



**ACCOMMODATION REVIEW COMMITTEE
NORTH SIDE
PUBLIC MEETING
Hammarskjold High School, 80 South Clarkson Street
Wednesday, June 8, 2016 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm**

Chair: Colleen Kappel, Superintendent of Education
Moderator: Sheelagh Hendrick

Resource Staff: David Wright, Superintendent of Business
 Dave Covello, Manager of IT and Corporate Planning
 Heather Harris, Capital Planning Officer
 Bruce Nugent, Communications Officer

Committee Members: Charles Bishop, Denis Bourdages, Marina Brescia, Kim Code, Serena Essex, Paul Fayrick, Kristine Hilden, Casey Hudyma, Allison Jones, Judy Korppi, Alex Kraft-Wilson, Shanlee Linton, Lee Ann Luby, Gerry Martin, Board Chair Deborah Massaro, Wayne McElhone, Anne Marie McMahon-Dupuis, Elaine Oades, Charlene Padovese, Michelle Probizanski, Susan Reppard, Liz Tod, Vince Tropea, Dawna Watts

Regrets: Russell Aegard, Angela Hill, Paula Happanen, Suzanne Tardiff

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Welcome & Introductions	<p>At 6:30 p.m. Colleen Kappel, Superintendent of Education, and Chair of the North Side Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>The Chair addressed housekeeping items including location of washrooms and emergency exits.</p> <p>The Chair indicated that minutes will be taken of the meeting and posted on the Board website. The Chair advised that the meeting would be voice recorded to ensure the accuracy of the minutes.</p> <p>The Chair requested that attendees refrain from taking photos or recording the</p>	

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	<p>meeting to ensure the privacy of those in attendance.</p> <p>The Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) is comprised of parents/guardians, staff and members of other Board committees. All members on the ARC introduced themselves.</p> <p>Resource staff introduced themselves.</p> <p>The Chair introduced Sheelagh Hendrick, Moderator of the Meeting. Sheelagh welcomed everyone to the meeting and shared the purpose of the meeting and additional housekeeping items including the process for public questions and comments and the time limit of 2 minutes per question/comment with a warning provided with 30 seconds remaining.</p>	
<p>North Side Accommodation Review Overview</p>	<p>The Chair provided an overview of the accommodation review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administration presented the initial staff report to Trustees, which presented several options to manage excess space in the schools and to respond to the changes in the government funding model. • Trustees voted to establish an Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) to study the proposed options for CD Howe, St. James, Vance Chapman, Hammarskjold High School and Superior CVI. 	
<p>North Side Renewal Proposed Accommodation Options</p>	<p>The Chair provided an overview of the options contained in the <i>School Renewal Plan</i> Report No. 029-16:</p> <p><u>Option 1</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close Hammarskjold High School. Construct an addition onto Superior Collegiate and Vocational Institute to accommodate all secondary students on the north side of the city. • Close C.D. Howe and St. James. Construct an addition onto Vance Chapman to receive students from C.D. Howe and St. James. <p><u>Option 2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close Superior Collegiate and Vocational Institute. Accommodate all secondary students on the north side of the city at a renovated and updated Hammarskjold High School. • Close C.D. Howe, St. James and Vance Chapman Public Schools. Renovate Superior to create a new elementary school that will accommodate students from the three closed sites. 	

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Accommodation Review Committee	<p>The Chair provided an overview of the Accommodation Review Committee (ARC):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership of the ARC includes parents and staff, secondary students, members of school board advisory committees, and one Trustee who acts as an ad hoc member. • An orientation session for the ARC and two working meetings have been held to date. • The Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) serves as a conduit for the school community to communicate with Trustees throughout the public consultation period. 	
First ARC Public Meeting and ARC Working Meetings	<p>The Chair provided information on the ARC meetings to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first public meeting for the north side ARC was held on April 11th at Superior CVI. • Parents/guardians and members of the public raised questions and provided feedback about the recommended accommodation options. • Information gathered at the public meetings will be submitted to Trustees as part of the final staff report. • The ARC held a working meeting following the first public meeting. • Committee members considered the input and questions they have received and determined a number of themes from the information that was presented. • At the most recent working meeting, school community representatives, as well as representatives from SEAC and AEAC presented feedback gathered from their stakeholders about the options presented in the initial staff report. 	
Gathering Additional Feedback and Ongoing Communication	<p>The Chair provided information on additional feedback to the process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affected Municipalities, First Nations, and other community partners were invited to a meeting with administration to provide feedback on the options presented in the initial staff report. • Parents and guardians of students with special needs were invited to a meeting with administration and staff from the special education department to provide feedback and ask questions specifically related to special education, transitions, and the renewal plan. <p>Bruce Nugent, Communications Officer provided information on ongoing communication:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The renewal section of the Board website is being updated regularly as are Facebook and Twitter. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAQs are regularly updated on the Board website. • Staff respond to questions and comments that are sent to renewal@lakeheadschoools.ca • Stakeholders were surveyed for input about information presented at the first public meeting. There were 1016 respondents to the survey. • Student ARC representatives created a survey for students in Grades 7-12. There were 2316 respondents to the survey. 	
<p>Next Steps Final Staff Report June 23, 2016</p>	<p>The Chair reviewed next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is the final ARC public meeting for the north side. • There will be one final ARC working meeting on June 16th. • The Final Staff Report will be presented to Trustees on June 23, 2016. • Delegations to the Board will occur during the week of September 12th. • The Final Staff Report will be presented again to Trustees on October 4th when they will make the final decision. • The final staff report presented to Trustees at the Special Board Meeting on June 23rd will contain: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One final recommendation for pupil accommodation on the south side of the city. • One final recommendation for pupil accommodation on the north side of the city. • A "Community Consultation" section which will contain the information collected by the Accommodation Review Committee. 	
<p>Delegations to the Board of Trustees</p>	<p>The Chair provided information on upcoming delegations to the Lakehead District School Board Trustees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delegations will be scheduled during the week of September 12th. • Delegations will provide an opportunity for stakeholder groups to provide feedback to Trustees about the recommendations that are contained in the final staff report that is presented in June. • Further information regarding delegations will be posted on the Board website once delegation parameters are finalized. 	

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Final Staff Report October 4, 2016	<p>The Chair shared information on what is contained in the Final Staff Report that will be presented to Trustees on October 4, 2016:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The final staff report in October will contain the same recommendations as the report that is presented in June. • Included in the community consultation section will be the feedback received by Trustees at the September delegations. • Trustees will make the final pupil accommodation decision at the October 4, 2016 Special Board Meeting. 	
Business Case Submissions	<p>David Wright, Superintendent of Business provided information on submitting business cases for the additions/renovations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Once a decision has been made by Trustees, administration will submit business cases to the Ministry of Education to request funding for the proposed projects. • The business case that was submitted for the Hyde Park / Kingsway Park consolidation was supported by the Ministry and granted \$6 million in funding. 	
Potential Construction & Renovations Option 1	<p>David Wright, Superintendent of Business shared information on the renovations should Option 1 be selected by Trustees:</p> <p><u>Superior CVI Renovations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a 3-storey addition at the back of the building • Additional parking <p>New classroom space would include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 inter-connected special needs classrooms with a sensory room, kitchen, washroom and dedicated entrance • additional music and practice room • additional exercise room • cosmetology classroom • Hearing Unit classroom <p><u>Vance Chapman Renovations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 classrooms • 2 Kindergarten Classrooms • Auxiliary gymnasium • Elevator 	

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<p>Potential Construction & Renovations Option 2</p>	<p>David Wright, Superintendent of Business shared information on the renovations should Option 2 be selected by Trustees:</p> <p><u>Hammar skjold Renovations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • classroom renovations • the addition of a cafeteria including drama classroom • interior painting • ceiling tile and lighting replacement and upgrades • exterior façade and vestibule improvements at the main and south entrances • renovations to the main office, staff room and student services • repurposing the existing cafeteria to accommodate communication technology and media programs. <p><u>Superior Renovations (Elementary):</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 inter-connected special needs classrooms with a sensory room, washroom, kitchen and dedicated entrance • 4 Kindergarten Classrooms including outdoor play area • Child care space including outdoor play area and dedicated entrance • Reclaiming part of the parking lot to expand the playground and greenspace • Relocating the library and renovating existing library space 	
<p>Cost Comparison Between Options</p>	<p>David Wright, Superintendent of Business shared cost comparisons:</p> <p><u>Option 1</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estimated Construction Costs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Superior: \$5.9 million ○ Vance Chapman: \$4.3 million <p>Estimated Total Construction Cost: \$10.2 million</p> <p><u>Option 2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estimated Renovation Costs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hammar skjold: \$3.9 million ○ Superior: \$2.1 million <p>Estimated Total Renovation Cost: \$6 million</p>	

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Five Year Renewal Needs Comparison	<p>David Wright, Superintendent of Business, shared five year renewal needs comparisons:</p> <p><u>Option 1</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estimated Renewal Costs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Superior: \$595,000 ○ Vance Chapman: \$955,000 <p>Estimated Total Cost: \$1.55 million</p> <p><u>Option 2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estimated Renewal Costs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hammarskjold: \$2.66 million ○ Superior: \$595,000 <p>Estimated Total Cost:\$3.25 million</p>	
Transition Process	<p>Heather Harris, Capital Planning Officer, shared information on transitions once a decision has been made by Trustees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The mandate of the Transition Committee will be to organize an action plan for the smooth transition for all concerned. • The Transition Committee will ensure the impacted school communities are informed of the integration process. 	
Child Care Update	<p>Dave Covello, Manager of Information Technology and Corporate Planning provided an update on the status of child care for the renewal plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locations of child cares will be finalized once the final accommodation decisions are made by Trustees in October. • Administration will continue to work closely with the child care operators and the Thunder Bay DSSAB to determine how to best meet the child care needs of families. 	

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Questions and Comments	<p>Colleen Kappel, Superintendent of Education and Chair of the meeting, introduced Sheelagh Hendrick, Moderator of the meeting, who provided the process for questions and comments by the public:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the limit of 2 minutes per question/comment, a warning provided at 30 seconds remaining; • participants to line up at the microphone and provide their name; one line for secondary questions, one for elementary questions; • participants to write a question on the comment cards provided indicating the name of the person asking the question and the question/comment will be read aloud by the Moderator; • participants to write a question/comment on the comment card provided and leave for response on the FAQ section on the website; and/or • send comments/questions to renewal@lakeheadschoools.ca 	

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Cindy Bonthron	<p>Cindy Bonthron, speaking as a taxpayer shared her comments about Superior CVI:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superior was built as a secondary school for the 21st century. It was necessary and done at a cost of \$32 million and now the school is at risk of becoming an elementary school and will take an additional year and another \$3.5 million of taxpayers' money to convert it to an elementary school for 400 students in between two busy streets, with no playground at a total cost of \$35 million, the most expensive elementary school ever built. Woodcrest cost \$11 million to build. There is an enormous difference in the learning needs and curriculum between K-8 and secondary. Cindy requested to please not let tax dollars be wasted.
Mike Judge	<p>Mike Judge, President of Lakehead Elementary Teachers of Ontario shared comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the first public meeting Mike Judge shared results of the vote among executive members. Option 2 received unanimous support. The vote was taken by the duly elected members of the executive, who have been entirely reelected at the most recent AGM. • Mike Judge wanted to provide a further sample so went to the school stewards elected at each site, at the most recent meeting, a recorded vote was taken in support of Option 1 or Option 2. The school stewards in attendance voted 100 percent in favour of Option 2, with one abstention. • Mike Judge then went back to the executive for another vote, 100 percent were in support of Option 2. • Mike Judge wanted to provide some guidance for this difficult process. Owen Sound has recently gone through a similar process, repurposing a new high school into an elementary school or moving into an older high school. Owen Sound repurposed the new secondary

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	school into an elementary school and moved the secondary students into the older high school.
Wayne Bilborough	Wayne Bilborough, a retired teacher from Hammarskjold provided his comments on the future of Hammarskjold High School which are appended to the minutes as Appendix A.
Amy Digby	<p>Amy Digby shared her comments on the merits of Superior as an elementary school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being a student at Ecole Gron Morgan prepared Amy for the size of high school because it once was a high school. Elementary school students are at their school for 10 years, high schools students are there for 4 years. There should be more focus on elementary students because they are there for a decade. • Option 2, provides updated technology for elementary students and all the strengths based technology. The size of the school provides students to be prepared for high school. • The three elementary schools can amalgamate to a neutral site and everyone will be on the same playing field. • With Option 1 the Board will have to do additions on Superior and Vance Chapman. With Option 2 there are no additions needed, just cosmetic renovations.
Cheryl Silen	<p>Cheryl Silen provided her comments on renewal options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewal options are complicated: Option 1 vs Option 2. It appears to be, but it is not a choice between two high schools. • The choice is about maintaining Vance Chapman or Hammarskjold, two older buildings. • It is about using nine acres daily or using a small portion of 17 acres that are available. • It is about choosing between two additions to accommodate 30% more students or renovating two buildings to change the use of one entirely and update the other while working around asbestos and infrastructure that was never designed for a modern age. • It is about spending one or three million of our Board's money in facility renewal needs. • Option1 for the Board's budget is less expensive. • Option1 makes the real business case, when spending provincial money again.
Cindy Bonthron	<p>Q: Cindy Bonthron inquired if administration ever thought of making Hammarskjold the super elementary school? There is lots of property, lots of room for buses, shop classes could be updated, the layout is much better for elementary.</p> <p>A: Heather Harris responded that administration considered a number of options. Hammarskjold was not considered a viable option as an elementary school as it is too big and it is also in close proximity to two viable elementary schools: Algonquin and Ecole Gron Morgan.</p>

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Katie Silen	Katie Silen shared her concerns about having Superior as an elementary school. It is dangerous on a busy road. It would be scary moving to a big school like Superior. There is no room to play at Superior and not a single tree or a playground.
Reegan Bushby	<p>Reegan Bushby shared her comments on Hammarskjold as the preferred high school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reegan shared that she was in Grade 8 when Superior was built, but chose Hammarskjold because of its long history of athletics and academics. • Reegan felt confident going to an old high school. History, reputation and achievements are all the attributes of what makes a school. New walls and windows don't make a school. For most students, clubs and athletics make a school the place to go to. • Reegan suggested that when students take pride in their school, they will strive to do their very best when it comes to their education. • Reegan shared that being a Viking helped her to meet and succeed all of her education goals. • Reegan is in favour of Superior as the elementary school and Hammarskjold being the renovated updated high school on the northside. This would be a win win for all students.
Chris Swerhun	<p>The Moderator read aloud a question from Chris Swerhun:</p> <p>Q: Considering the over 9 acres currently available to elementary students at Vance Chapman, CD Howe and St James; how do you plan to cram the students on the just over 2 acres of land at Superior?</p> <p>A: David Wright, Superintendent of Business clarified that the property at Vance Chapman is approximately 9.3 acres and the property at Superior is just 6.7 acres, not 2 acres.</p>
Robin Swiderski	<p>Robin Swiderski, a current student at Hammarskjold, provided comments on why she chose Hammarskjold for high school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sense of community. • Academic passion is supported. • Football, volleyball, soccer or student council. • Robin doesn't have to worry that the school won't be able to field a team. • Team work, cooperation and leadership and quality. • Robin chose Hammarskjold because of what it can offer her today, tomorrow and hopefully for years to come.

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Mike Judge	<p>Q: Mike Judge, LETO President inquired, given that the Board has moved to pilot learning academies at its elementary schools, has the Board discussed a learning academy at a repurposed Superior elementary school? As a marketable option to parents?</p> <p>A: Heather Harris advised that administration has discussed that should Superior become an elementary school, that the facility would create great opportunities for Grade 7 and 8's.</p>
Aiden Code	<p>Aiden Code, a Grade 12 student at Hammarskjold inquired:</p> <p>Q: If any of the 8 Trustees elected were present at the meeting this evening?</p> <p>A: The Chair responded that there is one Trustee on each of the ARCs and the Trustee on the north side ARC is present this evening. All information that is collected is provided to Trustees in the final staff report.</p> <p>A: The Moderator also responded that the Chair of the Board was in attendance at this public meeting.</p>
Kathleen Jones	<p>Kathleen Jones, a parent of a student at Hammarskjold had a comment on elementary schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kathleen believes that the decisions made to build Superior were made using the best knowledge available at the time. Kathleen urges the committee to look to the future capital and operating costs and make the decision with the best knowledge that is available at this time.
Dimitri Demetrakopoulos	<p>Dimitri Demetrakopoulos shared his comments on crowd flow calculations at Superior and Hammarskjold. The document is appended to the minutes as Appendix B.</p>
Gwenyth Foley	<p>Gwen Foley, a parent of three students at CD Howe shared her comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gwen has the privilege of being on the border of Algonquin or Ecole Gron Morgan. • Gwen is against Vance Chapman as the chosen school as her kids would have a long bus ride. Superior is more centralized. <p>Q: Gwen inquired if Vance Chapman is chosen as the elementary school will the school zones be adjusted?</p> <p>A: David Wright responded that administration initially decided that no, they would not look at rezoning. Administration did look at rezoning zones, but outside of the process. The three school zones affected: CD Howe, St James and Vance Chapman would be zoned for Vance Chapman. However, that decision is not final, but when we began this process, the zones would not change.</p>

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	<p>Gwen commented that under the assumption zones would not change, and Vance Chapman becomes the elementary school, Gwen would switch Boards. Gwen indicated that she has a catholic school 2 blocks from her home and, two other public schools 2 blocks the other way. Gwen indicated her kids won't go to Vance Chapman.</p>
<p>Brian McCloud</p>	<p>The Moderator read aloud a question from Brian McCloud, a Hammarskjold Staff from 64-95:</p> <p>Q: If the system stays the same what is the total number of dollars that the Board spends? Same question for Option 1 and Option 2.</p> <p>Program – for each of the options is there a similar program available to students if the programs are similar then the most economical program might be the answer.</p> <p>Comment- Three small schools present a better environment than one large school. This is very true in the athletic team sports.</p> <p>A: David Wright responded that currently, the underutilized space in the two secondary schools costs the Board one million dollars a year. The underutilized space at the three elementary schools costs the Board just over \$500,000, so \$1.5 million/year to keep things status quo. This is just the operating costs in excess of revenue.</p> <p>A: Heather Harris responded that beyond monetary costs, what the Board is really looking at is programming. If the Board keeps empty schools open the Board is not able to offer the breadth of programming that the students require and deserve to make them successful.</p>
<p>Marilyn Ailey</p>	<p>Marilyn Ailey, a teacher and Athletic Director at Superior CVI, shared that she has taken a great deal of time to reflect if she would speak at the meeting and decided with the current renewal process, to convey a message of respect and continue to dream great possibilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marilyn clarified that she did not sign the SSSAA report. It was not a unanimous report. Marilyn reiterated an email sent to the Activities Director on March 8 that the report does not highlight what both secondary schools offer in terms of athletics. Marilyn stated that we should acknowledge strengths, and that one school's strength may be the other school's weakness. Marilyn ultimately wants what is best for students in the long term. Choosing one school over the other is creating more conflict between staff, students and parents. Superior is a great school and an unbelievable building. No matter what decision is made, it will be filled with both sadness and joy and Marilyn's hope is that we can move forward together. Marilyn suggested we have faith in the renewal process and trust the ARC to look at all the data, public input, parent and student concerns.

