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Brief summary of issue or topic of discussion:

I am concerned the Churchill/Broadview sibling split issue has not been adequately addressed in the revised EPR proposal.

Sibling Placement Provision and the Zone of Choice

As you know, the creation of the new EE/FI Churchill catchment area unintentionally splits siblings between Broadview and Churchill due to the phasing out of the alternative program at Churchill. You have heard many examples of how deeply concerned families are about having their children split from JK all the way through grade 6.

A straightforward solution, implementation of a Sibling Placement Provision, is presented in detail in a written delegation by [REDACTED]. I urge you to vote for this provision.

The plan specifically addresses potential concerns over viability of Churchill and overcapacity of Broadview. As explained in the plan, the Sibling Placement Provision is unlikely to result in Churchill becoming unviable and would have a negligible impact on Broadview's capacity (and in any case, the impacts would be short term). Data on impacted families was gathered in a survey of Broadview parents and showed the number of impacted students is low.

In the event Churchill is deemed to be unviable for the most impacted student cohorts (2026 JKs and 2026 SKs), this could be solved through a temporary expanded catchment area for Churchill. This area would encompass a section of Broadview's catchment area located directly to the west of Churchill's new catchment area and within walking distance to Churchill (to avoid any busing requirements). The families within this zone would have a temporary option to send their children to Churchill instead of Broadview for JK in 2025 as well as JK and SK in 2026. This would benefit the families that prefer the smaller, more intimate setting that Churchill provides. It would also boost enrollment in Churchill and relieve pressure off Broadview in the years most impacted by the

Sibling Placement Provision.

Having a zone with a one-time choice of schools is not without precedent. While the context is different, we note a similar one-time choice is being given to certain cohorts of Earl of March students residing in a specific area.

While we don't believe the Sibling Placement Provision will cause Churchill to be unviable, if the board determines that it does, we propose implementing this one-time **zone of choice** to remedy the issue.

Given the magnitude of the impact on families of having their children split for JK to grade 6, proceeding with the current plan of making determinations on a case-by-case basis does not guarantee impacted families will attend Churchill. Families that don't get an exemption to have their younger child join Broadview, may well not end up going to Churchill. In my case, if we don't get an exemption I would have three options:

1. Try to negotiate reduced work hours (expensive and may not be possible)
2. Move (very expensive)
3. Change school boards (this would remove my older child from the school he is thriving in)

I may not choose to compromise my career. In that case I either move or change school boards (i.e. we would not end up at Churchill). This may be the reality of many others as well.

We urge you to advocate and vote for the Sibling Placement Provision knowing there is a straightforward solution to any potential concerns over viability of Churchill.