current funding formula provides additional funds for schools troubled by over crowding.	
1208		St. Helen	We find it unacceptable that the School Board is creating that very condition to receive additional funding.	
1209		St. Helen	How far has the enrolment been projected & what happens when the population increases again?	
1210		St. Helen	It's hard to reopen a school that no longer exists. I'm sure there are many problems that arise when building a new school.	
1211		St. Helen	Fed up with current School Board. Losing total faith & trust.	
1212 1213		St. Helen St. Helen	The Board & the unions must get creative & reduce costs without closures.	
1213		St. Helen	You & I both know the more Catholic schools are being closed the more people have switched to Public. Why do we have a Board if they refuse to listen to anything the people selecting them have to say?	
1215		St. Helen	The Ministry of Education statistics prove that our enrolment is not declining at the projected rate the Board says.	
1216		St. Helen	Sarnia's population is increasing not decreasing. Enrolment is not declining in Sarnia's north end schools.	
1217		St. Helen	Sacred Heart Parish raised approx. \$70,000 for World Youth Day alone, imagine the power of the entire Catholic system.	
1218		St. Helen	We need to encourage people to seek Catholic education with all its benefits, values & sense of community.	
1219		St. Helen	This school is staffed by dedicated teachers, who spend their own time & money to teach these children.	
1220		St. Helen	Even the custodian coaches teams on his off time, all unpaid.	
1221 1222		St. Helen St. Helen	If St. Helen's closes we will continue to attend Sacred Heart but will probably become Public School supporters. We feel the Board is acting on a financial agenda. We are acting on our concern for our childrens well being & education.	
1223		St. Helen	The trustees must be informed. The fate of our school is in their hands.	
1224		St. Helen	All libraries, music programs, etc. are going to suffer at the other schools in order to make room for the St. Helen's kids.	
1225		St. Helen	If the Board cannot budget for and administer costs & expenses, then it needs to look at other ideas/areas.	
1226		St. Helen	Are we still trying to pay for past Board mistakes?	
1227		St. Helen	The children worked hard building their garden project. Shame on you for considering this school for closing.	
1228		St. Helen	Why don't you keep the school open & sell some of the land, that way everyone wins.	
1229 1230		St. Helen St. Helen	\$100,000 in the context of taxes seems like an amount we could swallow, \$200 per house. My oldest is very shy at making new friends & I'm very concerned they will not adjust well.	
1231		St. Helen	We're going to have tired, over crowded students who won't be able to participate in school community projects.	
1232		St. Helen	Decisions like these only lead to confusion, mistrust trust & makes one wonder if the Public school system is an alternative.	
1233		St. Helen	If all St. Helen needs is air conditioning I'm sure the parents could raise the money, unless the land is already sold.	
1234		St. Helen	Do the Boards projections include persons converting to the Catholic faith & persons who will be raising children Catholic?	
1235		St. Helen	Since when did Canada become a third world country that it can't afford to keep full schools open?	
1236		St. Helen	The accommodation review process is a farce.	
1237		St. Helen	If the trustees would like to obtain Public office in future elections, they would be wise to listen to their electorate.	
1238 1239		St. Helen St. Helen	Do not allow the Administration of the Board to close schools as a means of cost reduction. It would be unacceptable. It could be we will see an amalgamation of the Separate & Public school boards sooner than we think.	
1239		St. Helen	We have lost faith in the credibility & integrity of the Board. There must be open door accountability & communication.	
1241		St. Helen	My kids will continue to walk & receive a Catholic upbringing from their parents & receive the sacraments from the Church.	
1242		St. Helen	With all the closures that are taking place, you are destroying the security we felt with the Catholic school system.	
1243		St. Helen	A low budget private school runs in the basement of the church often produces superior scholars due to a good teacher.	
1244		St. Helen	I think it's time you were out in the world to see what is happening.	
1245		St. Helen	Look at Fr. Gerald LaBelle in Corunna sitting empty soon after the new school in Corunna was built.	
1246 1247		St. Helen	This survey is not data driven & plays on the emotions & feelings of parents. There is much speculation that your reasons for targeting our school is due to the property value.	
1247		St. Helen St. Helen	There is much speculation that your reasons for targeting our school is due to the property value. If sold, I would guess 20 houses built at \$160,000 to \$180,000 would be a great help in balancing the budget.	
1249		St. Helen	I have no confidence in the Board that you are "lighting the way" for our children.	
1250		St. Helen	I would be willing to move close to a Catholic school but have no guarantee the next school they attend would remain open.	
1251		St. Helen	The cost incurred by revamping the building in Wallaceburg was another careless, mismanagement of money.	