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Todd Plant	<p>Todd Plant shared his comments that the process should be about what is best for students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • According to Todd, Superior for the high school and Vance Chapman for the elementary school makes the most sense to him. Option 2 would be for less than 500 elementary students in 2018. If you look at the age of the school and the FCI percentage, they don't add up. Churchill was built in 1961 and will be torn down. Hammarskjold was built in 1962 was given a factor of 27%. CD Howe was built in 1958, 67% and will be closed. Superior was given a factor of 42%. The numbers don't add up. <p>Q: If Hammarskjold is in such great shape why is the Board spending \$3.2 million over the next five years to fix Hammarskjold and only \$595,000 on Superior?</p> <p>A: David Wright responded that he didn't recall saying that Hammarskjold was in such great shape and clarified that the number is point 42 (.42), not 42%, which is the Facility Condition Index (FCI) at Superior. The discrepancy is out of Board hands. The Ministry contracted a company to determine the FCI's of all of the Board's schools. The numbers are put in the school information profiles. FCI is an indication of the overall condition of the building. Some buildings last better than others. The Board has also invested differently in some buildings.</p>
Holly Molnar	<p>Q: Holly Molnar, a member of Superior School Council inquired about Ms. Harris' statement that there is no plan of what the schools will look like. How can administration have estimates so specific if they have no idea what the schools will look like?</p> <p>A: Heather Harris clarified that she was speaking about the transition plan and that the Board does not have a finalized transition plan as the Board requires input from the school community.</p> <p>Q: Holly Molnar inquired is there any plan what these schools will look like? The information is very vague. How can estimates be so specific? How can we be so sure, if the Board doesn't have a plan as to what it's going to look like? What if the Board starts renovating Hammarskjold and asbestos and mold are found?</p> <p>A: David Wright responded that administration has been working with cost consultants over the past few months and have a good idea of what renovations would look like. Whether it be either option.</p> <p>Q: Holly Molnar inquired how the state of the art stuff can be transferred to Hammarskjold so easily?</p> <p>A: David Wright responded that administration is under no illusions that it would be so easy but it is possible.</p> <p>The Moderator interjected and indicated that this was not a debate and if Holly had further</p>

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	questions they could be left for response.
Caleb Perzan	<p>Caleb Perzan, a Grade 9 Hammarskjold Student, who this year transferred from Westgate CVI, shared his comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caleb agrees with SSSAA's support of Hammarskjold as the north side secondary school and Westgate as the south side secondary school as they are mirrors of each other and both schools have: full size football/soccer fields and practice fields, 400 metre tracks, dedicated wrestling and multi-purpose rooms, full size self-contained weight rooms and dedicated football change rooms and multiple change rooms. At Westgate and Hammarskjold there is enough room to hold senior and junior practices at the same time. Neither school has had an issue with obtaining qualified coaches. Next year the catholic school board will install artificial turf at St. Ignatius and St. Pat's and they are also resurfacing their 400 metre tracks. If the Board loses Hammarskjold, students will be on an uneven playing field with athletes at the catholic board, and won't even be on the same playing field as Westgate students. Caleb is asking for himself and future students', give them the same chance, the only school that can offer the facilities is Hammarskjold.
Kathleen Delaney	<p>Kathleen Delaney shared her comments on choosing Option 2, Hammarskjold as the secondary school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kathleen indicated that Superior was built on an elementary school lot. Hammarskjold is big and beautiful. Hammarskjold has a full size football field, full size track, soccer field, long jump pit, tennis courts (city run), skating rink, and parking. • If Superior were to close tomorrow the accommodation of students could occur immediately and renovations could be done over time. If reversed, Superior could not accommodate Hammarskjold students right away, an extension would need to be built. • Woodcrest is the catchment area for Hammarskjold, and that area of the city is expanding rapidly. Kathleen doesn't see a lot of growth in the Superior zone. • Kathleen mentioned the size of the Hammarskjold parking lot. Superior doesn't have a lot of room for parking and all of the side streets will be congested. Kathleen suggested the neighbourhood would be in an uproar. • Kathleen fears that the catholic school board will keep its eye open for Hammarskjold if it closes.
Connor Silen	<p>Connor Silen shared his comments on Vance Chapman as the elementary school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It's been 10 years, since the last change of high schools. • Why not keep Superior open and build on the top? • Vance Chapman has a lot of room and there is a lot of stuff going on over there. If Vance Chapman closes people will have to move or go to a different school. If Vance Chapman stays open a lot of people will stay there and it will be better because the Board won't have to move any equipment.

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Christine Christianson	<p>Christine Christianson provided a comment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superior was once an elementary school, Balsam Street. If Superior would turn into an elementary school the Board could put in a playground. It has the parking for an elementary school. It's meant for an elementary school.
Cheryl Silen	<p>Cheryl Silen shared her comments/clarification on greenhouse gas emissions:</p> <p>Q: According to the report in 2013, Vance's emissions as a percentage were three points less than Hammarskjold and it's already been said that Superior has half of the footprint. How does Option 1 have lower emissions then if you go with Option 2? I didn't see anywhere in the plan, green upgrades. Cheryl doesn't understand how the Board can green upgrade Hammarskjold and cut the emissions as it runs on natural gas. Cheryl indicated it is a Board mandate to cut emissions.</p> <p>A: David Wright responded that the presentation indicated Option 1 would reduce more greenhouse gases than Option 2. The slide was shown again for clarification.</p>
Dimitri Demetrakopoulos	<p>Dimitri Demetrakopoulos spoke about why Hammarskjold is the greener option and Dimitri's comments are appended to the minutes as Appendix C.</p> <p>Dimitri Demetrakopoulos also spoke about why Hammarskjold is the fiscally responsible option and Dimitri's comments are appended to the minutes as Appendix D.</p>
Gwen Foley	<p>Q: Gwen Foley inquired if students (elementary students) have been asked their opinions and if so, has that been considered?</p> <p>A: Bruce Nugent responded that a student survey was created by the four student representatives on the ARCs. There were 2316 responses. Grades 7 & 8 students were involved as well.</p>
Amy Digby	<p>Amy Digby shared her comments on why Hammarskjold should be the option for the secondary school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hammarskjold is move in ready. With Option 1 both schools need to be renovated. • One school move in ready is a better process. • Hammarskjold was built to hold 1400 students. • Amy indicated the comment was that Superior would need to be renovated to adjust programs, such as the Music Department. Hammarskjold has a music room, guitar room and annex. Superior would need to be renovated to accommodate all the classes. • Amy's final statement was that Superior is a very expensive school. Superior will be renovated, no matter whether it remains as a secondary school or becomes an elementary school, Superior will be an expensive school.
Sarah McKinnon	<p>Sarah McKinnon, a Superior and CD Howe parent expressed her concerns about closing three schools into Vance Chapman. Sarah indicated that she is concerned about Vance Chapman because of the distance. Sarah's home is close to a catholic school and her child would</p>

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	<p>probably end up switching school boards.</p> <p>Q: Sarah inquired has the question been asked to elementary parents, should Option 1 be chosen, which Board would you choose?</p> <p>A: The Chair responded that each school is represented on the ARC. At the last ARC working meeting, each school provided feedback from their school communities that involved consultation with students, staff and parents and that feedback was included in the school's presentation.</p>
Joanne Waddington	<p>Joanne Waddington, a mother a of Superior student shared her comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2007 the provincial government invested more than \$26 million in Superior because a new high school was necessary. • Superior was opened 6-7 years ago with a total price tag of approximately \$32 million. Woodcrest was opened at the same time with a cost of \$11 million. Joanne indicated obviously a substantial difference in the curriculum and instruction between elementary and secondary levels. • Joanne wonders how the Board could even consider taking the school away from the older kids. • Joanne feels these are the crucial years for social and emotional development and the toughest academic years. Joanne feels it would be detrimental to the secondary students in Thunder Bay to waste Superior – a quality school and a waste of taxpayers' money. Secondary students in Thunder Bay deserve the best. • Joanne shared information that Superior is toured by educators regularly when they are looking at designing a school. • Joanne shared that the school efficiently uses the space in the school and an example provided was the cafetorium. • Joanne wondered if the international student facilitators that recently toured the school are aware that the school is at risk of becoming an elementary school? <p>As the two minute time limit was up, the Moderator interjected and welcomed Joanne to leave her comments.</p>
Kari Peltonen	<p>Kari Peltonen, a Grade 9 student at Superior CVI shared his comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On the number of students and acres of land at Vance Chapman (278 – 9 acres), St. James (156 - 2 acres), and CD Howe (129 – 5 acres) and wondered how the Board would place 563 kids on a two acre field if Superior became the elementary school. Kari indicated that Superior students don't need a large parcel of land/field as they use the field for football practice and gym class. Elementary students use outdoor space for recess twice a day, every single day. • Superior doesn't offer elementary students the space they need for recess and playing

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	<p>outside.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Because Vance Chapman has 9 acres, Kari's opinion is that Option 1 is the only option.
Katherine Swerhun	<p>Katherine Swerhun a mother of students at Superior in Grade 12 and 9 shared her comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Katherine is shocked the Board would even considering tearing apart Superior to become an elementary school. Superior was built as a high school of the future for all north ward secondary students so that students could learn in a top notch facility that's nowhere to be found in northern Ontario. The Board was thinking ahead at the time. In 2008, Randy Haber said "the new high school was built using the most extensive design process available in the province" (from a Chronicle Journal article in March 2008). Katherine indicated that many educators tour Superior CVI to better plan their own modern high school. Katherine indicated that the school can accommodate 1000 students and that there is already a third floor and an elevator that goes to the third floor. Katherine is truly shocked the Board would consider tearing apart such a beautiful school to revamp it into an elementary school for only 400 students. Katherine feels that is a shocking waste of money. <p>Q: Katherine inquired what will happen to the equipment that cannot be moved out of the school that is far too dangerous for elementary students? Will the equipment be successfully transferred to Hammarskjold with no interruption to classes?</p> <p>A: David Wright responded that it is the Board's intention that all renovations to Hammarskjold, whether it be moving equipment from Superior, or putting new equipment into Hammarskjold, wouldn't affect any academic opportunities for students. David Wright indicated he is not sure if all the equipment can be transferred, and a contractor/consultant would dispose of equipment in a responsible matter.</p>
Maddi Reppard	<p>Maddi Reppard shared her comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maddi, a former McKenzie student, shared her thoughts of being a student at McKenzie that was a small school and had a large lot to play on with lots of trees and shade. Maddi couldn't imagine going to a large elementary school such as the one considered for the Superior site, with such a small green space and feels that the school would be very intimidating for elementary students. Maddie cannot believe that the Board would consider taking a new specialized tech high school built for 1000 students, and spending \$3.5 million to take everything unsuitable out for 400-500 elementary students. Maddie feels that high school is the most intense academic years and preparing students for university and the real world. High school is the critical years preparing students emotionally, socially and physically and guides students to their career paths. Maddie indicated that Superior has a variety of experiences for students, where other schools don't. Maddie indicated if Superior is chosen, the students encourage Hammarskjold students to

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	<p>bring their legacy, pride and spirit and suggested to rename the school Superior Hammarskjold.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maddie suggested to choose the best building that will encourage students to grow and thrive in a modern day society that is competitive and ever changing in technology. • Maddie asked to please not forget about the high school students.
Alyssa Lahti	<p>Alyssa Lahti shared her comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are not fighting for the name Hammarskjold or the name Superior. It's not the Gryphon's or the Viking's, not red and gold or blue, it's the building. Alyssa feels that Superior is the building that will provide students with the best educational experience. • Alyssa shared her thoughts on the building: lots of new and modern technology; broadcasting equipment to do announcements; a modern tech wing; lots of windows that let in natural light in the classrooms and even the gym. • In Alyssa's opinion, that is why she thinks Superior should be the secondary school.
Morgan Pientok	<p>Q: Morgan Pientok inquired with Hammarskjold 50 years old and Superior 7 years old, which school will last another 50 years and will that be part of the final decision?</p> <p>A: David Wright responded that when administration selected the two options for the north side, they did so in consultation with the plant department. The plant department indicated that both options were viable options. In the long term, if the Board maintains the building, Hammarskjold can last another 50 years.</p>
Dimitri Demetrakopoulos	<p>Dimitri Demetrakopoulos shared his comments on Hammarskjold supporting athletic excellence Dimitri's comments are appended to the minutes as Appendix E.</p> <p>Dimitri also shared his comments on Hammarskjold supporting academic excellence. Dimitri's comments are appended to the minutes as Appendix F.</p>
Gwen Foley	<p>Q: Gwen Foley inquired if the student survey was only sent to Grade 7 & 8 elementary students, Vance Chapman were the only students polled as St James and CD Howe only go to Grade 6?</p> <p>A: Bruce Nugent, indicated that is correct.</p> <p>Q: Gwen inquired if the Grade 6 students at CD Howe and St. James can be polled?</p> <p>A: The Chair indicated that could be a possibility. There are representatives from each of the schools present as ARC members. The Chair indicated that administration will consult with the ARC members at the next working meeting.</p>
Cheri Lappage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheri Lappage, part of the Choose Hammarskjold Committee, shared information that the group of concerned citizens started a petition to choose Option 2, specifically, that

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	<p>Hammarskjold be chosen as the north side secondary school. 1191 people have joined the cause and signed the petition. Cheri Lappage indicated that the Choose Hammarskjold Committee will send the petition to all Trustees at the school renewal email address. Cheri Lappage respectfully requested that the petition be included in the minutes of the public meeting as part of the ARC process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheri Lappage indicated that the committee has also collected 361 comments and that their committee believes the comments deserve attention and should be considered prior to making the final decision. Cheri Lappage provided a printed copy to enter in the public minutes of the north side renewal process. <p>The document provided is appended to the minutes as Appendix G.</p>
Aiden Code	<p>Aiden Code shared his comments on the elementary school and the comments that have been made that the technology will go to waste if Hammarskjold is chosen. Aiden shared how technological adept his sister, age 9, is and felt that the technology would not be a waste on elementary students. Aiden reiterated that the technology will be moved to Hammarskjold if Option 2 is chosen. Aiden also shared that just because a building is big and scary, students have to be given their own choice.</p>
Kim Chase	<p>Kim Chase indicated that she has a child coming to Hammarskjold in Grade 9 and she has a student in Grade 11 at Superior. Kim gets both sides and passions about their own schools. Camaraderie is intense at Hammarskjold. At Superior, everything is top notch and the school has everything we need in today's society to launch into to the work force and life.</p> <p>Q: Kim Chase inquired if Superior was only built seven years ago, why were the demographics not taken into consideration when Superior was built? Kids are used to the technology, and the vibrancy of the school. How can it be transported to Hammarskjold if it is chosen?</p> <p>A: David Wright responded that Superior was built with the best information the Board had at the time. The Board had the property and there was a need to build a new secondary school and the Board had the funding to build the school, so it was built. The intention isn't to take away any opportunities from secondary students. Administration has done some work with cost consultants to see how to replicate the same academic experience at Hammarskjold.</p> <p>Q: Kim Chase inquired if the technology will be transferred to Hammarskjold if that option is chosen?</p> <p>A: David Wright indicated that as much as the Board is able to transfer technology, it will be transferred. The transition plan will bring the student and stakeholder voice as to what needs to be seen in the school. Administration has considered what they think is an equal or</p>

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	<p>better academic experience.</p> <p>Q: Kim Chase inquired how does that affect teachers?</p> <p>A: David Wright responded that class sizes are regulated by collective agreements, and a bigger school doesn't mean bigger class sizes. With a critical mass of students, the Board can offer more sections of courses. For teachers, the Board has collective agreements that guide the number of teachers for the number of students.</p>
Jacquelyn Wheatley	<p>Jacquelyn Wheatley shared her comments as a proud Board employee and a parent of three students at CD Howe. Jacquelyn indicated that her kids want to go to Superior elementary but were not present to indicate that.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jacquelyn acknowledged that the parents present were speaking with emotion and passion for their high school. This shows that the teachers and staff are doing their job to provide students with the best education possible. Jacqueline indicated that she is in no doubt that the teachers will continue to educate students. • Jacquelyn's main concern is public education on the north side. Jacquelyn's choice for Option for 2 is from her concern for the future of Lakehead Public Schools. The Board is in competition with the catholic board. To attract young families and keep their children in Lakehead Public Schools, the changes to Superior (as an elementary school) clearly show the benefits of Option 2 to do this as the changes are all things that will attract young families to Lakehead Public Schools. Many parents that Jacquelyn has spoken to, plan to move to their children to the catholic board. Jacquelyn indicated, as an employee, she feels the Board should be attracting students to Lakehead Public Schools. Option 2 does that.
Paul Caccamo	<p>Paul Caccamo, President of OSSTF, indicated that it was not his intention to speak at the meeting, but rather wait until the delegations come to the Board. Listening to the conversation Paul felt compelled to come to the microphone and speak. Paul indicated that this really is a good news/bad news story. The good news is that OSSTF members have dealt with closures 7 times and they are getting good at it. Paul indicated that the staff that are working prioritize to ensure that students have a positive educational experience. There is no answer as to which high school is better, neither is better, as each school is staffed with committed, caring adults who work tirelessly to provide programs. There may be schools that have programs better than the other, but these are not barometers for which the decisions should be made. OSSTF is pleased that the ARC committee is soliciting input. Paul asked that the ARC members, on an ongoing basis, be considerate of the fact that what OSSTF members do in each school is predicated on a positive student experience. OSSTF members will do everything possible and succeed in making the amalgamated schools the best in the system.</p>
Cheryl Silen	<p>Cheryl Silen shared a story on her experiences of growing up in Northern Ontario and attending a rural high school. Cheryl included information about her bus ride, number of students in the school, number of students in the graduating Grade 13 class, number of acres of the school,</p>

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	<p>and her experience in the swamp run that spanned 20 acres of the school. Outside of gym class, only ½ acre (of school property) may have been used by Cheryl. Cheryl indicated that this did not affect her high school education. Cheryl shared further information about her teachers and her education. Cheryl indicated, it's not about the outside space, it's about the school community.</p>
Joanne Waddington	<p>Joanne Waddington commented that people are focusing too much on the building. They are just buildings. Both will be merged together it has nothing to do with which school is better. Everyone will remain together.</p>
Laura Macgowan	<p>Laura Macgowan shared her comments that she is favour of Option 2. As a parent of a student that attends Woodcrest Public School, there are advantages of a large elementary school.</p> <p>Q: Laura Macgowan inquired with the number of renovations presented at Hammarskjold, what routine maintenance and painting costs would have been done regardless and not part of the renewal? What costs can be deducted from that (as routine costs)?</p> <p>A: David Wright responded that administration allocated approximately \$3.1 million for renewal costs, and when administration spoke to the cost consultants, approximately \$500,000 was moved to renovation costs. Part of the painting, replacing ceiling tiles, replacing lighting are what could be renovation costs. Approximately \$500,000 was moved from school renewal to routine maintenance.</p> <p>Q: Laura Macgowan inquired if that gives a skewed opinion as to what the costs would be as ceiling and painting are not what we are talking about. Embedded in the large number is routine maintenance.</p> <p>A: David Wright indicated in two slides administration tried to highlight what the capital costs would be up front. With ongoing renewal costs regardless, there is a \$2.5 million difference between the two options.</p>
Andrew Fiset	<p>Q: Andrew Fiset requested clarification on a couple of things: regarding technology and “state of the art” as that term is being thrown around. “State of the Art” means “at the time”. Nine years have passed, so we have new technology. If Option 2 is chosen, would the Board be spending money on upgrades or does it see putting “state of the art” technology in the renovations – if that is the case?</p> <p>A: David Wright responded “state of the art” is a tough term. In terms of putting fibre throughout Hammarskjold, likely the Board couldn't put fibre throughout Hammarskjold</p>

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	<p>Q: Andrew Fiset inquired if the fibre works at Superior?</p> <p>A: David Wright responded that the fibre does work at Superior.</p> <p>The Moderator interjected and advised that this was not a conversation.</p> <p>Q: Andrew Fiset inquired if the Board is going top end with technology if Hammarskjold is chosen, or is the Board going to skimp?</p> <p>A: David Wright indicated the Board's intention is not to skimp. Results can be achieved in different ways. The Board would like to offer one mega bite per second per student as a tech standard for access to WIFI. David Wright indicated you do not need fibre to do that.</p>
Brent Kelso	<p>Brent Kelso, a former Hammarskjold student inquired about breadth of programming. Brent wanted to remind those present at the meeting that Lakehead Public Schools Trustees have Guiding Principles when making decisions and Brent Kelso read aloud number 2 "We will invest in the future of the organization by focusing on innovation, engagement, partnerships, facilities and professional learning that support student success." [2016-2017 Budget Guiding Principles]</p> <p>Brent Kelso indicated that back in February, the Director of Education stated this wasn't about money and it wasn't about buildings, it was about students and he spoke about the breadth of programming.</p> <p>Q: Brent Kelso inquired if the Board will we see an increase of program delivery and opportunities that is not seen here, but are offered in other parts of the province? What is the Board's frequent delivery now compared to what the Board could have in the future in subject areas that aren't touched on? Brent spoke about his interest and background in geography. For example, the Board doesn't talk about earth sciences, GIS, etc. Is there a learner well-being framework and a program framework anticipating the kind of outcomes that will be seen from the renewal process?</p> <p>A: The Chair responded that when there is a critical mass of students, the Board is able to offer the breadth of programming including different options. When a student is able to take a course in semester 1 or semester 2, that provides options for students. The Board's experience in the last couple of years, it has been difficult to offer courses to students. Critical mass timetabling works better for all students and provides an opportunity for students to take different courses.</p> <p>Q: Brent Kelso inquired if there is a program plan that looks at the future?</p> <p>A: The Chair responded that the Board is always doing program reviews. Course calendars</p>

