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Dear Willingdon parent(s)/guardian(s),

As the end of the week approaches, we would like to inform you on where we are at in the consultation process regarding the expansion project:

We are happy to inform you that so far, we have received **138 feedback forms** that were sent by email (administration, school secretary and governing board), brought to school in person or sent in with their child. We have taken the time to go over each and every feedback form/email multiple times in order to address all concerns/comments. For now, we have collected **85** feedback forms that are **in favor** of the senior campus expansion, **36** that are **not in favor** of the senior campus expansion and **17** that are **on the fence**.

Outside of the feedback forms, we have done the following engagement activities with our parents:

- Parent assembly for information and context for the proposal
- Site visit with parents to see the site for themselves
- Generation of a FAQ document addressing the most common issues and concerns of parents
- One on one discussion in person, by phone and by email to address personalized concerns

The work remains ongoing and we continue to receive emails and feedback forms. Thank you all for your time, consideration and engagement in this process!

One of the biggest outstanding questions has been regarding the concept of a junior vs senior campus. Rest assured that we have given the junior/senior consideration a lot of thought over the past few weeks. For your understanding, we have provided a summary of considerations below outlining our decision process:

<b>CONSIDERATION</b>	<b>JUNIORS (K-1)</b>	<b>SENIORS (grades 5-6)</b>
Class size	18-22	20-25
Use of extra green space and larger yard	Moderate	High
Supervision required for larger spaces	High	Low
Use of extra sports facilities	Moderate	High
Need for specialist spaces (kitchens, resource rooms)	Low	High
Need for larger gym	Low	High
Use of stage for drama	None	High
Ability to be self-directed for extra coordination and bussing	Low	High
Ability to adapt to change in environment	Low	High

As administrators and education experts, it is our professional and pedagogical opinion that a Senior campus makes the most sense for this opportunity, at Willingdon. We know there are pros and cons to both options, but in the weight of evidence, we believe a senior campus makes the most sense for a fall 2019 kickoff.

Please be reminded that we are continuously updating our school website with all relevant information with regards to the Senior Campus Expansion and we invite to refer to it regularly.

If anyone has more questions about the junior/senior decision process, or any other considerations or conditions associated with this proposal, please do not hesitate to email or call us. We are here to hear your feedback and discuss all thoughts and plans associated with this initiative. Rest assured that our number one priority is our students' safety, well-being and education.

Kindest regards,

The Willingdon expansion steering committee