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1252			St. Helen	Basic skills are all the children need, most homes already have computers if not two in their homes.
1253			St. Helen	You are wasting money in an intolerable way & have mismanaged us into debt.
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1265			G. Hogar	A smaller school is a better school, teachers know the students names & school parent communication is much better.
1266			G. Hogar	Moving kids to other schools results in one less bldg. but expenses for those kids come out of the same boards money.
1267			G. Hogar	I would be very interested to see where resources have gone do to other closings.
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1291			St. Anne	I will be very disappointed if the board closes St. Helen's since it sits on valuable residential development.
1292			St. Anne	Make what helps children, whether it be location, extra-curricular, textbooks, programs, at the top of the list importance.
1293			St. Anne	It has become more apparent that St. Anne's should never have been built.
1294			St. Anne	It doesn't make sense to spend millions on a new bldg. in an empty field, then close a school in a beautiful neighbourhood.
1295			St. Anne	All that can be done should be done to keep St. Helen's school open.
1296			St. Anne	Please publish the capacity of all schools in the board truthfully so that everyone can make an informative decision.
1297			St. Anne	Other schools will be impacted as well with the closure. It is not fair for other people living in the north area.
1298			St. Anne	If St. Helen's is to close, please consider carefully the school boundary issue.
1299			St. Anne	To make this exercise more meaningful, more data should be provided especially capacities for the 3 schools in question.
1300			St. Anne	Make St. Christopher a board wide 7 to 9 school.
1301			St. Anne	The board, it's staff, & the supporters have to make sacrifices, but why is it always the supporters that have to sacrifice? Better deals for services through CKLAG, can that not lower operating costs at all schools?
1302 1303			St. Anne St. Anne	Savings from St. Helen's closure is not worth destroying a community & their reputation.
1304			St. Anne	Difficult decision for the board, I see the rationale but troubled with the direction both Boards are being forced to take.
1305			St. Anne	There must be other areas to save \$100,000 annually other than closing a neighbourhood school.
1306			St. Anne	I'd like to see our board enjoy a few years of harmony with no more school closures.
1307			St. Anne	My biggest fear is many students would be lost to the Public system & the ripple effect will end at the high school.
1308			St. Anne	Projected enrolment in future years can be more accurately assessed using senior KP enrolment numbers, not JK.
1309			St. Anne	With the church experiencing enough difficulty, this is not the time to turn Catholics away to other public alternatives.
1310			St. Anne	Are these decisions being made out of convenience, frustration or lack of understanding?
1311			St. Anne	Schools & school boards run as businesses are fundamentally wrong. We are sacrificing quality education.
1312			St. Anne	Please take into consideration the housing development which will bring many new students to St. Anne's.
1313			St. Anne	Closing Holy Rosary in Wyoming is a mistake as the majority of students will go to the public school.
1314			St. Anne	The cost savings are significant & the other schools will not be overcrowded as a result. Anyong who has rade in an elevator realizes maximum capacity doesn't make an ideal environment.
1315 1316			St. Anne St. Anne	Anyone who has rode in an elevator realizes maximum capacity doesn't make an ideal environment. Your criteria #3 is really broad & you will never get the community to buy into this logic.
1317			St. Anne	With St. Anne's experiencing subdivision growth, will boundaries be realigned again & sent back to Hogan & St. Michaels?
1318			St. Anne	Wait for the new funding formula or everybody will have to be moved again in another year.
1319			S. Heart	Look beyond the dollars, Catholic schools should be more than about balanced budgets.
1320			S. Heart	Why not reduce by other means such as shared principals.
1321			S. Heart	Please ensure the Ministry sees the responses of the parents to this survey.
1322			S. Heart	In event that St. Helen's does close, double bumping should be avoided at all costs.
1323			S. Heart	If this survey is an example of the effort & attention afforded decision making by the board no wonder the controversy.
1324			S. Heart	I think you must realize how foolish you look having "had to" build a new school a few short years ago.
1325			S. Heart	I personally cannot see closing a school for an extra \$100,000 a year.