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	<p>are sent out for input and administration receives feedback from students. That guides the Board in program review. With a critical mass of students, the Board can offer more courses.</p>
Warren Giertuga	<p>Warren Giertuga shared his comments that after the April 11 public meeting, there was a media report from the Board that said “We are not worried about the catholic board”. Warren indicated that “we should be very worried about the catholic board”. Warren indicated that the Board should be worried about the catholic board and if families decide to move students because of decisions that are made, that would be a big problem. Warren indicated that when enrolment drops, so does funding. That means jobs, including teachers, ssps, custodians, principals and superintendents. Warren indicated he has spoken to many elementary parents and the message is very clear, they will not send their students to Vance Chapman. Once kids enroll in the catholic system for elementary school, they will not come back to our system for secondary school. Warren provided distances to/from schools.</p> <p>The Moderator reminded the public that the ARC does not make the decision, the Board will make the decision.</p>
Lee Vaillant	<p>Lee Vaillant, a proud Viking alumni and a current teacher at Lakehead Public Schools shared her comments. Lee stated that she has taught at CD Howe, Agnew H. Johnston and at all secondary schools involved in the ARC process. Leigh indicated that she is currently teaching at Superior CVI. Leigh shared that when she first moved to Thunder Bay, she was offered a job as a teacher with the catholic board if she became a member of the catholic church. Leigh indicated she chose to wait for a job at Lakehead Public Schools.</p> <p>Leigh asked parents, colleagues and administration to remain united to keep students at Lakehead Public Schools, for without the students, “we no longer have jobs”.</p>
Ruth Bushby	<p>Ruth Bushby expressed her concerns about Option 1 and potential closure of Hammarskjold High School. Ruth is an avid supporter of Lakehead Public Schools for the past 16 years. Ruth is believer of public education that provides inclusive education to a diverse population regardless of their religious background. Ruth is worried about the long term future of Lakehead Public Schools as more and more non catholic parents choose to send their students to the two catholic schools. If Hammarskjold is closed, the extremely valuable property must be offered to a competing Board. Both Lakeview and Selkirk sold to the catholic board for \$1 each.</p> <p>Ruth Bushby shared the merits of Hammarsjold: centre of the north side; closer to feeder schools: Woodcrest, Ecole Gron Morgan and Algonquin; it’s location in an area that is experiencing a growth of young families: Woodcrest, Cherry Ridge, River Terrace subdivisions as well as the proposed Dawson Heights development. Ruth expressed her concerns if the</p>

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	<p>catholic board chose to purchase Hammar skjold, more students would leave Lakehead Public Schools to attend a school more centrally located. Ruth shared information from the Fraser Institute Report that Hammar skjold is number one on average for the past five years of all Lakehead Public Schools high schools. Ruth suggested that by choosing Option 2, Lakehead Public Schools can keep its two most valuable properties: Hammar skjold as a high school and Superior as an elementary school. Ruth suggested that choosing Option 2 will mirror the south side renewal plan that is offered a new elementary school and retaining Westgate as the high school. Ruth suggested that this option will keep the Board competitive by retaining and attracting more students in the future.</p>
Anita Sakiyama	<p>Anita Sakiyama, a Hammar skjold parent, shared her comments on the SSSAA report posted on the website, in support of Option 2. Anita indicated that the report spoke about expanding opportunities if Hammar skjold is kept as the high school and the SSSAA reasons for that recommendation. Anita spoke about the numerous studies regarding the adverse effect of health on young people today because of lack of exercise and outdoor activities. Anita suggested that we should promote and encourage physical activity as part of a well-rounded education program. Anita suggested encouraging a healthy body, healthy mind. Anita indicated that the Bubble at the college is being decommissioned and apparently there are a lot of elementary activities that take place there. Anita suggested to transfer some of those activities to Hammar skjold.</p> <p>Q: Anita inquired what is the consideration administration has given to points such as what she has spoken about be included in the report to Trustees?</p> <p>A: Heather Harris indicated that the SSSAA report will be included in the information gathered by the ARC and provided to Trustees.</p>
Tereza Biloski	<p>Tereza Biloski, a parent of a Hammar skjold special needs student shared her comments on Hammar skjold as the number one choice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hammar skjold has a dual track and a large field that students can participate in many sports allowing them to be active, Superior does not have this advantage. • Central location of Hammar skjold as to feeder elementary schools, businesses and EMS. • Separate class rooms for Special Needs students that require different learning experiences. <p>Tereza's expressed her biggest concern, which is for special needs students attending Hammar skjold now. Superior doesn't have separate classrooms for special needs students. Hammar skjold is located close to many businesses that offer coop placements to special needs students so that they are out in the work force and students can then be part of Thunder Bay's future. Tereza indicated that special needs students require consistency and expressed her concern to not allow special needs students to be pushed aside as they once were. Tereza</p>

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	suggested if Superior is chosen as the high school, special needs students will regress. Tereza suggested to choose Option 2, as the right choice.
Matthew Jones	<p>Matthew Jones, a Hammarskjold graduating student his year, shared that most concerns from his peers are about pride and reputation and tradition.</p> <p>Q: Matthew inquired if someone could comment on the rebranding process and how tradition and culture and the intangibles of the schools will be taken into account?</p> <p>A: The Chair indicated that the Board has a policy of naming of new and consolidated schools and that will be part of the transition process. The transition committee will look at the feedback from a variety of stakeholders at that time. The transition committee is put in place once a decision has been made by Trustees.</p>
Lana Bresele	<p>Lana Bresele, a proud Lakehead Public Schools employee, and proud former Hammarskjold parent, commented on the amazing things that have taken place at the meeting. Lana expressed her pride for the parents and students coming up and sharing their experiences. Lana indicated, as a Board employee she has trust in the process. Lana also believes that once the message is made, students and parents will have the confidence to keep Lakehead Public Schools as their choice. Lana suggested that it is important to remember, regardless, of which secondary school students attend, they are receiving an excellent education. The students at Hammarskjold have not been at a disadvantage (in regards to technology). Lana shared that when the two secondary schools come together the Board will be so much stronger.</p>
Todd Plant	<p>Todd Plant indicated that he has emailed renewal@lakeheadschoools.ca multiple times to offer opinions and concerns. Some emails were answered, some were not. Todd thanked administration for the emails that were answered. No emails were placed on the website for anyone else to read. Todd also indicated that he had provided input to the ARCs on both sides, Todd also indicated that no minutes were posted on either side before the public meetings. Todd indicated that he didn't know what the long term plan for the Board is on the north side, and suggested if administration had asked for input before starting the renewal process, administration may have found a better place for some of the schools on the north side. Todd indicated that the plan does not care about home owners who may have bought near the new secondary school thinking it may last a few years or any other schools that may be closed. Todd suggested administration look at a long term future for the Board and suggested to keep to the plan. "Let us move into the future and not stay in the past based on school spirit alone".</p>
Dimitri Demetrakopoulos	<p>David Wright addressed Dimitri Demetrakopoulos who was the next speaker in line by indicating to Dimitri about his last comments, that administration is proud of all Lakehead Public schools, its teachers, students, and support staff. The process was not meant to pit one school against another and to suggest that one is school is the worst is completely disrespectful to everyone who works in that school and everyone who goes to that school. David Wright</p>

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	<p>requested that if Dimitri Demetrakopoulos would like to speak in favour of one school, to focus on that and not disrespect another school.</p> <p>Dimitri Demetrakopoulos addressed parking and indicated that we have heard that parking is adequate at Superior and that there is parking across the road at Balsam Pit. Dimitri indicated he was at Superior with his son two days ago and the entire parking lot was full. They went up and down the parking lot and there was no room. There were half a dozen cars parked illegally. Dimitri indicated he heard the school was having an awards ceremony for 650 kids. After leaving, Dimitri drove past the Balsam Pit and the lot was basically empty. Dimitri indicated “to say that people will park at Balsam Pit, which is around the corner, down the block and across the road, it doesn’t happen”.</p>
Katherine Swerhun	<p>Katherine Swerhun shared additional comments on Superior CVI:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superior CVI structure already has a third level. • Superior is ready for an expansion for the future, as taxpayer money has already been spent when building the third floor. The building requires just renovations and walls. The school can easily accommodate a few hundred more students. • Superior has room for a population of 1000 students and is currently at a population of under 700 students. <p>Katherine indicated that Hammarskjold is a school from the 60s, some say is falling apart. There are extensive maintenance issues with the school. Bursting pipes releasing toxic fumes causing an evacuation of 600 students. Katherine indicated it is now confirmed there is asbestos in the walls and will have to be removed at an excessive cost.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • According to Katherine, making Superior an elementary school is a huge waste of taxpayer’s money. Using \$3.5 million to rip apart the best high school in the city, and northern Ontario has ever seen. Katherine wonders what administration is thinking. • Katherine suggested that Superior is attractive to International students, what will be said to them “that you don’t want them here?” • Katherine indicated that Superior has more parking spots then are required by the by-law, with overflow parking at Balsam Pit and Brent Park if necessary. • Katherine indicated that school green space is not necessary. Students can use the community green space around Superior. Trails and parks around Superior can be used and there are hills that students can run on, not just flat fields. Public trails, parks, fields, tennis courts, are all within walking distance. <p>The Moderator interjected that Katherine should wrap it up.</p> <p>Katherine indicated that the outdoor aspect of Superior is for a high school, not an elementary school as the Ministry mandates.</p>

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Cheryl Silen	<p>Cheryl Silen shared her comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It's easy to compare Hammarskjold and Superior, as every point that is made, there can be made a counter point made as well. Every point has merit and is valid. <p>The decision is not about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • whether elementary teachers want a new school, which could be built for \$10 million dollars, not \$35 million; • whether coaches want facilities on site, not across the road; • whether we fear a mass exodus to the already overcrowded other Boards; • more parking spaces; • whether students can get fast food for lunch, (which is against the Board policy of healthy eating); • whether students need to walk an extra 20 minutes to work or home at the end of the day. <p>Cheryl indicated the decision is about what is best for students today, tomorrow and many years in the future. If Superior was converted to an elementary school it would be the most expensive elementary school in the province. Cheryl thinks that doesn't sound like a reasonable use of taxpayers' resources.</p> <p>Cheryl quoted the Lakehead Public Schools Vision Statement: "Your Children, Our Students, The Future". According to Cheryl, those three points are at the very heart of the matter. Cheryl's children rely on the Board to provide them with the very best education possible and to provide them with the tools they will require after they leave high school. Students need teachers who have all the resources that they need to teach in the modern world. Cheryl stated that for the future, "that is what this process is all about".</p> <p>In Cheryl's opinion, Option 1 is the only option that supports that vision of the future while meeting the Board's mandate of fiscal responsibility and good environmental stewardship.</p>
Warren Giertuga	<p>Warren Giertuga commented that people have shared concerns regarding mold and asbestos at Hammarskjold and indicated that Hammarskjold was built in 1962. Warren also stated that Vance Chapman was built in 1958.</p>
Chris Swerhun	<p>The Moderator read a comment provided by Chris Swerhun:</p> <p>The last meeting a parent said that investing money into Superior would be a waste of taxpayers dollars. I think a waste of tax payers dollars is to build an almost 30 million dollar high school with high tech state of the art equipment which is built into the infrastructure of the school and then spend millions to rip everything out... and no one gets to use it... Why??????</p> <p>To save an old school that will cost millions jus to update it to standards.</p> <p>THAT IS A WASTE OF MONEY!!!!</p>

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Katherine Swerhun	<p>Q: Katherine Swerhun inquired if Option 2 is chosen, what will happen to the wall of honour from Hillcrest High School and the stained glass that was so carefully moved from Hillcrest High School to Superior? Katherine indicated this must be retained and must be placed in the front entrance of the school, the same as it was at Hillcrest and now Superior.</p> <p>A: The Chair responded as part of transition planning, the Board brings together staff, students and community members and they will help determine what the transition will look like.</p>
Anita Sakyama	<p>Q: Anita Sakiyama inquired about an operational item, in regards to the meeting held today, and the Board meeting on June 22nd and the final report, how quickly will the minutes get up on the website for people to view and comment on? Anita indicated that where she works, the process takes time. When is that date? When does administration have to have the report to Senior Admin before it goes to print and to Trustees?</p> <p>A: David Wright indicated that the final staff report is going to the Board on June 23rd. The Board's by-laws indicate that the report must be provided to Trustees 72 hours in advance of the meeting.</p>
Katherine Swerhun	<p>Q: Katherine Swerhun inquired if Hammarskjold is prepared to give up the Viking and the Hammarskjold colours they are so proud of? Superior students have already been thinking of new mascots and new mascot colours when they amalgamate.</p> <p>A: The Moderator indicated that will be addressed through the transition committee once the decision has been made.</p>
Cheri Lapagge	<p>Q: Cheri Lapagge inquired about crowd flow, as there may be issues with 1400 students if Option 1 is chosen. Cheri inquired if there will be any extra consideration given to that and are there opportunities to build more exits? How will students get out of the building (Superior) if something happens?</p> <p>A: David Wright responded that there are fire code regulations and anything built will be built to code.</p>
Mike Judge	<p>Q: Mike Judge inquired if the Board goes with Vance Chapman as the elementary site, has there been any consideration to provide shop class opportunities that might be available if Superior is chosen? Lakehead Public Schools used to be good at motivating students to go into the shop programs and that started at the elementary level with the shops program.</p> <p>A: Heather Harris responded that administration hasn't specifically spoke about locations as they are waiting for a decision to be made. It is something that administration is looking at.</p>
Joan Foster	<p>Q: Joan Foster requested a clarification of the process. Please provide exactly what happens and the timelines. How many options are presented and when do they (Trustees) have to make the decision? Or, are the students at Churchill correct in their statement that the decision has already been made, or is that their perception. Joan suggested that perception is reality.</p>

Name	Comment/Question
	<p>A: David Wright indicated that the timeline is detailed in the initial staff report and on the website. This is the final public meeting for the north side ARC. The ARC has one more working meeting. The ARC does not write the report. All of the feedback will be collated and included in final staff report. The final staff report will be prepared by administration and presented on June 23 along with all of the feedback. Trustees have the summer to consider the report along with all of the feedback received. In September there will be delegations scheduled on multiple evenings where stakeholders can speak directly to Trustees. That feedback will be collated and presented in the final staff report that will be presented to Trustees on October 4th. There will be one option on the north side and one option for the south side that will be included in the final staff report. Trustees will make the decision on October 4th.</p>
Final Comments	<p>The Chair thanked everyone for attending the final public meeting for the north side. The Chair indicated that administration would be disappointed if people weren't passionate about their schools. Administration is proud of all schools. Lakehead Public Schools has the best students and amazing staff. Going forward we need to think about working together. When school communities work together, then we are offering the best programs for our students.</p> <p>The Chair expressed her appreciation for all of the comments.</p>

Presentation to the Lakehead District School Board on the future of Hammarskjold High School

Wayne Bilbrough

Retired teacher from Hammarskjold and Lakeview High Schools

One aspect of the result of closing Hammarskjold High School that seems to be ignored is the effect of this action on the relationship between the Public and Catholic School Boards. I believe the role of the Public school system is to not only administer the schools but to maintain and enhance the Public school system in our city. That is not being done well. Closing Hammarskjold may be part of administering the schools, but it has the opposite effect when it comes to maintaining and enhancing the public system..

The Public Board does not seem to realize they are in competition with the Catholic Board for students. The Catholic Board is very aware of this and, in fact, is winning this competition.

The two boards have had parallel elementary school systems for many years. The Catholic Board enrollment is over 90% the size of the Public Board enrollment. The secondary school enrollment in the Catholic Board is smaller. For a while it was about 65% the size of the Public School enrollment. Probably this difference is because the Catholic secondary school system has had a funded secondary level for fewer years. I think it is reasonable to assume the Catholic Board intends to at least make their secondary school enrollment the same percentage as it has with the elementary level. If 48% of the students in the city go to the Catholic elementary schools, then, I'm sure they feel the secondary level should also have about 48% of the students.

How are they doing? As always, the devil is in the details. It is easy to get actual enrollment figures from the news media for the last five years. During that period of time, both boards have lost enrollment because of the city's demographics. However the trend is consistent. The Public Board enrollment is dropping faster than the Catholic Board enrollment. Between 2011 and 2015 the elementary enrollment in the Public board dropped by 5%. The Catholic Board dropped by 3.5%. In other words, the Catholic elementary school enrollment increased from 47.8% of the total elementary population to 48.3%.

It is in the secondary level that the real change becomes obvious. In 2011 the Catholic secondary enrollment was 66.5% the size of the Public enrollment. In 2015, although both boards lost students, the Catholic Board secondary enrollment became 75.5% the size of the Public Board's enrollment. The Public Board enrollment dropped 20%, the Catholic Board enrollment dropped 10.3%. Since the elementary change is not as large, there is only one way this can happen. Students are moving from the Public elementary system to the Catholic secondary system. In fact, some simple analysis shows that, during those five years, between 170 and 200 students moved from the Public elementary system to the Catholic secondary

system. There is no reason to assume this trend and transfer of students will stop unless the Lakehead District Board starts to work and work hard to change that trend.

How does this relate to closing Hammarskjold? Very simply! Closing Hammarskjold doesn't really close the school it just transfers it to the Catholic Board. It gives that board enormous opportunities to expand their system. They will have a huge amount of space, especially since they can combine St. Piux X with Hammarskjold. They can move their two senior elementary schools into Hammarskjold, a building with real potential to enhance their programmes. If need be, they could move their grade 9 students from St. Ignatius and create a full 7 to 9 middle school programme in a building designed to handle it and with space outside to use for anything they want to. Giving Hammarskjold to the Catholic Board is the most helpful way possible to assist the Catholic Board in increasing their enrollment at the expense of the Public Board.

Turning Superior C&VI into an elementary school and keeping Hammarskjold does not allow those opportunities. It also allows the Public elementary system to enhance their programmes not only for the elementary students going to Superior but to all the elementary schools in the North Ward. Superior could be designed to not only handle the students there, but become a central site for specialized elementary school programmes. This is one way to work at retaining students in the public system.

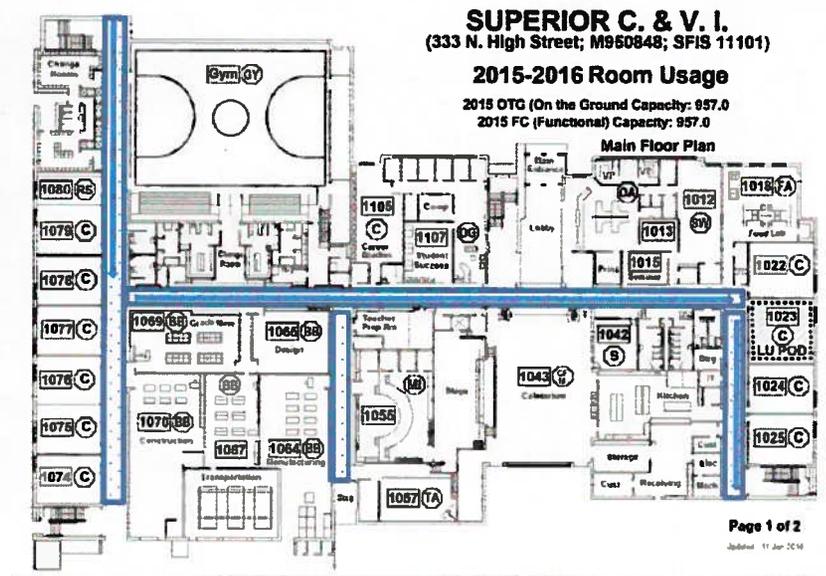
Canada is a multiethnic, multicultural and multi-religious country. A healthy and vibrant public school system is essential to meet this diversity. Students need to be able to go to school where their beliefs, culture and religions are reflected in the students and staff around them. They need to be where they are part of the community of the school. This can only happen in a public school. The Lakehead Board's responsibilities include maintaining, strengthening and enhancing these aspects of public education in our city. Giving Hammarskjold to the Catholic Board, which is what will happen if it is closed, is ignoring what is happening between the two boards and reduces the Lakehead District School Board's responsibilities to just that of administrator. Our students need the Board to take its stewardship role fully.

Crowd Flow Calculations SCVI

Main
Hall



Floor Plan 2015-2016



1 Single North/South Hall
3 East/West Halls

Only 1 path from one corner of school to the other.

