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Submission for ARC Committee

As a resident of Stones Street, it is with a high degree of interest that I am watching the ARC Committee planning for the potential mega-school which could be built on the Chippewa High School site. To be clear, I am not opposed to the principle of amalgamation of the high schools, as it appears that the current situation is both highly inefficient, and not sustainable. My concern is the extensive traffic issues which I expect will occur with the addition of even more students into a residential neighbourhood which is already completely overrun with traffic.

There are approximately 900 students at Saint Joseph-Scollard Hall¹, 585 students at Alliance² and a forecasted 2200 students at the Chippewa site³. It is important to remember that these three schools are a total of 600 metres apart, on a residential two lane street.

With current enrollment levels, it is extremely difficult to navigate Chippewa St, High St and O'Brien St, as well as the surrounding side streets, between 2:30 and 3:30 each day. Despite repeated issue with traffic in and around High and Stones St, the Board has continued to add student numbers to Alliance, and now plan on adding an additional 1300 students to an already over-taxed neighbourhood.

My questions for the ARC Committee are as follows:

- 1) Do the families that live in and around Chippewa, High, O'Brien and the numerous side streets deserve unobstructed access to their homes?
- 2) What actions have you taken to ensure our neighbourhood can sustain the increased traffic volumes? Please provide engineering / traffic studies to support your position that the neighbourhood is suitable for your expansion plans. The neighbours of the school deserve this information to be considered whether you consider a 3-1 or a 3-2 plan.
- 3) Have you considered the safety implications of the students and residents of the area when there is an issue that requires emergency vehicles to travel on Cassells, the North end of Chippewa or across High St. during peak hours? Please provide information from emergency services that support the idea that adding 1300 students to the area (and the vehicular traffic that will accompany those students) will not adversely affect safety vehicle response times.

I look forward to your response

Sincerely

Nick Green

1. <http://www.npsc.ca/schools/st-joseph-scollard-hall>

2. <http://www.nugget.ca/2016/09/28/near-north-district-school-board-facing-declining-enrolment-funding-reduction>

3. <http://www.nugget.ca/2017/02/17/parent-raises-questions-about-proposed-single-city-high-school>