

February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Dear Parent Community,

We are happy to provide this update on the site visit that occurred at the proposed senior campus site at the former St. Ignatius School last evening from 6 to 8 pm. There were a lot of families that came and it was a great opportunity to see the site first hand and ask questions, get new information via the FAQ sheets (attached here), and discuss the next steps in the process. Thank you to all of the staff and parent volunteers who helped make this site visit a valuable learning session. For anyone who was not able to attend in person, we will be scheduling a day time visit in the near future, and we ask that anyone requesting such a visit to email us.

We have now compiled well over 130 feedback forms from the parent community and have posted the responses to the questionnaire portion on the website. Well over 70% of you have said you feel the information has been good to date and that you understand the proposal. Over 80 parents and many students came to the site visit so we are hopeful that accurate information about the proposal is getting out to the broader community. But more work needs to be done!

The next steps now include tabulating feedback from parents and staff, and finalizing our 'conditions list' to accompany any proposal we send to the EMSB. The Governing Board will discuss this next step on Wednesday February 13<sup>th</sup> and an updated conditions list will be shared with all parents later this week. The EMSB Council of Commissioners will then make a decision with regards to the annex on February 20<sup>th</sup> at the Board Office. Council of Commissioners meetings are open to the public for viewing. You may attend this meeting in person at 6000 Fielding, or watch a live video stream of the meeting on the EMSB website.

We will continue to keep you informed all along the way as we move forward in this accelerated process to decide whether or not to expand for the fall of 2019. This is an exciting time for Willingdon!

Thank you for your support.

The representatives for the Willingdon Senior Campus Steering Committee:

Carmen Nicolas, Principal Willingdon School

Eric Lamoureux, Parent and Governing Board Chair