3 meter wide Hall, less lockers = 2 meters active walkway

Standard crowd flow is 82 people per minute per meter

164 people per minute with 2 meter flow

1397 students (Hamm plus SCVI)

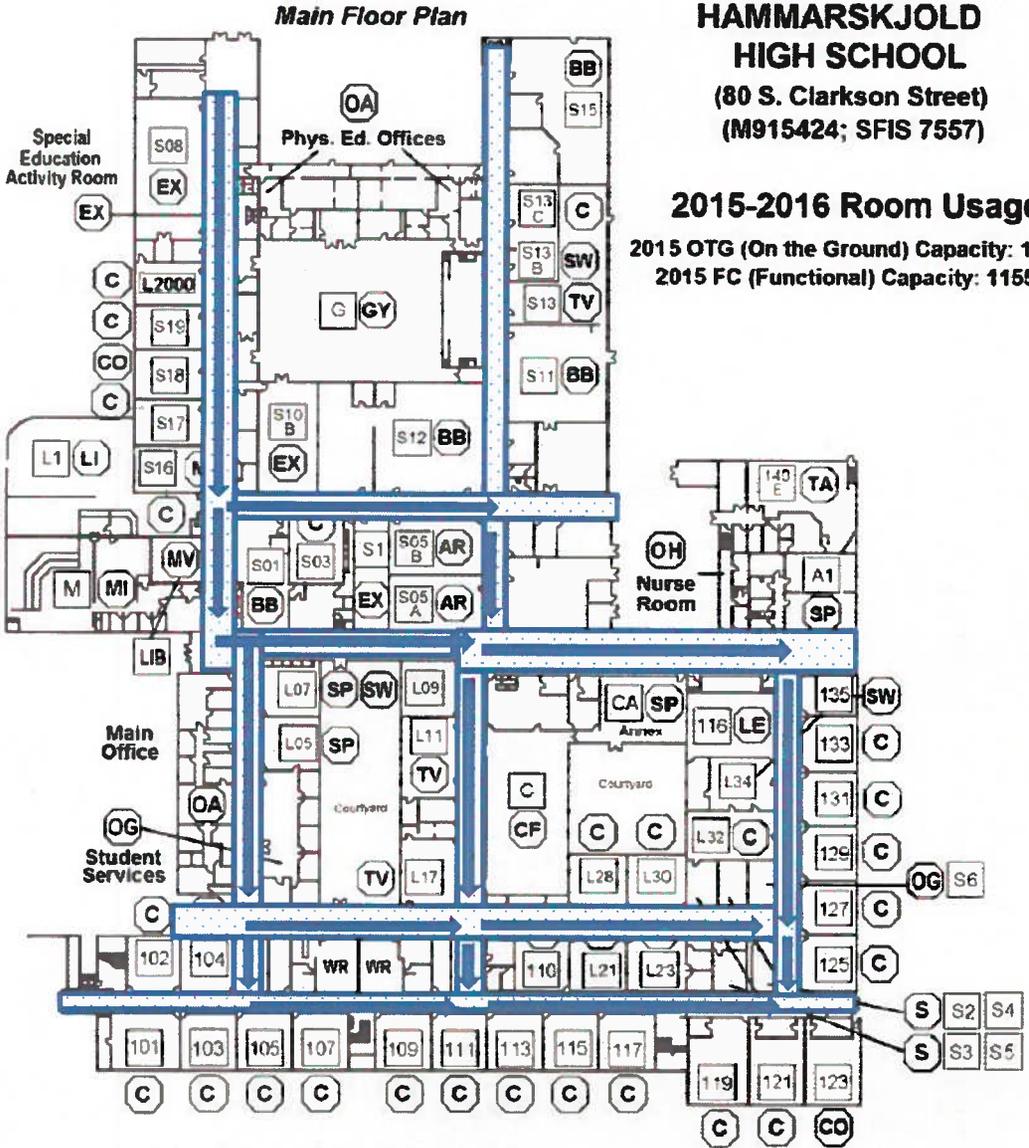
8.5 minutes to allow 1397 people through a hallway, this does not include time to walk to and from classes.

8 minutes allotted between classes

Add in students with disabilities or wheelchairs, and this becomes a congested hazard.

Crowd Flow Calculations Hammarskjold

Floor Plan 2015-2016



3 North/south Hallways
4 East/West Hallways

Grid layout allows up to 9 efficient paths from one corner to the other

Halls vary from 3, 4, 5, up to over 6 meters in width

Standard crowd flow is 82 people per minute per meter

1397 students (Hamm plus SCVI)

Even with a conservative estimate of 10 meters flow, would allow 820 people per minute.

1.7 minutes to allow 1397 people through a hallway.

Hammarkjold is the Greenest Option

- The argument that SCVI creates less green house gasses because it uses electricity is problematic. The Ontario electrical grid derives electricity from both Natural gas generators, and biofuel, which creates green house gases. The Wynne government has stepped back from plans to phase out Natural gas, which analysts stated was “economic suicide” due to the high costs. The school board would be wasting precious classroom dollars continuing down this path.
- More greenspace for our students (7 Hectares vs 2.7 at SCVI)
- More students Walking (an increase of 55%)
- Reduced fossil fuels and greenhouse gases in busing, with more central school locations
- Reduced energy costs in building utilities (\$9.64 for Hamm vs \$15.22 for SCVI per cubic meter, a savings of 57.9%). A renovated, more efficient Hammarkjold would save even more money, and green house gases.
- Reuse of Hamm instead to disposing it and building new, one of the 3 R’s.

Hammarkjold is the Fiscally Responsible Option and best use of existing resources

- Hammarkjold is already big enough to be the central north core high school, and Superior is already big enough to be the central North core elementary School, saving expensive additions while saving 1.7 million dollars.

	Cost per Student	Option 1 Population	Option 2 Population	Option 1 Cost	Option 2 Cost
CD Howe	242.58	600		\$ 145,548.00	
superior	280.07	1400	600	\$ 392,098.00	\$ 168,042.00
Hamm	204.62		1400		\$ 286,468.00
				\$ 537,646.00	\$ 454,510.00
				Savings	\$ 83,136.00 per year

- Minimizing energy costs

- Ontario electrical rate increased 3.4% in Nov 2015, 10% in Jan 2016, 2.5% in May 2016. A recalculation of utility costs for both options should be redone to take into account current pricing, as the savings are even greater now.
- Retaining the two most modern schools , that are most centrally located to reduce busing costs and increase walking
- Choosing Superior as the central north core high school would needlessly place the board at risk. This risk would be with changing demographics, what if we saw a 20% increase in students over the 1,400 planned today ? Superior would already be stretched to it's capacity on that small lot. Where as Hamm is expected to have a surplus 7-10 rooms after the renovation, as well as an extra 4 hectares.
- Forecasting 5-10 years in the future is not always accurate, as we have already found out. Due diligence would be to ensure we have options.

Hammarskjold supports Athletic Excellence

As noted by the SSSAA review, they were unanimous the Hamm option was best due to

- Larger gym Hammarskjold capacity 790 vs SCVI capacity 778
- Hammarskjold has an auxiliary gym, a multipurpose wrestling room, and a full size weight room, outside full size field, second practice field, 400 m track, tennis courts, hockey rink, and baseball diamond.
- SCVI only has a gym, and weight room, with a small practice field outside.
- Hamm has enough parking for large events (over 200, vs the SCVI 149)
- SCVI would make an ideal central north core elementary facility

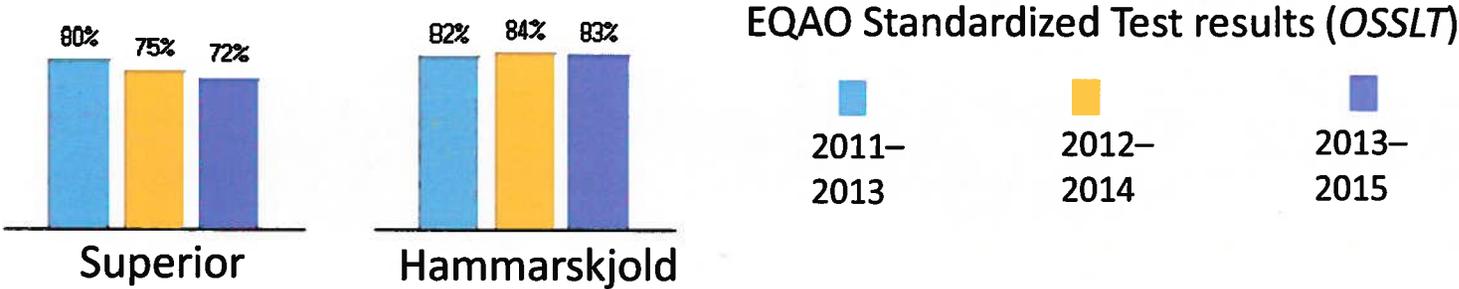
A 1400 student school will need multiple teams, allowing both Jr and Sr teams to be able to practice.

At SCVI this is already an issue as they can't support multiple teams practicing at the same time.

The SSSAA results confirm their recommendation, the Vikings on their training facilities are regularly City wide champions in virtually every sport. The SCVI teams/facilities can not compare.

Hammar skjold supports Academic Excellence

- According to the Fraser Institute, Hammar skjold has been the best performing public high school in Thunder Bay over the last 5 years, SCVI has ranked last.
- In fact over the last 15 years, Hamm has ranked 1st spot 14 of them in Numeracy and Literacy, with a second place finish in the 15th year.



- The current Wynne government mandate includes increasing our EQAO standings. The best way to achieve this is to invest in and grow your best performing school, not to close it and invest in our worst performing school.
- Who knows better what is required for academic excellence than our teachers? The elementary teachers union executive was unanimous giving their support for Hamm to be the north core central high school, and SCVI to be the north core elementary school.
- A quick google of student awards confirms a continued stream of excellence coming from the Hammar skjold students. Any mention of SCVI wards are few and far between.
- The public system should try to attract and retain the best students, would you send your child to the worst ranked school ?

Petitioning Lakehead District School Board

Choose Hammarskjold



Concerned Hammarskjold Community Members

1,191 supporters



We the undersigned believe the only viable option available to the Lakehead District School Board to provide a long term solution to the current North Side Renewal issue is the renovation and renewal of Hammarskjold High School. This option will take advantage of the following specific characteristics of the Hammarskjold site which are unmatched in any other option available to the Board:

Sufficient existing building capacity to accommodate all current students from both north side secondary schools with growth potential for the future. (The Board's staff report indicates a surplus of 7 to 10 rooms).

Undeveloped outdoor spaces on the 17 acre site provides the potential for on-site environmental education, partnerships such as community garden development to support the largest "Farm to Caf" program in the city as well as providing informal outdoor gathering spaces for students. All of these initiatives support current research into the educational and mental health values of access to natural outdoor spaces for children and youth. For reports and studies revealing evidence and documentation of the health benefits of connecting children and nature go to <http://www.childrenandnature.org/learn/research-resources/>

The school structure and programs have the capacity to support the existing 22 special needs students at Hammarskjold as well as the 13 students enrolled in the Pre-Workplace Program at Superior. The Board's staff report on school closures lists a total of 135 students at Hamm as being categorized as "special needs"; however, this "includes students with identified and non-identified exceptionalities but excludes students identified as gifted". According to the following definition of a student with special needs which is found on the Board's website "Students age 14-21 identified with intellectual exceptionality with moderate to profound developmental delays in academic functioning and/or identified with a multi-disability. Students require a specialized program based on life skills and functional academics." There are 22 students at Hammarskjold and none at Superior. For many special needs students, a drastic change to their learning environment would be extremely detrimental to their safety and success.

The large site also provides a safe contained campus which has capacity for additional parking, bus loading and student drop-off areas and is situated beside one of the main public transportation arteries for the north side of Thunder Bay. On-site and adjacent sports fields include a cinder running track and regulation size football / soccer field, tennis courts, baseball diamond and outdoor hockey rinks. Proximity to the Red River Road business area provides students with a variety of volunteer and after school employment opportunities within walking distance of the school. These same businesses also provide partnerships for various Cooperative Education (co-op) and Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Programs (OYAP) opportunities for students.

There are many other advantages which make Hammarskjold the right choice. To assist with efforts to guide the Board in its choice of options, we invite you to join the movement. Please call or e-mail members of the Board of Trustees to express your support for the Hammarskjold option.

Comments

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Paul Fayrick	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I believe the Board should be making decisions which provide long term solutions to problems. Hammarskjold is the only option which makes sense.
Wendy Luoma	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	i feel Hammarskjold is the best choice for the single Highschool on the North side of the city
Ruth Bushby	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	The Hammarskjold building and property is the only option that can accommodate all the current North side high school students and allows growth potential for more. It is located in an area where the city is seeing expansion from Sherwood Heights and the new Dawson development. Just look at Woodcrest busting at the seams!
Amanda Bushby	Winnipeg, Canada	2016-03-21	I went to Hammarskjold and it needs to be saved
maureen osesky	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I have 5 kids who have graduated from Hammarskjold with 2 more looking forward to the Hammarskjold experience and feel the accessible high school with best staff and spirit should remain open!
Jennifer Kielczewski-Godden	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	As a parent of both high school and elementary students I see a greatness with Superior becoming a super elementary school. I see the space and possibilities with Hammarskjold staying a Secondary School. The acres, the parking, updates rather than additions seem more feasible than squishing everything at Superior. Why it was built in such a confined location in the first place is puzzling.
Adam Danchuk	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I'm a student at Hammarskjold and my family has all gone there
Amber Pileggi	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Hamm has so much more room than superior and is such a great school:) I would be so so happy if I was able to graduate there.
Keeley Sweitzer	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Im signing this because Hammarskjold is the more reasonable choice. It has a much better French immersion program as well as many other obvious reasons. It is my school and it's a great school and should be prided upon how many years of great spirit it has brought to our city.
Brenna Bohonos	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Hammarskjold has the best French Immersion program in Thunder Bay, and I want to develop the French language as best as I can to achieve my French diploma
Rob Karnes	Kakabeka Falls, Canada	2016-03-21	□ □ □
meaghan forneri	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	My mom and Sister went to ham
Ryan Bortolon	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	The outdoor facilities alone make Hammarskjold the only choice for the north end high school. Trying to get youth these days outside participating in sports is hard enough, don't take it away from the high school
Christian Prenger	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I'm signing this because Hammarskjold is the better option due to the fact that it has the capacity to hold hundreds of more kids, and has everything needed for a high school to run properly.
Nicholas Coppola	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I want my amazing school to stay open
Evan Nieckarz	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Hamm is cool
Tye Scheffee	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I am a student in grade 10 of hammarskjold high school who feels hammarskjold would be the best option for the north side high school
Ashley Luoma	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Hammarskjold is such a welcoming, accepting school with so much amazing opportunities and great things to offer the students. I hope it gets to share those with future students for years to come!

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Shiaanne Atkinson - St. Cyr	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I'm a student in Hammarskjold and I love the school
Katie Kawahara	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Hammarskjold high school gives so many academic, artistic and athletic opportunities. This school is a welcoming friendly environment and it would be great if superior were to join us. Hammarskjold high school has an amazing history, why not continue the tradition of excellence.
Kayla Fiddler	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I like our school
Brooke Track	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Hammarskjold is by far one of the best schools I have ever attended. from the learning opportunities, to the great school spirit and love, Hammarskjold is the place to be. In our school, we have probably the best music program there is. I know students that come all the way from the other side of town just to be a part of it. More importantly, at Hamm, we love everyone for who they are and what they choose to be. It's a school where you can be yourself, and be the best you can be:) Help save our school Vikings!! We're all in this together!
Nicole Boire	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I am student at Hammarskjold and I feel that the school should stay open
Kerri Harris	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I live on lochlomond road and drive my daughter to hammarskjold every day! Any other (closer) school wasn't an option--after going to Gron morgan for her elementary years, hammarskjold was the natural choice. She is doing exceptionally well academically as well as socially and I'm hoping her brother can follow in her footsteps and attend this awesome school that has so much to offer! I think it would be absurd to move all of these students and cram them into a school not nearly equipped to handle the multitudes! Keep Hammarskjold open, give it a little bit of love and watch it continue to flourish!!!
Max Key	Gorham, Canada	2016-03-21	I'm signing because I believe strongly that hammarskjold has everything needed and more to be a very successful high school as it has been doing for over 50 years
Sharon GIERTUGA	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	The central location of the building, 17 acre land availability, the special needs programmes in place, and the availability of outdoor sports fields are four very important considerations for choosing Hammarskjold as the school of choice.
Caleb Perzan	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I go to Hammarskjold and wish to continue the legacy :)
ben Albert	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I went to Hamm and it was some of the best years of my life. The teachers are great, the school has history and pride.
rachel hamlin	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I went to Hamm and it's a great school. It would be a shame to close it :(
Fergus Foster	Murillo, Canada	2016-03-21	It's the option that makes the most sense by far, best for he students.
Gracie Dekker	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Hammarskjold has an awesome sports, music, drama and not to mention academic program! We have much to offer like the special education program which is also the only one in Thunder Bay. The school has a friendly environment and a large history with tons of supporters! Once a Viking always a Viking right?
Susan Kelly	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	My granddaughter attends
Jennifer Villeneuve	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Because hamm is the best place to be! keep us open!
Kayla Meekis	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I'm signing this petition because it's a very good school. I had a very good 4 years attending here.
Chris Tenhunen	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I went to Hammarskjold and it's a great school
Alyssa Poulin	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Hammarskjold alumni, of course I don't want to see it close!

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Kevin Christiansen	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Both my boys go to Hammarskjold, My oldest son he is in the Special Needs program, As he Sever Autism. If Hammarskjold closes we will have no choice but to take him out of School, Due to he has a hard time adopting to big changes in his life.
Christine Johnson	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	We need this school ! Especially for the rural students.
Mike Kopot	Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada	2016-03-21	Location, location, location! The public school board needs to use some common sense on this decision. Hammarskjold should NOT be mothballed in favour of Superior. New bricks and mortar are not always better. Both my Son and I are alumni of Hamm; as are many other families. The tradition of attending this great school is multi-generational and will continue to be so as Thunder Bay grows in Hammarskjold's catchment area! Please don't screw this up Public Board; I'm sure the Separate Board would love to purchase Hamm for a bargain basement price like they did with Lakeview and Selkirk!
Anne Rose	thundestr bay, Canada	2016-03-21	School are our future for the next generation my great nieces and nephew .
Lori Schmidt	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	This school was where I went and my siblings. Now my children attend. Switching schools means a longer commute.
Jared Mckay	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Hammarskjold graduate 2012
Terry Hill, PhD	Nolalu, Canada	2016-03-21	It makes absolute sense.
Leah Wellwood	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I support and believe the reasons outlined by the creators of this petition
Josh Noga	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I went to high school here.
Liisa Feenstra	Rosslyn, Canada	2016-03-21	Was my high-school
cheri Lynn Francis	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	i am signing this petition because my five children went to this school as did my brother's it would be a shame to close it down way too many memorys there!!!!!!
Kim Wright	Nipigon, Canada	2016-03-21	I'm signing this petition because friends of our family have kids that attend this school.
Cathy Einola	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	My daughter is in Grade 6 and she was going to being attending HS at Hamm in her future as I did ! This was very important to me
Sandy Huston	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I am a Hammarskjold alumnus and my daughter is a student presently
Nick Huneau	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Im signing because i think its a great opportunity to have a much bigger and better high school letting in kids from superior come to hammarskjold
Sylvia Coelho	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I attended Hammarskjold.
Kirsten Kotanen	Thunder bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I want to keep my school open
Christy Radbourne	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Hammarskjold is the best option to offer a competitive and comprehensive high school experience to students on the North Side. Superior's property is too small to afford an appropriate Secondary experience.
Dwayne Radbourne	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I believe this is a much better plan
Michelea Jakobsen	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I'm signing because I appreciate this school I'm a current student here and it is a great school. It is a friendly environment and all of the teachers are very nice. I very much appreciate this school!
Donna Hayden	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I went to this school and I loved it. Please don't close it
Jennifer Blanchette	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I went there, my husband, both my sisters and would like my two children to attend there when they reach high school

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Brittany Parker	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I'm signing this petition because of all the reasons stated and also because I believe in Hammarskjold as a large base hub high school for many things including sports, arts, trades and tech. They also have great classrooms for regular programs such as math, science and English but I appreciated the foreign and french language programs as well as the French Emerson language programs offered. They offer a great drama area and stage and have a large cafeteria. The school is great for any student including special needs as it has accessibility throughout. This is vital in a special needs child's case of daily life fitting in. Please reconsider closing a school with so much to offer. Thank you for reading.
Allan Prenger	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	it IS the right choice...
Patrick MALCOLM	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	It's The Logical choice, not only does it have everything that they are looking for in the school of future, it's got the footprint. That is essentially the biggest issue. I am also a graduate and can attest to the amazing level of Education that the high school can deliver.
Cathy Hynna	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I'm signing because I believe Hammarjold staying open is the best option for the North side of our city.
Ashley Huston	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Hammarjold is an impeccable school. It may not be as up to date as Superior, but is full of life and history, and can easily accommodate the necessary amount of students. As stated, it offers so many benefits to its students.
Scott Giertuga	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	We can't continue on the short-sighted policy path where financial considerations are the only considerations. Value ought to be measured by more than just "dollars and cents". Closing Hammarjold will eviscerate our community. Need we be reminded about the fiasco the Public School Board oversaw a few years ago? Prospect School and vast adjacent property was sold "for a song", to the French Catholic Board. A few short years later, the same Public School Board was scrambling for property for Hillcrest a high school's replacement. The Prospect property would have been ideal. Instead the board closed Balsam Street School, tore it down and "shoehorned" Superior High School on that property. Short sighted and ultimately MORE costly. Let's not make a similar stupid mistake this time.
Jordan Lem	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I want to keep Hammarjold High School open
Jody Kondrat	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hammarjold site has sufficient building capacity to accommodate growth. 2. Undeveloped outdoor spaces on the 17 acre site provides the potential for on-site environmental education 3. The school structure and programs have the capacity to support the existing 22 special needs students at Hammarjold as well as the 13 students enrolled in the Pre-Workplace Program at Superior 4. The large site also provides a safe contained campus which has capacity for additional parking, bus loading and student drop-off areas and is situated beside one of the main public transportation arteries for the north side of Thunder Bay 5. On-site and adjacent sports fields include a cinder running track and regulation size football / soccer field, tennis courts, baseball diamond and outdoor hockey rinks 6. Proximity to the Red River Road business area provides students with a variety of volunteer and after school employment opportunities within walking distance of the school. These same businesses also provide partnerships for various Cooperative Education (co-op) and Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Programs (OYAP) opportunities for students.