1326			S. Heart	Why not have a brain storming session with parents to identify other savings.
1327			S. Heart	I'm beginning to feel that some of the dishonesty shown by this board is giving all Catholics a bad reputation.
1328			S. Heart	I'm concerned that student enrolment might have bottomed already.
1329			S. Heart	Has any attempt been made to study the cost, impacts & possibility enrolment increase?
1330			S. Heart	Do you have an audit process at all levels to ensure efficiency?
1331			S. Heart	Please understand that we realize this survey is just a formality & St. Helen's is already closed. I know both boards are in the same boat but nationed is waning & people are forced to move to the Public board.
1332 1333			S. Heart	I know both boards are in the same boat but patience is waning & people are forced to move to the Public board. The level of respect that students from the St. Clair Board show is obvious.
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1335		S. Heart	Please do not double bump, do not change the boundaries for Sacred Heart.
1336		S. Heart	I feel the Board has to misguide & misrepresent its position & wish the gov't. would take over.
1337		S. Heart	If I transfer my children to the Public system you will lose my tax dollars & my relatives tax dollars.
1338		S. Heart	Why would the Separate School system build 3 new schools just a few short years ago?
1339		S. Heart	What is more important is the safety of our students & sense of community than saving a few dollars.
1340		S. Heart	Board members should direct their efforts towards the gov't. to find solutions to prevent closures.
1341		S. Heart	I do feel very strongly that operating a school at a loss is a viable solution.
1342 1343		S. Heart S. Heart	We can't continue to fund under populated schools that require ongoing capital expenditures to keep running. My children recently changed schools and have adapted well.
1344		S. Heart	I do not want to financially support someone else's unwillingness to change.
1345		S. Heart	The logic of funding per student verses funding per sq. ft. can extend too far, a real risk in this case.
1346		S. Heart	If St.Helen closes & there are boundary changes for high schools please allow families to be "grandfathered".
1347		S. Heart	It is sad when we as parents are forced to decide if we can fulfill our children's Catholic education solely through the church.
1348		S. Heart	I think any schools under review should be put on hold until we know the funding will work.
1349 1350		S. Heart S. Heart	What about slightly extending the boundaries for walkers. Hasn't two other Separate School closings saved the School Board enough money?
1351		S. Heart	There should be no cut backs in any of the other schools if St. Helen's should remain open.
1352		S. Heart	I do not think bussing should be available within the city limits unless parents pay full amount.
1353		S. Heart	St. Helen is so close to Sacred Heart & already part of that church community that I'm not bothered by its closing.
1354		S. Heart	It would be disappointing if the Board closes St. Helen's & sells the land to build newer homes in the area.
1355		S. Heart	I feel we need more resource teachers & aids to help our children in our school.
1356 1357		S. Heart S. Heart	The numbers disclosed in the Observer don't add up to closing schools. If St. Helen's students are added to other schools won't the classroom sizes go up & the quality of education go down?
1358		St.Michael	Closing St. Helen's would only save a little money but would not solve the crisis facing education.
1359		St.Michael	Closing down schools really destroys communities & children's sense of belonging.
1360		St.Michael	We must send a clear & strong message to the gov't. that school closures cannot be an option for saving money.
1361		St.Michael	Believes the Public Board would benefit from these decisions as many separate school supporters would switch systems.
1362		St.Michael	We are just contributing what some have wanted all along, one system & that would be unfortunate.
1363 1364		St.Michael St.Michael	Has the option of using our cities bus system to transport our high school students ever been approached? Why do we feel that bussing must be provided for this age group?
1365		St.Michael	Why do we feel that bussing must be provided for this age group? Closing 90 to 99% full schools is just plain stupid, & you're making the Public School system look attractive.
1366		St.Michael	I believe that if St. Helen's is shut down the \$100,000 will not be there for the rest of the school district.
1367		St.Michael	Don't be fooled in thinking that the rest of the schools will benefit from this.
1368		St. Eliz.	Change is scary and disappointing and even creates anger sometimes.
1369		St. Eliz.	In these tough economic times the greater good for all Catholic students must be considered above all else.
