



OTTAWA-CARLETON
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Delegation

Name: Jenna Young Castro

Summary of main points for the issue/ concern:

New Riverside South Secondary School: Report 23-048, Riverside South Attendance Boundary
Request that parents of Farley Mowat students have the choice to continue at Farley Mowat, rather than be forced to transfer to Steve Maclean in order to be zoned for the new secondary school in Riverside South.

(Attached letter provided)

Monday September 11, 2023

Re: Report 23-048, Riverside South Attendance Boundary - September 12 OCDSB Meeting of the Whole

Dear Committee Members,

I am a proud parent of two Farley Mowat Public School students (Grade 2; Kindergarten). Our family, neighbours and friends are very excited about plans for the new Riverside South High School and look forward to our children attending in the future.

As I'm sure committee members can agree, a strong sense of community is essential for student success. So too are consistent routines, including class size and makeup, support networks and transportation to and from school. Our children, my husband and I, and many friends and neighbours (who we now consider family) have established the important relationships with families and teachers to support student success. These relationships aren't always easily fostered and once established, they're so important to maintain throughout a child's early education.

It's my opinion that forcing a student transfer from Farley Mowat to Steve Maclean Public School in the mid/early years of elementary school would hinder student success - academically and emotionally. This is why I make the request that parents of Farley Mowat students have the choice to continue at Farley Mowat, rather than be forced to transfer to Steve Maclean in order to be zoned for the new secondary school in Riverside South.

Sincerely,

Jenna Young Castro