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Quinn Siver	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I'm signing this because Hammarskjold was my choice of schools. I live in westfort, close to westgate. I always heard how great Hamm was, and I always heard they had great sports teams. My mom allowed me to go to Hamm and I'm so glad she did. It's such a welcoming place, and many of my peers at westgate have said numerous times how they would enjoy being at Hammarskjold much more. Please keep Hammarskjold open
Eric Watson	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Hammarskjold High School presented me with a fantastic environment to grow and develop as a High School student. Possessing the most dedicated and proud teachers, Hammarskjold students are encouraged to be themselves while striving to be the best they can possibly be. Whether it be in the classroom, on the game field, or outside the schools itself, Hammarskjold High School offers students and faculty alike the chance to work together, learn together, and most importantly grow together.
Cole Larson	Gorham, Canada	2016-03-21	Hammarskjold was my high school and it deserves to continue teaching the next generation
Barb Friday	Gorham, Canada	2016-03-21	Hammarskjold High School has a proven record of providing quality education. It is in a central location, easily accessible by public transportation and has significant outdoor sports resources on site. Most importantly, the school sits on a large piece of property which could easily accommodate expansion to the existing building.
Kaleb Huneau	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I like the school
Gary Pederson	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Its the only intelligent solution to the problem.
flo berry	Bridgewater, Canada	2016-03-21	flo berry
Carley Berardi	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I love hammarskjold!!!!
Ashlee Kostick	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I love this school
Rhonda Molly	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	It's the right thing to do!
Kevin Dunning	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	It only makes sense!
Connor MacIntosh	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	A past student and present coach.
Ashley vic	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I went to Hammarskjold and it definitely should not close!! :)
Barb Figus	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	This is the best option!!
Nadia Fuchs	thunder bay, Canada	2016-03-21	It just makes sense! Hamm is an excellent educational facility. Don't take it away from our community!
Cameron Oliver	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Hammarskjold alumni
Pia Erkkila	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Hammarskjold is a better choice for many reasons. Keep it open!!
Dulcie Prystanski	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Without a doubt, Hammarskjold is the best choice. Both my children attend Hammarskjold and they love this highschool!!!! Teachers, staff and friends make the students proud and they love going to school, please don't take this away from our students.
Emily Ross	Toronto, Canada	2016-03-21	I'm a former Hammarskjold student and can attest to what a wonderful environment and academic institution this school is. I can't even begin to describe how detrimental losing this school would be to not only the surrounding communities and current students/employees, but also to the city as a whole. While I was in my senior years, the LDSB put far too much money into building a brand new highschool (Superior) when they should have taken those tax dollars and put it into the existing schools in the first place. Please don't make that mistake again. Hammarskjold is an integral part of the Northern Thunder Bay community and should continue as such.

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cheryl rogers	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	my kids went to this school and it wonder bigg school keep it goin we need in this p.a area
Erin MacLean	Thunder Bay, ON, MN	2016-03-21	I'm signing this petition because I cannot believe this and other schools are on the chopping block to be closed down..down right ludicrous..
Kaylee Hofer	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I don't want Hammarskjold to close! We love Hammarskjold!!
Emma Karhunen	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I really don't want to leave Hammarskjöld! Love Hammarskjöld!!
Craig Miller	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Because it's ridiculous to close it. What corrupt city council member thought this was a good idea?
Brent McPhail	Kaministiquia, Canada	2016-03-21	I believe Hammarskjold is the most viable option with lots of property for development. It has the space to house extra students whereas Superior is too small to accommodate the student volume that would come from amalgamating the two schools into one.
Gavin Perkins	Rosslyn, Canada	2016-03-21	Hamm is the best school in that please don't shut is down
Damian Gilberds	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Had alot of memories at hamm, and I want to help coach football next year so I can make some more great memories
Stacy Greenwood	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I believe a decision to close Hammarskjold would not be financially or functionally sound. I strongly believe that it would result in many more people in the north end, particularly the Woodcrest area, moving their kids out of the Public and into the Separate School Board.
Brenda Gillespie	Shuniah, Canada	2016-03-21	I am signing because the board needs to know that "bigger " is NOT necessarily better !!! WE let PACI go...we let Hillcrest go but not again !!!
Sandra Robertson	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I am signing because this is a great school. Two of my children have already attended and it is the school I want my other three to.attend when the time comes.
Kathy Scott	Burlington, Canada	2016-03-21	My husband and both children went to Hammarskjold and agree with all points in this petition. You need room to grow and Hamm has it.
Natalie Koss	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	As a graduate from Hammarskjold I believe that it has the best space for a highschool setting. Superior doesn't have enough parking sports for students or staff to start with, never mind adding another 500 kids to it. I also believe that Hammarskjold has many sports opportunities unlike superior. Hammarskjold has its own football field, track, tennis courts, and skating rink all on its property. So ask me again why you would even consider closing such an amazing school?
Alicia Francis	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	GO HAMMARSKJOLD WOOO
Chelsea Nickleson	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I have seen how this school creates opportunities for teenagers with special needs. It's location is close to many local business that can be accessed by these kids allowing them to learn life skills and be apart of the community. No other location of school offers this on this side of the city.
Kevin Rollin	Grande Prairie, Canada	2016-03-21	I wanted to go to Hamm when I was in highscool
julie bargiglione	zurich, Canada	2016-03-21	Stop killing public education.
Tyler Schmidt	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I love hammarskjold
Stacey Hames	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	My son is registered to begin grade 9 there in the fall of this year :-)
Melody Lundstrom	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I am a parent of a child in the special needs program and I am concerned about how the change will affect these students! I feel the location is preferred due to proximity of many businesses, the school property provides greater opportunities for all student needs.
Adriana Leach	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Because I go to hammarskjold and this school is amazing in so many ways

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Joe McDonough	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Geographically, maintaining Hammarskjold High School makes sense. Not only is the school located around a larger demographic consisting of families with children, additionally the school's proximity to the expressway makes it a viable option for families needing to travel from outside of the Port Arthur area in order to get to school. Location and space are key and Hammarskjold Highschool has them both.
Armin Cansino	BELIZE, Belize	2016-03-21	I'm signing because I am a former alumni.
Tereza Biloski	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Our son Ethan attends the special needs classroom at Hammarskjold high school. As stated in #3 of the petition this would be devastating for our son and his classmates.
Sheldon Benincasa	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	We love Hamm
Abby Brown	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I want to
Cherl wakefield	thunder bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I will to have a special needs child in this program and feel that these children struggle immensely with change. And also another very important part is because hammarskold is within walking distance to so many places our special needs children get out more in the community and have way more social opportunitys than children in school where they have to take a bus or a cab to access these social opportunitys which in tum don't happen as often because of the cost that is involved for transportation.
Jeff Thingstad	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Best option new school and property too small. More for development at Hammarskjold. Students can stay on school property for all activities and not cross busy streets.
Marisa Devins	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Because why not Hammarskjold is the best I wouldn't pick any other school to go to
Amanda Pasto	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I went to Hammarskjold highschool it offered a lot of choices for classes and extra curricular activities. The teachers that I had were amazing. It would be a shame if it was closed down. The property the school is on offers a lot of opportunity for expansion.
Sarah Prenger	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Because hamm is great
Tamara Johnson	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	My son attends this school. He speaks highly of ALL staff .. From those in teaching positions, to those in custodial . He wears red and gold proudly! Go Vikings!
Nick Dohan	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I used to attend this school and it's the bees knees and or cats meow
Megan Danelisky	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I was a student at Hammarskjold, and I loved this school. A lot of great teachers and good memories. It would be a shame to see this school close down. This school creates a lot of great learning opportunities for teens.
Carmelo Nerino	Brampton, Canada	2016-03-21	I am a former student and the facilities and location are ideal for area students.
Amber Ziebarth	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I think Hamm is the most logical option.
tessa prouty	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Hammarskjold gave me opprotunities. The principals helped me to graduate at the end of this year. My favourite teacher is an employee here. I met the love of my life here. Highschool isn't always a great experience, but Hammarskjold made mine bareable and I wouldnt want that opprotunity to be taken away from future students.
Alexandra Sawiak	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I am Alumni and this school is a big part of myself and my family as well as the neighborhood. Closing this school would be beyond a shame.

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Cindy mazan	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	It's really important for an identified student to remain in the same school. For a person with autism, for example, it would negatively impact the remainder of his or her school career!!
Jackie Karhunen	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	This makes the most sense of all the proposed changes, keep this school open
Mark Moorhouse	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I'm signing this because Hamm is the only logical choice for the north side of Thunder Bay. It's close proximity to the Woodcrest residential area and centralized location make it an ideal site.
Danielle Clarke	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	LET HAMMARSKJOLD LIVE LONG
Adam beverly	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I went to this school moving from the GTA 2011. Which was grade 11 for me and i got to become close all the teachers, students throughout those 2 years. I got the Coaches award for Sr. boys volleyball in 2012. I helped build the bike patio beside the shop room and pour the concrete for the patio built outfront. It would be terrible to see Hammarskjold go to waste
Anneliese Adam	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I'm signing this petition because I am a grade 9 student at hammarskjold and I want to graduate from Hamm like my brother, and my parents
Coralie Côté	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I'm signing because i believe it would be much more functional to just move superior to hamm because it would save the trouble if having to build and spend more money on superior, when Hammarskjold already has enough space.
Darian Jenelle	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I have been a student at Hammarskjold for two months now and I really enjoy being here. It's a friendly environment and is suitable for everyone who is in or will be attending high school. It's a really great school that hopefully future students will enjoy too.
Ethan Pyhtila	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Hamm makes good poutine
Linda Plante	East Falmouth, MA	2016-03-21	I'm signing because I attended Hammarskjold High when it was fairly new. It would be a shame to see this high school closed. Please re-think this decision!
Cynthia Tuomisto	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I'm signing because I went to Hammarskjold and I think it's the best option
Jennifer Doig	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	This is the best option for our city!!
Loretta Mangoff	Nipigon, Canada	2016-03-21	My son attended Hammarskjold for his first semester of grade 9, despite our family living in Nipigon. Due to being a way from his family as he was living with another family, he decided to come home. We have decided to purchase a home in Thunder Bay so that he and his younger brother may both attend Hammarskjold in the fall. He also has friends from Nipigon who have chosen to attend high school at Hammarskjold.
Laura Cameron	Australia	2016-03-21	I am a hamm alum.
Brent Berube	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Best highschool in town.
Sara Alexander	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	This is my school! This is a great school. It would be an absolute shame to see the students and the teachers of this school have to go somewhere else and break up the unity and spirit that is Hammarskjold.
Kai Meekis	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	i go to this school and so did my dad
Katharine Ford	Ottawa, Canada	2016-03-21	Hammarskjold is a great school with a lot of history in the Thunder Bay community. I graduated from Hamm in 2013 and would hate to see it close down. Why close the school that already has the room to house more students?
Lisa Neilson	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	My son graduated from Hammarskjold in 2014. It is a great school with much to offer. It would be a shame for it to close.
Per Lundstrom	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Alumni

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Byron Miecznikowski	Belle Ewart, Canada	2016-03-21	Class of 1988
rhondalee mclean	thunder bay, Canada	2016-03-21	It's more sense to close Superior, hamm is a more economical wiser choice. There's more population at hamm. It's considered a historic school. A great school academically, athletically, and better equipped for special needs students. Please keep this wonderful hs open.
Drew Borchardt	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	My sister is a graduate of hamarskjold and I would hate to see the school she attended be just another thing of the past. As well as the school being one of the few high schools left that has a full French immersion program.
Carter Weiss	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	It should stay open
Brandon Varga	Thunder bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I went to hammerskjold and it's the best high school in Thunder Bay and hope my kids go to it Ina few years
Glen Stevens	Saint Paul, MN	2016-03-21	I will always be a Viking.
Stan Alto	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	We need this school!
Kaitlyn Watts	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I'm signing this petition so that my little brother will be able to attend the same school that all his older brothers graduated from
mark sokolowski	thunder bay, Canada	2016-03-21	It's the right thing to do
Marielle Lyon	Toronto Ontario, Canada	2016-03-21	Hammarskjold has so much potential and out of all high schools in Thunder Bay it is well deserving.
Dezi LeGallais	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I am signing this because the site is perfect for all things listed in the petition. I am also an alumni
Tiffany squitti	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I believe it's the best choicw
Sarah Hannah	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I went to Hammarskjold many years ago and would hate to see such an amazing school and environment gone!
Jen Smith	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	As a parent of a student at Hammarskjold and as a tax payer, I know this is the best option for the board both financially and logistically. It will create both an excellent elementary school and an excellent high school.
Jarrett Jacobson	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Hamm is the better option by far
Jordyn dingwell	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Because I care about the future of our communities youth
Shelley Caddo	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I'm signing because my sons want to go here and be part of the Vikings Class of 2021 and 2024!
George Lister	Winnipeg, Canada	2016-03-21	I am Hammarskjold alumni and believe this school serves the needs of the community in a way other options do not.
Vicky Butt	shuniah, Canada	2016-03-21	This school provided both of my kids a great education
elizabeth dixon	calgary ab, Canada	2016-03-21	I feel the need to keep Hammarskjold open because there is alot of opportunity for additions, expansion etc. How many schools does the Lakehead Board have to keep closing and then to turn around and build a new one at a higher cost? Think board members. Grat location and lots of property to expand.
Pete Dingwell	Thunder bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Pete Dingwell
Carolime Labelle	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	Many generations from my family have gone to this school including myself! I enjoyed every year here and i will fight for this school to stay open!
Sherrie and Gregg Renaud	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	Because My special needs buddy and his friends are comfortable in their new classes and school, they love going to this school and enjoy all the classmates within these walls and changing this may confuse all these special young students and disrupt their familiar routines in their new surroundings. Please keep this school open!
Isaac Lysmo	Kaministiquia, Canada	2016-03-22	I agree with the decision

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Cassandra Myllyniemi	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	I was a student in the past
Sue Black	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	I remember my first year at hammarskjold in grade 9, it was scary but the teachers have always been so welcoming. Each year that I was at that school less and less students wanted to go there for whatever reasons. hammarskjold teachers have helped me graduate in a way that best worked for me and I am so grateful. It would be so devastating to see this school closed, it would be worse to know some of the most amazing teachers might not have a job. There is so much potential in hammarskjold I wish more teenagers could see that!
Lauren Fillmore	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	I'm an alumni of Hammarskjold and LOVE my high school!!!! Go Vikes!!!
Emily Black	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	Hammerskjold was my high school. It is a wonderful facility and it makes the most sense to keep it open as there is so much for expansion! It would be a waster to close it.
Yvonne Norton	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	This is the only logical, socioeconomical choice there is, the least disruption, and the best choice for growth moving forward.
Anonymous Student	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	It only makes sense to keep Hammarskjold open and convert Superior to an elementary. Firstly, effectively closing three elementary schools has to be cheaper than closing one. Secondly, the parking lot at superior is already a congested mess, how can you even fathom adding a whole schools worth of students to that. And lastly, the school is great condition with up to date technology and science labs. It would be a huge mistake to close this school.
Janet Kukko	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	It is the best choice for the Board, in my opinion, for financial, logistical, and programming reasons.
Erika Gillson	Ottawa, Canada	2016-03-22	As a graduate of Hammarskjold high school in 2008, I have nothing but the fondest of memories for this institution. From peers who I remain good friends with today, to the staff and teachers who I can personally thank for guiding me into the professional fields I have entered throughout my career, it is this institution that fostered the environment that has led to my success. The North side of Thunder Bay needs Hammarskhold.
Reegan Bushby	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	I am an alumni and believe this is the best option.
Sabrina Potvin	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	To my friends who love this school. I hope this helps.
Brian Trottier	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	Keeping Hammarskjold open is the most viable option for the school board.
Desiree Roy	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	We can't lose Hamm
Colby Luoma	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	Hammerskjold is the highschool I want to attend
Kari-Lynn Papic	Calgary, Canada	2016-03-22	Numerous family member of mine (including myself) went to Hamm. The layout and location are quite ideal to serves many different student. It holds a special place in my heart.
Madison Clayton	Gorham, Canada	2016-03-22	This school is important to the community and has a lot of meaning because of how old it is
Shawn Peremesko	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	I went to Hammarskjold and it is a great school. It has so much to offer and the options are endless with what can be done with this school.
Robert Adamson	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	Because Hamm it's an amazing night environment to go through high school
TJ Oulton	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	I like the school and believe that It's long history should continue.
Adrienne Anuik	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	I'm a French Immersion alumni from the first graduating class at Hamm. I support any and all initiatives to maintain this school's integrity as one of our city's finest.
Scott Gordon	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	It's the best decision.
Zephan Frederick	Gorham, Canada	2016-03-22	I go to this school and don't want it to close, it's a great school

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Julie Einarson	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	It makes the most sense to put the students in a school that has room for them, classrooms, parking lots and sporting areas.
Lindsay Hooke	Oakville, Canada	2016-03-22	It's location is optimal for many residential areas. Also, I'm a grad of that school.
Pamela Cook	London, Canada	2016-03-22	That's where I went to school!
Matt McLean	Calgary, Canada	2016-03-22	I'm signing because I'm a graduate of this school. Spent a good five years here. Learnt a lot, and has a lot of history. Be sad to see it go and the history behind it go. Keep it going strong and long live the Vikings!
George Ferguson	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	I went to and enjoyed going to this school.
Emma Haliuk	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	I much prefer Hammarskjold over Superior and it makes most sense to keep Hamm open
Dillon Stroud	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	Hammarskjold is the best option to keep open
Gwenyth Foley	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	Hammarskjold has more space, it can accommodate student parking, it has outdoor recreational areas and is a better fit for a high school.
Owen Hynna	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	Best school in the city
Rick Maloney	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	Of the two options Hammarskjold is the right choice not just because it is the newest but because it has the most room for future expansion if needed and the safest and largest area for the increased bussing and parking the IS going to happen on this proposed inevitable merging.
Charles Faloye	Saint Catharines, Canada	2016-03-22	I went to Hammarskjold for 2 years and loved it
Lorna Paternoster	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	It's wrong to close this school because of all the facts noted in the petition.
Jonathan Perzan	Chestermere, Canada	2016-03-22	I went to school here and it would be a shame to close it down and send students to a less equipped school
Mehran Masoom	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	Hammarskjold was always one of the better high schools so much history it has more tools to accommodate new students in the future where Superior cannot
Nick Couzelis	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	Hamm is the number 1 school in Thunder Bay. Has the best set up for a high school.
Debbie Burry	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	This is the fiscally correct thing to do
Dawn Waino	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	I was educated at Hammarskjold And continued to have all 4 of my kids go there My kids now all adults have great careers And great teachers help them achieve this The staff is amazing and the site needs to stay
Gabriella Willan	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	Hammarskjold is the best choice for the development of secondary students and for the community of Thunder Bay.
Brandon Law	Waterloo, Canada	2016-03-22	Hammarskjold helped me grow into the person I am today. I've discovered my potential academically and personally. There is so much history that comes with it, it would be a sad moment not only for myself, but all the people that help build Hammarskjold into the top high schools in Thunder Bay.