1370 1371		St. Eliz. St. Eliz.	The effects of a school closure were not properly planned or accounted for & the effects are still being felt three years later.
1371		St. Eliz.	No one likes to see a school close but it's a decision that has to be made. Children adapt with the right role models and proper introduction to a new school.
1373		St. Eliz.	There is always a new positive aspect in everything that goes on, sometimes we have to look harder.
1374		St. Eliz.	Before closing this school consider it carefully, will taxpayers be asked to build a new school in 10 - 15 years?
1375		St. Eliz.	Saving at least \$100,000 makes a lot of sense. This savings belongs 100% into each child's education.
1376		St. Eliz.	I have filled this type of survey out before & it had little impact on a decision most likely already made.
1377		St.Ben.Ch.	At the rate that the board is closing schools, there will be no Catholic Schools left in the area.
1378 1379			Are we still paying for the mess created when 3 brand new school were built? Catholic education for me is and will always be the key of my personal development over the past 59 years.
1380			We need all schools filled to the brim, get all our Catholics back to our system.
1381			I feel moving these children around the city will do more damage than good.
1382		St.Ben.Ch.	Their social & spiritual development should be very important to the children.
1383			I thought the board was there to protect our Catholic Schools and the education that the children have the right to receive.
1384			How many lives of children in other schools will be effected if you close St. Helen's? There's too many Catholic Schools closing & percent don't have any any in the matter. Cat the percent more involved.
1385 1386		St.Ben.Ch. St.Ben.Ch.	There's too many Catholic Schools closing & parents don't have any say in the matter. Get the parents more involved. I feel the board made a big mistake building St. Anne's school as they're having to close other schools.
1387		St.Pet.Ch.	You are destroying the Catholic community with the way you are running it. Stop looking at it as a business.
1388		St.Pet.Ch.	I hope & pray that you would not close St. Helen's school.
1389		St.Pet.Ch.	I'm concerned that filling other schools to capacity will mean music rooms, library, day cares, etc. will become classrooms.
1390		St.Pet.Ch.	Loss of students to the Public system may cost the board more than they would save by closing the school.
1391 1392		St.Pet.Ch. St.Pet.Ch.	Compare the loss of students resulting from a switch from the Public system with a \$100,000 loss in operating expenses. My opposition to this intended closure I wish to strongly voice.
1393		St.Pet.Ch.	Surely the review of the funding formula will result in changes, why not wait and see.
1394		St.Pet.Ch.	The amount of time put into review is countless with all the same outcome. When will this change?
1395		St.Pet.Ch.	It is a changing world, everyone wants all their conveniences at their doorsteps. People have to learn to adjust.
1396			Why is it that the only schools that are to close are always in Sarnia and not in the Kent County areas?
1397			Think of our children, they are our future.
1398 1399			The decision around school closings has already been made & that the public meetings, surveys are just a smoke screen. To close St. Joseph & OLOM in the downtown core was plainly unethical.
1400			Why not do a PR move & remove St. Helen's while funding issue is reviewed. You have seldom shown compassion.
1401			Thank you for the opportunity to respond. I know it is an awesome task for those involved.
1402			The frivolous advertising campaign in the newspapers is a terrible waste of money.
1403			Keep closing school after school & in a matter of a few years there will only be the Public School system.
1404			Should enrolment increase later the savings by closing St. Helen's would be insignificant as to building another school.
1405 1406			Is this survey one more exercise in futility? I am just amazed at how many catholic schools are being closed, doesn't seem to be happening in public system.
1406			I think we should do everything possible to keep a community school open.
1408			The example in Strathroy with Public & Catholic students sharing a building is worth considering.
1409		Staff	Maintenance wise, this is the worst school I have taught at, however there is a tremendous sense of community here.
1410		Staff	The pupils are a delightful group with middle class values that are often lost in schools where higher incomes are the norm.
1411		Staff	Good luck in the venture. I know these are trying times.
1412 1413		Staff Staff	Concern for impact on transition to secondary school. Northern H. S. has good community reputation & is nearby. Parents may lose affinity for Catholic system.
1413		Jian	Parents may lose affinity for Catholic system.



