

## ARC – Two-School Alternative Accommodation Options – Support for Alternative #4

Good evening. My name is Sema Chaudhry.

I, along with many other parents, grandparents and concerned citizens, oppose the idea of a Super School. I do not believe a Super School is in the best interests of our children or our community.

I would like to thank the ARC Parent Representatives from Widdifield and West Ferris and a Staff Member from Fricker Public School for their well-researched and well-thought out 2-school proposals that display a sincere concern for the need for choice for all children in North Bay, now and into the future.

Each of these proposals showed that one of the most important factors that must be considered in this ARC is the need to provide choice for all students, regardless of where they live in the city of North Bay.

In your e-mail posting from Thursday April 6, 2017, you indicated that “Members of the North Bay Planning Area Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) are seeking input on two-school alternative accommodation options for the three North Bay high schools under review at the upcoming public meeting on April 18, 2017 at 6:30 p.m., W.J. Fricker Public School, 790 Norman Avenue in North Bay”.

I support Alternative Proposal #4. The main reasons for this include the fact that this proposal calls for the refurbishment of 2 high schools. This proposal provided a detailed financial breakdown of the realistic costs associated with the refurbishment of 2 high schools and how optimum levels of students can be achieved for each of these schools to be able to meet the student population requirements for enhanced programming and course offerings.

Finally, I would like to state that as a parent of children that currently attend Alliance French Immersion Public School, I do not have any issues or concerns as to where my children will attend high school. I do not care if the program is moved to West Ferris, Chippewa or Widdifield. I am not against the idea of them attending any of those schools. What I am

against, is the idea of them spending 7 years of their education in a building with over 2000 other students. I am against the Super School.

Thank you.