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Alexandra Floyd	Toronto, Canada	2016-03-22	I attended hammarskjold highschool from 2006-2010 graduating to go on to university at Lakehead for an addition 4 years. My experience at hammarskjold set the building blocks for my adolescence as well as shaped who I became into my adulthood. The special needs program at hammarskjold not only gave support and opportunity to many special needs in the city but also provided adolescent students with the chance to educate themselves on special needs disabilities and what it means for students to work with special needs. In addition, this program allowed special needs students to be integrated in our highschool society. The location of hammarskjold brought a wonderful addition to opportunities with youth programs and businesses in the red river core. The large football field, tennis court and parking lot provided students and teachers the ability to expand their classes and bring outside opportunities in. My experience at hammarskjold provided me with respect and understanding for how important a strong highschool is for adolescence.
Debbie Kam	THUNDER BAY, Canada	2016-03-22	It is and was a great school and facility
Arianne St Jacques	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	Hammarksjold has always had everything needed to be an exceptional school.
Sandy Cava	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	I am signing, because its the right thing to do
Leanne Jessiman	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	Hammarksjold is a great school and with some updates I feel that it is the best option to keep as our LPS high school.
Emma Peters	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	I have gone to Hammarksjold and I have talked to students and even students for superior and a change in school after going here for two years will be stressful in addition to the stress we already have as students and I personally enjoy this school very much it's big enough for expansion unlike superior and our football field is an average size! We have a good education system and the teachers are amazing and by combining school some of my friends will transfer to the catholic school board and we won't be able to have classes together anymore!!
Kaitlin Potter	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	I love Hamm!
Rhonda McComb	Campbellford, Ontario, Canada	2016-03-22	My 2 siblings & I (Randy & Cindy) are very proud Grade 12 & Grade 13 Hammarksjold Graduates! I'm shocked, saddened & extremely upset to learn of it's possible closure. :(What a shame!! Hamm has a long & distinguished academic, music & sporting history. The school's size, location & property offers both great potential & huge opportunity for growth. Hoping cooler heads will prevail & it remains open.
Linda Huston - Carter	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	I graduated from this school... My grandchildren are also students there now.
Paavo Ryyananen	Winnipeg, Canada	2016-03-22	I was a student at Hamm and I also think with all of the schools that have been closed this school is the best option to renovate and make superior the elementary school.
Liam Maloney	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	It would be sad to see such a good school go to waste. I learned so much from the school and it helped me find what i want to do for a living
Ryley King	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	This school is cool!
Alan Cronk	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	My daughter goes to Hammarksjold, and it is the only High School in the neighbourhood. P.A.C.I. Alumni '98
glenn rothenburger	thunder bay, ontario, Canada	2016-03-22	I believe that Hammarksjold High is the right choice! Besides the advantages listed it has a long history of sports excellence and the school honors the memory of Dag Hammarksjold!
Emily Picard	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	Great school!!! I attended also
Richard Despres	Victoria, Canada	2016-03-22	This was my school when I lived in Thunder Bay and it is the best option for provide for the future students in my home town.

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calvin nguyen	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	i just started attending the school and it is a great school.
Krissy Pehkonen	New Westminster, Canada	2016-03-22	I'm signing because I graduated from Hammarskjold in 1992 and it was an is a great school. I came back for the 50th anniversary and hope be back for more!
Angela Donio	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	It is the viable solution as it has the property
Colin Lee-Mitchell	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	It can better suite both ham and superior when they merge
Jay Albrecht	Kentville, Canada	2016-03-22	I am a former student and current educator who understands the multifaceted nature of the school.
Tanner Teeffelen	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	Just because Hammarskjold is older than Superior does not mean it is worse. In fact, the increased space on the lot has more opportunity for expansions and opportunities. The lot for Superior is just too small to support the influx of students that end up attending of Hamm closed.
Takara Martin	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	I went to hamm
Aaryn Chong	Burlington, Canada	2016-03-22	I'm signing for all those students who would be adversely affected if forced to change schools.
John Thomas	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-23	Superior is way too small for all the kids in the northward
Justin Miller	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-23	I'm signing because this school is accessible for students with disabilities
Nadia Osmulski	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-23	Kate made me
Sam Krawczuk	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-23	Hammarskjold is the best school Tbay has
Holly Gauvin	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-23	My son graduated validictorian and had a great experience at ham. Please keep this school and it's staff in place.
Kyle Jessiman	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-23	Go vikings
Laurie Hove	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-23	Lauriehove
sydney karam-johnson	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-23	I want to have my senior year in the same place where I grew and made great friends.
Keenan Postans	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-23	Alumni
Mary Cory	Gorham, Canada	2016-03-23	My granddaughter attends and would like to graduate. It is the better choice
Barbara Marcell	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-23	I support the Hamm option.
Melodie Mayer	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-23	I feel this schhol has the largest space and facilities for high school students. Superior is better suited for elementary.
Susan Biloski	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-23	I THINK HAMMARSKJOLD WOULD BE BETTER BECAUSE THE STUDENTS CAN BE MOVED FROM SUPERIOR WITH A MUCH LESS EXPENSE. THERE IS MORE PACKING ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU CONSIDER THAT AT LEASE 50% OF THE STUDENTS PROBABLY DRIVE AND PARKING IS VERY LIMITED AT SUPERIOR. THE SPECIAL NEEDS COURSE IS VERY IMPORTANT AND MAY BE IN JEAPORDY IF HAMMARSKJOLD IS CLOSED. IF THERE ARE THREE GRADE SCHOOL BEING CLOSED THEY COULD PROBABLY ALL FIT IN SUPERIOR. THE ONLY EXTRA COST WOULD BE TO PROVIDING A DAY CAR FACILITY AND THIS WOULD BE A LOT LESS EXPENSIVE THAN BUILDING A NEW SCHOOL OR EVEN A LARGER EXTENSION TO SUPERIOR TO HOUSE ALL THE STUDENTS FROM HAMMARSKJOLD, AND YOU STILL HAVE THE PARKING ISSUE PLUS THE LACK OF A TRACK AND FOOTBALL FIELD AT SUPERIOR AND NO WHERE TO PUT ONE

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Carol Forester	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-23	To show my support for keeping the spirit of Hammarskjold alive and well for future generations. My kids went to that school, and ive been paying school taxes for over 50 years, so yess I say lets keep Hammarskjold, update it, give it a breath of fresh air III. Nothings worse than ruining a neighbourhood and taking a good school out of operation.
Allane Danchuk	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-23	I am an alumni as well as a parent of one student attending and another one scheduled to attend in 2017.
Tyler Olsen	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-23	I went to Hamm during my high school career and it was a good school and to see it go to waste would be unfortunate.
Douglas Niles	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-23	My wife went here and my daughter goes here. The school should not face closure because of budget issues there are other ways to address the budget. Hammarskjold is a historical school. Close Superior high school.
Abigail groombridge-ponka	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-23	Hammarskjold is a great school and it's the right decision to keep it open.
Tracy Groombridge	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-23	Keep Hamm open
Kellie Wrigley	Nipigon, Canada	2016-03-23	My child has just moved to Hammarskjold from going to school in Red Rock and has developed an immediate connection to this school. As a parent I am very impressed at his sense of belonging to the school. This speaks volumes to the commitment of the staff and their connection to the students. I would be very disappointed to see the school close.
Janice Jorgenson	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-23	I believe we have the extensive athletic facilities to support the student body and an established history in the community.
Zach Leonardi	Murillo, Canada	2016-03-23	My mother and friends went there and keep it open its a part of our cities history
Joy Himmelman	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-23	It is the best choice in terms of size and facilities.
Hailey Mose	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-23	Love Hamm
katrina Brkljacic	thunder bay, Canada	2016-03-24	Hammerskjold is a good school for students. it's in a great location and the teacher deserve to have a job. Putting too many students in one school is not a good idea because it creates bigger classes and hinders students to learn and get the one on one with the teacher that they need. also if students are being bulled they don't have many options to switch schools. What will happen with team sports? will they only always have one or two other schools to play against? What will happen with the building after? The one thing that is highly important in life is education. If we take this away what are we doing? We should be keeping and updating our schools.
Katie Darcis	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-24	I was a student a Hammarskjold High school for all 4 years of high school. I have countless amazing memories at this school, the community and teachers were amazing. It would be sad to see this school close. Moreover, I'm expected to be a french teacher by 2017 and always dreamed of teaching at Hammarskjold.
Timo Luoma	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-24	I feel hammarskjold is the better choice, because of the financial, location, and sentimental reasons.
Tracy Gregory	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-24	My friend who has special needs attends Hammarskjold and he is doing fantastic there. Moving him would undo all the progress he has made so far. Keep Hammarskjold open and help people whose lives are already hard enough.

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Jett Johnson	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-24	this school is special to me because not only is it the school I attend, it was the school I attended... I don't want to be the last graduating class of Hamm. Save Hamm so my kids and grandkids can go to the school there dad and grandparents went to...
Daniel Peacock	Rosslyn, Canada	2016-03-24	I am an alumni of this school and believe that because of the size, accessibility, and location it should be the obvious choice
Lisa Thoms	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-24	I'm signing this petition as I was a former alumni of Hammarskjold High School and my nephews currently attend this awesome school. Hamm has a great athletic program, English and French academic program and it's location is central in a highly growing population. It is situated on 17 acres enough for expansion if required. I am optimistic the trustees will make the right decision is choosing Hammarskjold as the preferred option for the renewal plan.
Tyler Peacock	Dryden, Canada	2016-03-25	I attended and it would be a shame to see another part of Thunder Bay's history close down. My father, brother and I all attended and we'd love to see it remain open!
Hannah Schnepf	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-25	I want to move to hammarskjold
Alyssa Harwood	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-25	a former alumni
Brenda Allard	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-25	I used to go to Hammarskjold.
Jeff Johnson	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-25	I went to Hammarskjold and feel that without attending that school, I would not have had the experiences i continue to treasure today. Keep this legacy alive. Go Vikings!!!
Chantal Boucher	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-25	This is a great location and the best option
Mike Gojsic	Surrey, Canada	2016-03-25	I am a former graduate and believe in reusing existing schools for new programs and not spending taxpayers' money foolishly
Joshua Hewitt	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-25	I really hope they do not close our beloved school! I remember the most important times in our development as individuals, happened here and if you didn't partake in them.. you missed out! I remember in 2010, my last year at Hammarskjold, i was approached and asked to start the Student School Multicultural Committee with two others.. We were quit successful and had the "Wall of Hate" torn down to some degree.. A place tagged with hateful and racist propaganda is now covered in beautiful art made by students at my time. I remember sitting with the others when we made the giant plaque that sits by the cafeteria, covered in the hand prints of diversity! So many great teachers , many made my time an enjoyable one despite my PSTD.. one teacher in particular was keenly effective and that is the late, MRS. Brochu-Taniwa.. Her consistent struggle with illness and the battle against inequality will never be forgotten.. Nor will our late friend Spencer Anderson who was killed by a drunk driver, our time with this good friend will always be moured in our hearts. Please people share the petition and help save one our last "real" schools with "real" history.. I mean you can feel it when you walk through those halls. Thank you for hearing my piece and please i urge you.. save my school, save our school!

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Birubi Biman	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-25	<p>We want to highlight a few of our reasons for our support for HHS remaining open.</p> <p>Hammarskjold HS is optimally situated in the city with adequate parking and outdoor space and facilities for academics, sports, student clubs, educational programming and student clubs . In addition to its facilities and excellent and engaged teaching staff and administration, it anchors the community because of its 50 + years of history in the city. It is a provincially and nationally recognized school for its academic and cultural track record and for its contribution to the community. It has capacity for growth and for the accomodation of additional educational programs.</p> <p>Finally, our hope is that future students are able to form the relationships that our family was able to experience at HHS and we hope that current students always have a home to which to return.</p>
Austin Ellis	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-25	I am a proud alumni Viking and it'd be a shame to see it go
Maria Saburov	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-26	Hammarskjold is my home
Michael Baskin	Montreal, Canada	2016-03-26	As an alumni, I feel this school provided me with everything I need to transition to post secondary education. Amazing teachers, friends and memories were made at this great school.
Blair Powers	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-26	Think this would be the best choice,to keep open on the north side,simply because of the large lot it would allow more than ample room to expand if needed in the future
Kayla Fiddler	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-26	Hammarskjold is a better choice for all students and it should stay open since we have more space than superior school. keep Hamm open.
Jason Rosengren	London, Canada	2016-03-26	I went here for all my high school years, many great memories. Would love to show my son where his daddy went to school.
Zander Kusik	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-27	I will be attending Hammarskjold for the next four years, and I would choose Hammarskjold over any other high school in Thunder Bay. My sister is currently at that school and she absolutely loves it.
Monique Cloutier	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-28	I've lived in Thunder Bay since 1980, I've had 3 children attend Hammarskjold high school and not once have I been dissatisfied or disappointed with the administration, teachers or students at the school. It is a well established high school with deep roots in the community. It would be deeply saddening to see such an important educational establishment close down, along with all the potential its students bring with them to the community and beyond. I currently have one grandson who attends Hammarskjold and I hope not only for his sake but also for the sake of Thunder Bay's future generations that they do not lose the chance to experience the best high school experience that they can at Hammarskjold.
Annette Bruley	Toronto, Canada	2016-03-29	I grew up in Thunder Bay, still have family and friends there, and believe that what this petition is presenting is the best long term solution
Leigh Mahood	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-30	Keeping Hamm open seems like the most viable option. It is situated in a great area for a high school, and has room to grow. There is a beautiful green space for an increasing student population, and various outdoor activities. I would hate the see the public board lose that catchment area. With some quality updates, and input from students/parents/community I can see the potential for Hamm. I truly believe Superior's location would be better suited for the Northside elementary school. It could be a very exciting time for our elementary students getting the opportunity to attend a newer school.

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Bill Hodgson	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-30	Hammarskjold site offers more opportunity for current and future outdoor activities for students.
Jeanetty Jumah	Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada	2016-03-30	Hammarskjold has 50+ years of rich traditions, and the location most suitable for a highschool in Thunder Bay North that will best meet the needs of Public highschool students and families. The variety of programs from the Trades to languages to Special Education to Advanced Placement to Aboriginal studies compliment the variety of extracurricular activities that are all inclusive at Hamm. A highschool needs the outside areas as well like the ones that enhance Hamm including the football field, the tennis courts, and great parking spots used by staff and students alike. Highschools have very different needs than Elementary schools, and much more than the age of a building should be taken into account when making a decision on which Highschool is best for Thunder Bay North. Some years ago, we closed Selkirk with many of these special ideal "highschool" features and moved to FWCI, only to see that school also close. Let us look at the whole picture and offer the best environment for a Public System highschool in Thunder Bay North. Superior was built at the site of a former Elementary school and has great promise to operate as an effective merged Elementary school for our System. I believe in offering the best Public Educational System particularly because it is open to all students. Our Board can do that by choosing Hammarskjold as our Northside highschool and building Superior into a successful Elementary hub. As a former student, teacher, alumni and great supporter of the Lakehead Board of Education, I ask Trustees to weigh these points and rebuild our Public System into the best educational offering for Thunder Bay North.
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Jennifer Smith	Gorham, Canada	2016-03-31	Because my sons have went there and the school board need to stop closing schools!
Shona Hanna	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-31	This school has what it takes to move forward including outdoor space and access to community transportation.
Martin Moore	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-31	Hammarskjold should not be closed!!
Amanda Barrow	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-31	support for family members

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Courtney Bates	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-31	This was my high school 3 years ago! Amazing school amazing staff amazing community feeling and a life time of memories!!
K Withenshaw	London, Canada	2016-03-31	My son went to Hamm. The teachers were so supportive in a rough spot. Thanks to them and I hope the school is still around for other kids
Farrah Taipale	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-31	The school is important to our community
Debbie hutton	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-31	This school is important to the neighbourhood , to the children ,and to future children who will leave that school with great education,and great memories ..save Hammarskjold
Samantha Dziver	Neebing, Canada	2016-03-31	Closing down this high school would be the biggest mistake that Thunder Bay has ever made. I went to hammarskjold from 2007-2011. I had the best high school experience because of the people in it. The teachers and the staff made it worth my wild. I was never judged or talked about. In this highschool everyone was equal. Everyone was the same. I played on the women's basketball team for the 4 years I was there. Hammarskjold is the best high school in Thunder Bay hands down. Shutting it down would be a mistake and a shame on by the Thunder Bay public school board..
Haven Turbide-white	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-31	This is my school
Jomo McCormack	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-31	i love this place and its thunder bay heritage
Rhonda Urban	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-31	I am a former Hammarskjold student. It has a lot of sentimental value to me. I would hate to see it close. Students should be able to attend in their area.
Christy mohring	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-31	I went there and it was a great school.
Katherine McHughen	Edmonton, Canada	2016-03-31	My friend's kid goes there and it's the only place she does well. She really will be in a bad position if she has to start going to a new school.
Tracy Watts	Whitchurch-Stouffville, Canada	2016-03-31	I attended this high school. I would hate to see it close.
Ashleigh Kaplanis	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-31	I'm signing because I want to keep my friend in a school that he loves and get the education he wants.
Sandra Pomanti	Thunder Bay,Ontario, Canada	2016-04-01	Aside from the various reasons listed, Hammarskjold should stay open as it would be the only central north side high school. It would allow for many students to walk there since its in a highly populated residential area. Students should have choice and they don't need two high schools close together in the event superior is chosen as the remaining public high school.
Catherine Antcliffe	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-01	I'm signing because I loved hammarskjold, am a proud Viking and hope this school stays in our community for many more years.
Dylan Bogensberger	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-01	I love my school and my friends, I don't want Hammarskjold to close down!
Shelley Hoier	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-01	This is a great high school
Shannon Foster	Neebing, Canada	2016-04-01	closing schools is never the answer. It disrupts/alters communities, and changes the fabric of society. Sharpen your pencils, spend less money on guest speakers and professional development in Toronto and less on fancy lunches as staff development
Shirin Taleb	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-01	I'm signing because I went to hammarskjold high school and I enjoyed my time there! My sister and 7 cousins also went to Hamm!!
Heikki Luoma	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-02	Keeping Hammarskjold open is the better option of the two presented by the Board.
Rick FOREMAN	Saint Paul, MN	2016-04-02	As a Graduate I can't believe this school would even be an option for closure ?!
susan walford	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-02	Hamm was always a great school..plus the location.

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Barbara Fontaine Parkinson	West Nipissing, Canada	2016-04-02	I am a former graduate from the school and my nephew is a student in grade 11. The school is well situated and should be kept open .
Barbara Fontaine Parkinson	West Nipissing, Canada	2016-04-02	I spent only one year at the school. It was my grade 13 and they welcome me and I always been proud of the school. My sister Pauline is also a graduate from Hammarskjold and now her son is attending the school. He plays on the football team and loves the school. Please keep this great school going.
Andrew Johnson	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-03	This used to be my highschool. I think its a great school... Would be a shame for it to close. Its accessible in so many ways.
Destiny Carrier	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-03	Hammarskjold has more square footage to expand and help students develop into a brighter future.
Marilyn Foster	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-03	Hammarskjold is a much better site for many reasons. I do not see the renovations to Superior as being an expense the board could justify to keep it as a high school.
Jason Cyrette	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-03	My daughter wants to go here
Jordan McGuire-Cyrette	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-04	I love Hammarskjold, it's been around for a very long time and I plan to attend in September :)
sherry britton	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-04	The Superior location does not have the physical area to support this transition in the same way that Hammarskjold does. Parking and traffic is already tight without the added burden of several hundred more students. Money would be better spent utilizing the area they already have and updating the Hammarskjold accommodations.
Chris Daniels	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-04	The proximity for students to go to local businesses will be diminished if the school is closed. It would create more of an economic impact to everyone in Thunder Bay.
Joan Foster	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-04	This is the option that makes the most sense for the best educational experience for everyone , practically and educationally in the present and future
Tracey Maki	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-04	The Hammarskjold school and site is the most viable option for our community , with acres of land available for expansion and established parking, football , track fields and tennis courts. Conveniently located within walking distance of major bus routes and dozens of local businesses, this highschool and its student body are an integral part of our northward community and crucial to the growth of this city. By keeping this site, we open doors for expansion, state of the art upgrades, and multi-sport training and events thereby not only keeping a school but creating an epic educational facility.
Cory Vickruck	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-04	I am an alumni
Lindsay Arthur	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-04	I'm signing because Hammarskjold can better accommodate 1200 kids for a variety of reasons. Also, if the Lakehead Board is building a new elementary school on the Southside, then there should be one on the Northside as well. Superior would be a perfect fit!
Margaret Duncan	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-05	Size,location are excellent.Parking and outside space for sports and exercise also great. Academic standards have always been higher than the newer school. Think superior would be more functional to prepare grades 7&8 for trades and technology students ,following as pre requisites to advanced techniques on high school. I don't think Superior received the necessary planning for location and goals but we do need to increase education in tech and trades instead of hiring outside of Canada and give our youth more flexible options.