September 6th, 2002

Dear Catholic School Supporters,

The St. Clair Catholic District School Board is in the process of reviewing the enrolment, facilities, educational programs and finances of St. Helen School, Sarnia for possible closure by September 2003. The committee members who are responsible for this review intend to submit their report to the Board before the end of November 2002.

The provincial government has placed most school boards, including our Board, in a difficult financial position with respect to school accommodations. With the continued decline of student numbers for September 2003, the Board projects that there will be space available at Gregory A. Hogan, St. Anne and Sacred Heart schools to accommodate all the students from St. Helen School.

With the possible closure of St. Helen School, the Board anticipates savings in the expenditure categories of plant operation, maintenance, capital projects, principal, secretarial, office and library.

In an effort to get as much input as possible from Catholic School supporters who might have an interest in the proposed closure of St. Helen School, a survey is attached for your response. This survey is to be completed by either parent with children in Catholic schools or by Catholic school supporters who have no children in school.

Please understand that no decisions have been made regarding the closure of St. Helen School, and your views are needed. Please return your completed survey, in the envelope provided, to your child's school as soon as possible but **not later than Thursday, September 19th, 2002.**

Thank you for your attention and interest in this important matter.

Sincerely,

Dan Barry Chairperson, Accommodation Review Committee

St Helen School Accommodation Review Committee Survey

Nar	ne: School Child Attends:
Add	lress: Parish Affiliation:
1.	Please check the appropriate information regarding you. I am a (Check one only) (a) parent/guardian with children in St Helen School (b) parent/guardian with children in other Catholic schools in Sarnia (c) parent/guardian with children in other Catholic schools outside of Sarnia (d) other (please specify)
2a.	If the School Board decides to close St Helen School, students would likely be moved to St Anne School, Gregory A. Hogan School or Sacred Heart School. Is this acceptable to you? ☐ YES ☐ NO Comments:
2b.	Would you consider sending your child to a nearby public school? ☐ YES ☐ NO Comments:
3.	If the School Board decides to close St Helen School, many of the students now attending St Helen School would require bussing. Your comments on bussing students to the other schools are requested.
4.	Do you feel that the children would be inconvenienced by not having the ability to walk to school, come home for lunch, or walk with you to and from school? TYES NO Comments:
5.	Do you feel that the children will suffer in the loss of the school's community participation such as school programs that are centrally located and within walking that would impair their overall social and spiritual development? ☐ YES ☐ NO Comments:

Do you feel that the community would lose its economic viability and that property values would decrease should S Helen School be closed?							
☐ YES	□ NO						
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they recei opportunit Helen Sch spending students i Helen Scl	In School remains open, the Board will be required to maintain and operate more floor space than ve funding for. This will have the effect of spreading the resources more thinly and will hinder the ties to effectively operate and maintain the schools across the system at large. It is estimated that if St nool is closed the Board could save at least \$100,000 in operating expenses annually and also forego for capital improvements. These savings would then be used to improve the opportunities to serve all n the entire school district. Does it concern you that fewer resources would be available for all pupils if St hool does not close?						
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