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Patricia Prince	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-05	Hammaraskjold is a great school.
Jamie Cunningham	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-05	I am signing because of the facts. Superior CVI (which I attended in it's first year) is not capable of housing the number of students that would be displaced by the closure of Hammaraskjold. After even a cursory examination of the facts and figures, it's easy to see which option the board should have already made.
Cameron Robb-MacKay	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-06	We need a school in the area that can accommodate disabled students and has space for everyone.
Julie Shostal	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-06	I believe Hamm is the best and most economical choice to stay. More room to expand and for parking. Superior school was a joke to begin with.
Katelyn Chesterman	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-06	Katelyn Chesterman
Jensen Cockell	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-06	Hammaraskjold has much more space to grow. Also, myself, my sister, and my parents are/were students at Hammaraskjold. It would be a shame to see it go.
Robyn Patterson	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-07	Hammaraskjold is the best school ever
Nancy Kotanen	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-08	Considering the location, history and potential for expansion while still offering large grounds Hammaraskjold is an objective choice
Debbie Meredith	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-09	Hammaraskjold makes more sense due to size and expandability. This option would then allow our younger children to utilize Superior. I think that would be a win-win. My kids are happy at Hammaraskjold and are not missing out on any technological advancements there. They need the room.
Anna-Marie Berube	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-09	This was my option for school! I was excited to attend here. Sadly due to family circumstances I moved to Minnesota.. However living back here now only a Meer 4 blocks from the school, my children will have the option to attend here! I want the best for all 3 of them and I would love nothing more than expansions and funding to provide all the kids at the school to have the best they can, to do the best work they can!!!
Melissa Girardin	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-09	Hammaraskjold is the best option! Make Superior a larger elementary school and combine all nearby elementary schools there.
Samantha-Rose Niles	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-10	I'm signing because, I am a Hammaraskjold high school student. I personally believe that Hammaraskjold has a better technology department, which creates a better learning space for students going into the trades. Also, the school is better for space. Superior would have to expand the school either into the parking lot, which they have so little of, or into the field, which also they have so little of. Hammaraskjold already has the space for both Hammaraskjold students and Superior students. It would cost a lot less money if Hammaraskjold is chosen.
Kennedy Jamsababcock	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-10	I signed the petition to save the best high school in Thunder Bay! Not only is it the best but I was my high school for all of 4years! Hammaeskjold has a long history of many generations , many sports teams and amazing staff! This school is filled wit great spirit great pride, and a great supportive attitude that is shared between all students! You never feel as if you are left out! With the space that Hammaeskjold has and the renovations that could follow I believe it could be a great opportunity for not only the fellow students that will attend but for the community ! #vikingpride!
Brandi Burns	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-10	I have a son in grade 7 and I believe this is the better school for him
Hassan Naser	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-11	I am signing in because Hammaraskjold has sufficient capacity to accommodate all students from both high schools, and hence it is the most cost effective.

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Todd Kondrat	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-11	Hammar skjold has a long scholastic and athletic history and is a more practical choice for twinning schools. Do not let a poor planning decision in the past (i.e. building Superior too small) dictate the tough decisions for the future.
Kathleen Jones	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-11	Upgrade Hammar skjold which has the room for all and use Superior as aggregated K-8 school (with appropriate downgrades. I feel this is the best option to keep kids in the public system. I do believe you will lose kids to the Catholic board if you move the high school to Superior. The average distance within the catchments speaks to this solution and as in real estate, location matters. For me, I will have only one child effected for only 1 year so it is not that relevant. But, for the long term viability of the public board, I think it is very crucial.
Judy Mrakic	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-11	Im signing because hammar skjold has already in place a program for special needs, I like the location for kids after school & job opportunities, the excellent french immersion program.
Sarah MacKinnon	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-13	I'm signing this because I believe that keeping Hamm as a highschool and making Superior an elementary school is the best option for the students. My daughter is a student at CD Howe and I would like to see the 3 schools attend Superior.
Mark Train	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-13	The best location for all the High School Students is Hammar skjold due to location, space and ability to grow.
gwen everts	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-15	I bought my house because schools were in the area
Meagan Gallagher	Ottawa, Canada	2016-04-17	As a Hammar skjold graduate I have great memories of the school.
Patty Dakin	Sudbury, Canada	2016-04-18	This school offers both academic and athletic excellence.
Anja Erwin	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-18	I think it should remain as the High school. It just makes sense. There is more room there and a lot of space for parking. They have tennis courts, a football field, a lot of room for expansion if required. Superior has next to no parking and is too small. It would make a better Elementary school. Younger kids don't need parking spots and can also benefit from the newer facility. Give the younger kids the newer school.
Eric Bowen	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-20	I'm signing this petition because I wish for the school I attend to remain open.
Kurtis Halvorson	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-21	I see Hammar skjold as the most logical choice. As a student there is no where else that I would rather go to school.
Rhonda Heyder	Edmonton, Canada	2016-04-26	I signed because I am a Hammar skjold High School Alumnil I enjoyed my 4 years attending this school! Please keep it open for the enjoyment of the existing students as well, as future students!
Wendy Hockley	Peterborough, Canada	2016-04-27	Please continue the legacy, a tradition of excellence. Facta non verba.
Kimberly Dixon	Thunder bay, Canada	2016-05-10	I am signing because i went to hammar skjold highschool and support them staying open ! They have great class's for special needs and accomidate to any student very well as i know from personal experience.
Linda Austin	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-05-25	I am signing because I have a great nephew who is autistic who needs stability and when the board has to add on to the school to make it bigger they have the space to do it.
Kirsten Dougall	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-05-25	My children
Sharon Diem	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-05-25	I went to Hammar skjold High School
Alesha Bishop	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-05-26	It is taking away many jobs for teachings and creating larger classes at other schools which make it harder to learn in!

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Stephanie Siemieniuk	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-05-26	I support the history of Lakehead Public Schools and I support our community. Hammarskjold is a part of our history and the community is standing strong. I stand with them.
Brett Fecteau	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-05-26	i go to this school and i'd rather stay in this school
Brett Fecteau	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-05-26	i like this school
tammy oikonen	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-05-26	It should stay open
Shayan Syed	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-06-04	Hamm produces elite level athletes, if it closes then many of those athletes will be moving over to the catholic school board, myself included.
Joe Woodgate	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-06-05	It's the right decision.

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Paul Fayrick	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I believe the Board should be making decisions which provide long term solutions to problems. Hammarskjold is the only option which makes sense.
Wendy Luoma	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	i feel Hammarskjold is the best choice for the single Highschool on the North side of the city
Ruth Bushby	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	The Hammarskjold building and property is the only option that can accommodate all the current North side high school students and allows growth potential for more. It is located in an area where the city is seeing expansion from Sherwood Heights and the new Dawson development. Just look at Woodcrest busting at the seams!
Amanda Bushby	Winnipeg, Canada	2016-03-21	I went to Hammarskjold and it needs to be saved
maureen osesky	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I have 5 kids who have graduated from Hammarskjold with 2 more looking forward to the Hammarskjold experience and feel the accessible high school with best staff and spirit should remain open!
Jennifer Kielczewski-Godden	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	As a parent of both high school and elementary students I see a greatness with Superior becoming a super elementary school. I see the space and possibilities with Hammarskjold staying a Secondary School. The acres, the parking, updates rather than additions seem more feasible than squishing everything at Superior. Why it was built in such a confined location in the first place is puzzling.
Adam Danchuk	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I'm a student at Hammarskjold and my family has all gone there
Amber Pileggi	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Hamm has so much more room than superior and is such a great school:) I would be so so happy if I was able to graduate there.
Keeley Sweitzer	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Im signing this because Hammarskjold is the more reasonable choice. It has a much better French immersion program as well as many other obvious reasons. It is my school and it's a great school and should be prided upon how many years of great spirit it has brought to our city.
Brenna Bohonos	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Hammarskjold has the best French Immersion program in Thunder Bay, and I want to develop the French language as best as I can to achieve my French diploma
Rob Kames	Kakabeka Falls, Canada	2016-03-21	o o o
meaghan forneri	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	My mom and Sister went to ham
Ryan Bortolon	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	The outdoor facilities alone make Hammarskjold the only choice for the north end high school. Trying to get youth these days outside participating in sports is hard enough, don't take it away from the high school
Christian Prenger	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I'm signing this because Hammarskjold is the better option due to the fact that it has the capacity to hold hundreds of more kids, and has everything needed for a high school to run properly.
Nicholas Coppola	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I want my amazing school to stay open
Evan Nieckarz	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Hamm is cool
Tye Scheffee	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I am a student in grade 10 of hammarskjold high school who feels hammarskjold would be the best option for the north side high school
Ashley Luoma	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Hammarskjold is such a welcoming, accepting school with so much amazing opportunities and great things to offer the students. I hope it gets to share those with future students for years to come!

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Shiaanne Atkinson - St. Cyr	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I'm a student in Hammarskjold and I love the school
Katie Kawahara	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Hammarskjold high school gives so many academic, artistic and athletic opportunities. This school is a welcoming friendly environment and it would be great if superior were to join us. Hammarskjold high school has an amazing history, why not continue the tradition of excellence.
Kayla Fiddler	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I like our school
Brooke Track	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Hammarskjold is by far one of the best schools I have ever attended. from the learning opportunities, to the great school spirit and love, Hammarskjold is the place to be. In our school, we have probably the best music program there is. I know students that come all the way from the other side of town just to be a part of it. More importantly, at Hamm, we love everyone for who they are and what they choose to be. It's a school where you can be yourself, and be the best you can be:) Help save our school Vikings!! We're all in this together!
Nicole Boire	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I am student at Hammarskjold and I feel that the school should stay open
Kerri Harris	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I live on lochlomond road and drive my daughter to hammarskjold every day! Any other (closer) school wasn't an option--after going to Gron morgan for her elementary years, hammarskjold was the natural choice. She is doing exceptionally well academically as well as socially and I'm hoping her brother can follow in her footsteps and attend this awesome school that has so much to offer! I think it would be absurd to move all of these students and cram them into a school not nearly equipped to handle the multitudes! Keep Hammarskjold open, give it a little bit of love and watch it continue to flourish!!!
Max Key	Gorham, Canada	2016-03-21	I'm signing because I believe strongly that hammarskjold has everything needed and more to be a very successful high school as it has been doing for over 50 years
Sharon GIERTUGA	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	The central location of the building, 17 acre land availability, the special needs programmes in place, and the availability of outdoor sports fields are four very important considerations for choosing Hammarskjold as the school of choice.
Caleb Perzan	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I go to Hammarskjold and wish to continue the legacy :)
ben Albert	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I went to Hamm and it was some of the best years of my life. The teachers are great, the school has history and pride.
rachel hamlin	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I went to Hamm and it's a great school. It would be a shame to close it :(
Fergus Foster	Murillo, Canada	2016-03-21	It's the option that makes the most sense by far, best for he students.
Gracie Dekker	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Hammarskjold has an awesome sports, music, drama and not to mention academic program! We have much to offer like the special education program which is also the only one in Thunder Bay. The school has a friendly environment and a large history with tons of supporters! Once a Viking always a Viking right?
Susan Kelly	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	My granddaughter attends
Jennifer Villeneuve	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Because hamm is the best place to be! keep us open!
Kayla Meekis	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I'm signing this petition because it's a very good school. I had a very good 4 years attending here.
Chris Tenhunen	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I went to Hammarskjold and it's a great school
Alyssa Poulin	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Hammarskjold alumni, of course I don't want to see it close!

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Kevin Christiansen	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Both my boys go to Hammaraskjold, My oldest son he is in the Special Needs program, As he Sever Autism. If Hammaraskjold closes we will have no choice but to take him out of School, Due to he has a hard time adopting to big changes in his life.
Christine Johnson	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	We need this school ! Especially for the rural students.
Mike Kopot	Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada	2016-03-21	Location, location, location! The public school board needs to use some common sense on this decision. Hammaraskjold should NOT be mothballed in favour of Superior. New bricks and mortar are not always better. Both my Son and I are alumni of Hamm; as are many other families. The tradition of attending this great school is multi-generational and will continue to be so as Thunder Bay grows in Hammaraskjold's catchment areal Please don't screw this up Public Board; I'm sure the Separate Board would love to purchase Hamm for a bargain basement price like they did with Lakeview and Selkirkl
Anne Rose	thundestr bay, Canada	2016-03-21	School are our future for the next generation my great nieces and nephew .
Lori Schmidt	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	This school was where I went and my sibilings. Now my children attend. Switching schools means a longer commute.
Jared Mckay	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Hammaraskjold graduate 2012
Terry Hill, PhD	Nolalu, Canada	2016-03-21	It makes absolute sense.
Leah Wellwood	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I support and believe the reasons outlined by the creators of this petition
Josh Noga	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I went to high school here.
Liisa Feenstra	Rosslyn, Canada	2016-03-21	Was my high-school
cheri lynn Francis	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	i am signing this petition because my five children went to this school as did my brother's it would be a shame to close it down way too many memorys there!!!!!!
Kim Wright	Nipigon, Canada	2016-03-21	I'm signing this petition because friends of our family have kids that attend this school.
Cathy Einola	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	My daughter is in Grade 6 and she was going to being attending HS at Hamm in her future as I did I This was very important to me
Sandy Huston	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I am a Hammaraskjold alumnus and my daughter is a student presently
Nick Huneau	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Im signing because i think its a great opportunity to have a much bigger and better high school letting in kids from superlor come to hammaraskjold
Sylvia Coelho	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I attended Hammaraskjold.
Kirsten Kotanen	Thunder bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I want to keep my school open
Christy Radbourne	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Hammaraskjold is the best option to offer a competitive and comprehensive high school experience to students on the North Side. Superior's property is too small to afford an appropriate Secondary experience.
Dwayne Radbourne	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I believe this is a much better plan
Michelea Jakobsen	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I'm signing because I appreciate this school I'm a current student here and it is a great school. It is a friendly environment and all of the teachers are very nice. I very much appreciate this schooll
Donna Hayden	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I went to this school and I loved it. Please don't close it
Jennifer Blanchette	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I went there, my husband, both my sisters and would like my two children to attend there when they reach high school

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Brittany Parker	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I'm signing this petition because of all the reasons stated and also because I believe in Hammarskjold as a large base hub high school for many things including sports, arts, trades and tech. They also have great classrooms for regular programs such as math, science and English but I appreciated the foreign and french language programs as well as the French Emerson language programs offered. They offer a great drama area and stage and have a large cafeteria. The school is great for any student including special needs as it has accessibility throughout. This is vital in a special needs child's case of daily life fitting in. Please reconsider closing a school with so much to offer. Thank you for reading.
Allan Prenger	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	it IS the right choice...
Patrick MALCOLM	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	It's The Logical choice, not only does it have everything that they are looking for in the school of future, it's got the footprint. That is essentially the biggest issue. I am also a graduate and can attest to the amazing level of Education that the high school can deliver.
Cathy Hynna	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I'm signing because I believe Hammarskjold staying open is the best option for the North side of our city.
Ashley Huston	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Hammarskjold is an impeccable school. It may not be as up to date as Superior, but is full of life and history, and can easily accommodate the necessary amount of students. As stated, it offers so many benefits to its students.
Scott Giertuga	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	We can't continue on the short-sighted policy path where financial considerations are the only considerations. Value ought to be measured by more than just "dollars and cents". Closing Hammarskjold will eviscerate our community. Need we be reminded about the fiasco the Public School Board oversaw a few years ago? Prospect School and vast adjacent property was sold "for a song", to the French Catholic Board. A few short years later, the same Public School Board was scrambling for property for Hillcrest a high school's replacement. The Prospect property would have been ideal. Instead the board closed Balsam Street School, tore it down and "shoehorned" Superior High School on that property. Short sighted and ultimately MORE costly. Let's not make a similar stupid mistake this time.
Jordan Lem	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I want to keep Hammarskjold High School open
Jody Kondrat	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Hammarskjold site has sufficient building capacity to accommodate growth. 2.Undeveloped outdoor spaces on the 17 acre site provides the potential for on-site environmental education 3.3.The school structure and programs have the capacity to support the existing 22 special needs students at Hammarskjold as well as the 13 students enrolled in the Pre-Workplace Program at Superior 4.4.The large site also provides a safe contained campus which has capacity for additional parking, bus loading and student drop-off areas and is situated beside one of the main public transportation arteries for the north side of Thunder Bay 5.5.On-site and adjacent sports fields include a cinder running track and regulation size football / soccer field, tennis courts, baseball diamond and outdoor hockey rinks 6.6.Proximity to the Red River Road business area provides students with a variety of volunteer and after school employment opportunities within walking distance of the school. These same businesses also provide partnerships for various Cooperative Education (co-op) and Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Programs (OYAP) opportunities for students.

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Quinn Siver	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I'm signing this because Hammarskjold was my choice of schools. I live in westfort, close to westgate. I always heard how great Hamm was, and I always heard they had great sports teams. My mom allowed me to go to Hamm and I'm so glad she did. It's such a welcoming place, and many of my peers at westgate have said numerous times how they would enjoy being at Hammarskjold much more. Please keep Hammarskjold open
Eric Watson	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Hammarskjold High School presented me with a fantastic environment to grow and develop as a High School student. Possessing the most dedicated and proud teachers, Hammarskjold students are encouraged to be themselves while striving to be the best they can possibly be. Whether it be in the classroom, on the game field, or outside the schools itself, Hammarskjold High School offers students and faculty alike the chance to work together, learn together, and most importantly grow together.
Cole Larson	Gorham, Canada	2016-03-21	Hammarskjold was my high school and it deserves to continue teaching the next generation
Barb Friday	Gorham, Canada	2016-03-21	Hammarskjold High School has a proven record of providing quality education. It is in a central location, easily accessible by public transportation and has significant outdoor sports resources on site. Most importantly, the school sits on a large piece of property which could easily accommodate expansion to the existing building.
Kaleb Huneau	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I like the school
Gary Pederson	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Its the only intelligent solution to the problem.
flo berry	Bridgewater, Canada	2016-03-21	flo berry
Carley Berardi	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I love hammarskjold!!!!
Ashlee Kostick	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I love this school
Rhonda Molly	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	It's the right thing to do!
Kevin Dunning	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	It only makes sense!
Connor MacIntosh	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	A past student and present coach.
Ashley vic	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I went to Hammarskjold and it definitely should not close!! :)
Barb Figus	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	This is the best option!!
Nadia Fuchs	thunder bay, Canada	2016-03-21	It just makes sense! Hamm is an excellent educational facility. Don't take it away from our community!
Cameron Oliver	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Hammarskjold alumni
Pia Erkkila	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Hammarskjold is a better choice for many reasons. Keep it open!!
Dulcie Prystanski	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Without a doubt, Hammarskjold is the best choice. Both my children attend Hammarskjold and they love this highschool!!!! Teachers, staff and friends make the students proud and they love going to school, please don't take this away from our students.
Emily Ross	Toronto, Canada	2016-03-21	I'm a former Hammarskjold student and can attest to what a wonderful environment and academic institution this school is. I can't even begin to describe how detrimental losing this school would be to not only the surrounding communities and current students/employees, but also to the city as a whole. While I was in my senior years, the LDSB put far too much money into building a brand new highschool (Superior) when they should have taken those tax dollars and put it into the existing schools in the first place. Please don't make that mistake again. Hammarskjold is an integral part of the Northern Thunder Bay community and should continue as such.

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cheryl rogers	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	my kids went to this school and it wonder bigg school keep it goin we need in this p.a area
Erin MacLean	Thunder Bay, ON, MN	2016-03-21	I'm signing this petition because I cannot believe this and other schools are on the chopping block to be closed down..down right ludicrous..
Kaylee Hofer	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I don't want Hammarskjold to close! We love Hammarskjold!!
Emma Karhunen	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I really don't want to leave Hammarskjöld! Love Hammarskjöld!!
Craig Miller	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Because it's ridiculous to close it. What corrupt city council member thought this was a good idea?
Brent McPhail	Kaministiquia, Canada	2016-03-21	I believe Hammarskjold is the most viable option with lots of property for development. It has the space to house extra students whereas Superior is too small to accommodate the student volume that would come from amalgamating the two schools into one.
Gavin Perkins	Rossllyn, Canada	2016-03-21	Hamm is the best school in that please don't shut is down
Damian Gilberds	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Had alot of memories at hamm, and I want to help coach football next year so I can make some more great memories
Stacy Greenwood	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I believe a decision to close Hammarskjold would not be financially or functionally sound. I strongly believe that it would result in many more people in the north end, particularly the Woodcrest area, moving their kids out of the Public and into the Separate School Board.
Brenda Gillespie	Shuniah, Canada	2016-03-21	I am signing because the board needs to know that "bigger " is NOT necessarily better !!! WE let PACI go...we let Hillcrest go but not again !!!
Sandra Robertson	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I am signing because this is a great school. Two of my children have already attended and it is the school I want my other three to attend when the time comes.
Kathy Scott	Burlington, Canada	2016-03-21	My husband and both children went to Hammarskjold and agree with all points in this petition. You need room to grow and Hamm has it.
Natalie Koss	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	As a graduate from Hammarskjold I believe that it has the best space for a highschool setting. Superior doesn't have enough parking sports for students or staff to start with, never mind adding another 500 kids to it. I also believe that Hammarskjold has many sports opportunities unlike superior. Hammarskjold has its own football field, track, tennis courts, and skating rink all on its property. So ask me again why you would even consider closing such an amazing school?
Alicia Francis	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	GO HAMMARSKJOLD WOOO
Chelsea Nickleson	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I have seen how this school creates opportunities for teenagers with special needs. It's location is close to many local business that can be accessed by these kids allowing them to learn life skills and be apart of the community. No other location of school offers this on this side of the city.
Kevin Rollin	Grande Prairie, Canada	2016-03-21	I wanted to go to Hamm when I was in highscool
julie bargiglione	zurich, Canada	2016-03-21	Stop killing public education.
Tyler Schmidt	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I love hammarskjold
Stacey Hames	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	My son is registered to begin grade 9 there in the fall of this year :-)
Melody Lundstrom	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I am a parent of a child in the special needs program and I am concerned about how the change will affect these students! I feel the location is preferred due to proximity of many businesses, the school property provides greater opportunities for all student needs.
Adriana Leach	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Because I go to hammarskjold and this school is amazing in so many ways

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Joe McDonough	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Geographically, maintaining Hammarskjold High School makes sense. Not only is the school located around a larger demographic consisting of families with children, additionally the school's proximity to the expressway makes it a viable option for families needing to travel from outside of the Port Arthur area in order to get to school. Location and space are key and Hammarskjold Highschool has them both.
Armin Cansino	BELIZE, Belize	2016-03-21	I'm signing because I am a former alumni.
Tereza Biloski	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Our son Ethan attends the special needs classroom at Hammarskjold high school. As stated in #3 of the petition this would be devastating for our son and his classmates.
Sheldon Benincasa	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	We love Hamm
Abby Brown	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I want to
Cherl wakefield	thunder bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I will to have a special needs child in this program and feel that these children struggle immensely with change. And also another very important part is because hammarskold is within walking distance to so many places our special needs children get out more in the community and have way more social opportunitys than children in school where they have to take a bus or a cab to access these social opportunitys which in turn don't happen as often because of the cost that is involved for transportation.
Jeff Thingstad	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Best option new school and property too small. More for development at Hammarskjold. Students can stay on school property for all activities and not cross busy streets.
Marisa Devins	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Because why not Hammarskjold is the best I wouldn't pick any other school to go to
Amanda Pasto	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I went to Hammarskjold highschool it offered a lot of choices for classes and extra curricular activities. The teachers that I had were amazing. It would be a shame if it was closed down. The property the school is on offers a lot of opportunity for expansion.
Sarah Prenger	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Because hamm is great
Tamara Johnson	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	My son attends this school. He speaks highly of ALL staff .. From those in teaching positions, to those in custodial . He wears red and gold proudly! Go Vikings!
Nick Dohan	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I used to attend this school and it's the bees knees and or cats meow
Megan Danelisky	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I was a student at Hammarskjold, and I loved this school. A lot of great teachers and good memories. It would be a shame to see this school close down. This school creates a lot of great learning opportunities for teens.
Carmelo Nerino	Brampton, Canada	2016-03-21	I am a former student and the facilities and location are ideal for area students.
Amber Ziebarth	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I think Hamm is the most logical option.
tessa prouty	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Hammarskjold gave me opprotunities. The principals helped me to graduate at the end of this year. My favourite teacher is an employee here. I met the love of my life here. Highschool isn't always a great experience, but Hammarskjold made mine bareable and I wouldnt want that opprotunity to be taken away from future students.
Alexandra Sawiak	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I am Alumni and this school is a big part of myself and my family as well as the neighborhood. Closing this school would be beyond a shame.

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Cindy mazan	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	It's really important for an identified student to remain in the same school. For a person with autism, for example, it would negatively impact the remainder of his or her school career!!
Jackie Karhunen	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	This makes the most sense of all the proposed changes, keep this school open
Mark Moorhouse	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I'm signing this because Hamm is the only logical choice for the north side of Thunder Bay. It's close proximity to the Woodcrest residential area and centralized location make it an ideal site.
Danielle Clarke	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	LET HAMMARSKJOLD LIVE LONG
Adam beverly	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I went to this school moving from the GTA 2011. Which was grade 11 for me and i got to become close all the teachers, students throughout those 2 years. I got the Coaches award for Sr. boys volleyball in 2012. I helped build the bike patio beside the shop room and pour the concrete for the patio built outfront. It would be terrible to see Hammarskjold go to waste
Anneliese Adam	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I'm signing this petition because I am a grade 9 student at hammarskjold and I want to graduate from Hamm like my brother, and my parents
Coralie Côté	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I'm signing because i believe it would be much more functional to just move superior to hamm because it would save the trouble if having to build and spend more money on superior, when Hammarskjold already has enough space.
Darian Jenelle	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I have been a student at Hammarskjold for two months now and I really enjoy being here. It's a friendly environment and is suitable for everyone who is in or will be attending high school. It's a really great school that hopefully future students will enjoy too.
Ethan Pyhtila	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Hamm makes good poutine
Linda Plante	East Falmouth, MA	2016-03-21	I'm signing because I attended Hammarskjold High when it was fairly new. It would be a shame to see this high school closed. Please re-think this decision!
Cynthia Tuomisto	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I'm signing because I went to Hammarskjold and I think it's the best option
Jennifer Doig	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	This is the best option for our city!!
Loretta Mangoff	Nipigon, Canada	2016-03-21	My son attended Hammarskjold for his first semester of grade 9, despite our family living in Nipigon. Due to being a way from his family as he was living with another family, he decided to come home. We have decided to purchase a home in Thunder Bay so that he and his younger brother may both attend Hammarskjold in the fall. He also has friends from Nipigon who have chosen to attend high school at Hammarskjold.
Laura Cameron	Australia	2016-03-21	I am a hamm alum.
Brent Berube	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Best highschool in town.
Sara Alexander	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	This is my school! This is a great school. It would be an absolute shame to see the students and the teachers of this school have to go somewhere else and break up the unity and spirit that is Hammarskjold.
Kai Meekis	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	i go to this school and so did my dad
Katharine Ford	Ottawa, Canada	2016-03-21	Hammarskjold is a great school with a lot of history in the Thunder Bay community. I graduated from Hamm in 2013 and would hate to see it close down. Why close the school that already has the room to house more students?
Lisa Neilson	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	My son graduated from Hammarskjold in 2014. It is a great school with much to offer. It would be a shame for it to close.
Per Lundstrom	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Alumni

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Byron Miecznikowski	Belle Ewart, Canada	2016-03-21	Class of 1988
rhondalee mclean	thunder bay, Canada	2016-03-21	It's more sense to close Superior, hamm is a more economical wiser choice. There's more population at hamm. It's considered a historic school. A great school academically, athletically, and better equipped for special needs students. Please keep this wonderful hs open.
Drew Borchardt	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	My sister is a graduate of hamarskjold and I would hate to see the school she attended be just another thing of the past. As well as the school being one of the few high schools left that has a full French immersion program.
Carter Weiss	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	It should stay open
Brandon Varga	Thunder bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I went to hammerskjold and it's the best high school in Thunder Bay and hope my kids go to it Ina few years
Glen Stevens	Saint Paul, MN	2016-03-21	I will always be a Viking.
Stan Alto	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	We need this school!
Kaitlyn Watts	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I'm signing this petition so that my little brother will be able to attend the same school that all his older brothers graduated from
mark sokolowski	thunder bay, Canada	2016-03-21	It's the right thing to do
Marielle Lyon	Toronto Ontario, Canada	2016-03-21	Hammerskjold has so much potential and out of all high schools in Thunder Bay it is well deserving.
Dezi LeGallais	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I am signing this because the site is perfect for all things listed in the petition. I am also an alumni
Tiffany squitti	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I believe it's the best choicw
Sarah Hannah	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I went to Hammarskjold many years ago and would hate to see such an amazing school and environment gone!
Jen Smith	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	As a parent of a student at Hammarskjold and as a tax payer, I know this is the best option for the board both financially and logistically. It will create both an excellent elementary school and an excellent high school.
Jarrett Jacobson	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Hamm is the better option by far
Jordyn dingwell	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Because I care about the future of our communities youth
Shelley Caddo	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-21	I'm signing because my sons want to go here and be part of the Vikings Class of 2021 and 2024!
George Lister	Winnipeg, Canada	2016-03-21	I am Hammarskjold alumni and believe this school serves the needs of the community in a way other options do not.
Vicky Butt	shuniah, Canada	2016-03-21	This school provided both of my kids a great education
elizabeth dixon	calgary ab, Canada	2016-03-21	I feel the need to keep Hammarskjold open because there is alot of opportunity for additions, expansion etc. How many schools does the Lakehead Board have to keep closing and then to turn around and build a new one at a higher cost? Think board members. Grat location and lots of property to expand.
Pete Dingwell	Thunder bay, Canada	2016-03-21	Pete Dingwell
Caroline Labelle	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	Many generations from my family have gone to this school including myself! I enjoyed every year here and i will fight for this school to stay open!
Sherrie and Gregg Renaud	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	Because My special needs buddy and his friends are comfortable in their new classes and school, they love going to this school and enjoy all the classmates within these walls and changing this may confuse all these special young students and disrupt their familiar routines in their new surroundings. Please keep this school open!
Isaac Lysmo	Kaministiquia, Canada	2016-03-22	I agree with the decision

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Cassandra Myllyniemi	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	I was a student in the past
Sue Black	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	I remember my first year at hammarskjold in grade 9, it was scary but the teachers have always been so welcoming. Each year that I was at that school less and less students wanted to go there for whatever reasons. hammarskjold teachers have helped me graduate in a way that best worked for me and I am so grateful. It would be so devastating to see this school closed, it would be worse to know some of the most amazing teachers might not have a job. There is so much potential in hammarskjold I wish more teenagers could see that!
Lauren Fillmore	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	I'm an alumni of Hammarskjold and LOVE my high school!!! Go Vikes!!!
Emily Black	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	Hammarskjold was my high school. It is a wonderful facility and it makes the most sense to keep it open as there is so much for expansion! It would be a waster to close it.
Yvonne Norton	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	This is the only logical, socioeconomical choice there is, the least disruption, and the best choice for growth moving forward.
Anonymous Student	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	It only makes sense to keep Hammarskjold open and convert Superior to an elementary. Firstly, effectively closing three elementary schools has to be cheaper than closing one. Secondly, the parking lot at superior is already a congested mess, how can you even fathom adding a whole schools worth of students to that. And lastly, the school is great condition with up to date technology and science labs. It would be a huge mistake to close this school.
Janet Kukko	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	It is the best choice for the Board, in my opinion, for financial, logistical, and programming reasons.
Erika Gillson	Ottawa, Canada	2016-03-22	As a graduate of Hammarskjold high school in 2008, I have nothing but the fondest of memories for this institution. From peers who I remain good friends with today, to the staff and teachers who I can personally thank for guiding me into the professional fields I have entered throughout my career, it is this institution that fostered the environment that has led to my success. The North side of Thunder Bay needs Hammarskhold.
Reegan Bushby	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	I am an alumni and believe this is the best option.
Sabrina Potvin	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	To my friends who love this school. I hope this helps.
Brian Trotter	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	Keeping Hammarskjold open is the most viable option for the school board.
Deslree Roy	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	We can't lose Hamm
Colby Luoma	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	Hammarskjold is the highschool I want to attend
Kari-Lynn Papic	Calgary, Canada	2016-03-22	Numerous family member of mine (including myself) went to Hamm. The layout and location are quite ideal to serves many different student. It holds a special place in my heart.
Madison Clayton	Gorham, Canada	2016-03-22	This school is important to the community and has a lot of meaning because of how old it is
Shawn Peremesko	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	I went to Hammarskjold and it is a great school. It has so much to offer and the options are endless with what can be done with this school.
Robert Adamson	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	Because Hamm it's an amazing night environment to go through high school
TJ Oulton	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	I like the school and believe that It's long history should continue.
Adrienne Anuik	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	I'm a French Immersion alumni from the first graduating class at Hamm. I support any and all initiatives to maintain this school's integrity as one of our city's finest.
Scott Gordon	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	It's the best decision.
Zephan Frederick	Gorham, Canada	2016-03-22	I go to this school and don't want it to close, it's a great school

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Julie Einarson	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	It makes the most sense to put the students in a school that has room for them, classrooms, parking lots and sporting areas.
Lindsay Hooke	Oakville, Canada	2016-03-22	It's location is optimal for many residential areas. Also, I'm a grad of that school.
Pamela Cook	London, Canada	2016-03-22	That's where I went to school!
Matt McLean	Calgary, Canada	2016-03-22	I'm signing because I'm a graduate of this school. Spent a good five years here. Learnt a lot, and has a lot of history. Be sad to see it go and the history behind it go. Keep it going strong and long live the Vikings!
George Ferguson	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	I went to and enjoyed going to this school.
Emma Haliuk	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	I much prefer Hammarskjold over Superior and it makes most sense to keep Hamm open
Dillon Stroud	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	Hammarskjold is the best option to keep open
Gwenyth Foley	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	Hammarskjold has more space, it can accommodate student parking, it has outdoor recreational areas and is a better fit for a high school.
Owen Hynna	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	Best school in the city
Rick Maloney	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	Of the two options Hammarskjold is the right choice not just because it is the newest but because it has the most room for future expansion if needed and the safest and largest area for the increased bussing and parking the IS going to happen on this proposed inevitable merging.
Charles Faloye	Saint Catharines, Canada	2016-03-22	I went to Hammarskjold for 2 years and loved it
Lorna Paternoster	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	It's wrong to close this school because of all the facts noted in the petition.
Jonathan Perzan	Chestermere, Canada	2016-03-22	I went to school here and it would be a shame to close it down and send students to a less equipped school
Mehran Masoom	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	Hammarskjold was always one of the better high schools so much history it has more room to accommodate new students in the future where Superior cannot
Nick Couzelis	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	Hamm is the number 1 school in Thunder Bay. Has the best set up for a high school.
Debbie Burry	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	This is the fiscally correct thing to do
Dawn Waino	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	I was educated at Hammarskjold And continued to have all 4 of my kids go there My kids now all adults have great careers And great teachers help them achieve this The staff is amazing and the site needs to stay
Gabriella Willan	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	Hammarskjold is the best choice for the development of secondary students and for the community of Thunder Bay.
Brandon Law	Waterloo, Canada	2016-03-22	Hammarskjold helped me grow into the person I am today. I've discovered my potential academically and personally. There is so much history that comes with it, it would be a sad moment not only for myself, but all the people that help build Hammarskjold into the top high schools in Thunder Bay.

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Alexandra Floyd	Toronto, Canada	2016-03-22	I attended hammarskjold highschool from 2006-2010 graduating to go on to university at Lakehead for an addition 4 years. My experience at hammarskjold set the building blocks for my adolescence as well as shaped who I became into my adulthood. The special needs program at hammarskjold not only gave support and opportunity to many special needs in the city but also provided adolescent students with the chance to educate themselves on special needs disabilities and what it means for students to work with special needs. In addition, this program allowed special needs students to be integrated in our highschool society. The location of hammarskjold brought a wonderful addition to opportunities with youth programs and businesses in the red river core. The large football field, tennis court and parking lot provided students and teachers the ability to expand their classes and bring outside opportunities in. My experience at hammarskjold provided me with respect and understanding for how important a strong highschool is for adolescence.
Debbie Kam	THUNDER BAY, Canada	2016-03-22	It is and was a great school and facility
Arianne St Jacques	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	Hammarksjold has always had everything needed to be an exceptional school.
Sandy Cava	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	I am signing, because its the right thing to do
Leanne Jessiman	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	Hammarksjold is a great school and with some updates I feel that it is the best option to keep as our LPS high school.
Emma Peters	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	I have gone to Hammarksjold and I have talked to students and even students for superior and a change in school after going here for two years will be stressful in addition to the stress we already have as students and I personally enjoy this school very much it's big enough for expansion unlike superior and our football field is an average size! We have a good education system and the teachers are amazing and by combining school some of my friends will transfer to the catholic school board and we won't be able to have classes together anymore!!
Kaitlin Potter	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	I love Hamm!
Rhonda McComb	Campbellford, Ontario, Canada	2016-03-22	My 2 siblings & I (Randy & Cindy) are very proud Grade 12 & Grade 13 Hammarksjold Graduates! I'm shocked, saddened & extremely upset to learn of it's possible closure. :(What a shame!! Hamm has a long & distinguished academic, music & sporting history. The school's size, location & property offers both great potential & huge opportunity for growth. Hoping cooler heads will prevail & it remains open.
Linda Huston - Carter	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	I graduated from this school... My grandchildren are also students there now.
Paavo Ryyananen	Winnipeg, Canada	2016-03-22	I was a student at Hamm and I also think with all of the schools that have been closed this school is the best option to renovate and make superior the elementary school.
Liam Maloney	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	It would be sad to see such a good school go to waste. I learned so much from the school and it helped me find what i want to do for a living
Ryley King	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	This school is cool!
Alan Cronk	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	My daughter goes to Hammarksjold, and it is the only High School in the neighbourhood. P.A.C.I. Alumni '98
glenn rothenburger	thunder bay, ontario, Canada	2016-03-22	I believe that Hammarksjold High is the right choice! Besides the advantages listed it has a long history of sports excellence and the school honors the memory of Dag Hammarksjold!
Emily Picard	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	Great school!! I attended also
Richard Despres	Victoria, Canada	2016-03-22	This was my school when I lived in Thunder Bay and it is the best option for provide for the future students in my home town.

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calvin nguyen	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	i just started attending the school and it is a great school.
Krissy Pehkonen	New Westminster, Canada	2016-03-22	I'm signing because I graduated from Hammarskjold in 1992 and it was an is a great school. I came back for the 50th anniversary and hope be back for more!
Angela Donio	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	It is the viable solution as it has the property
Colin Lee-Mitchell	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	It can better suite both ham and superior when they merge
Jay Albrecht	Kentville, Canada	2016-03-22	I am a former student and current educator who understands the multifaceted nature of the school.
Tanner Teeffelen	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	Just because Hammarskjold is older than Superior does not mean it is worse. In fact, the increased space on the lot has more opportunity for expansions and opportunities. The lot for Superior is just too small to support the influx of students that end up attending of Hamm closed.
Takara Martin	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-22	I went to hamm
Aaryn Chong	Burlington, Canada	2016-03-22	I'm signing for all those students who would be adversely affected if forced to change schools.
John Thomas	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-23	Superior is way too small for all the kids in the northward
Justin Miller	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-23	I'm signing because this school is accessible for students with disabilities
Nadia Osmulski	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-23	Kate made me
Sam Krawczuk	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-23	Hammarskjold is the best school Tbay has
Holly Gauvin	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-23	My son graduated validictorian and had a great experience at ham. Please keep this school and it's staff in place.
Kyle Jessiman	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-23	Go vikings
Laurie Hove	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-23	Lauriehove
sydney karam-johnson	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-23	I want to have my senior year in the same place where I grew and made great friends.
Keenan Postans	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-23	Alumni
Mary Cory	Gorham, Canada	2016-03-23	My granddaughter attends and would like to graduate. It is the better choice
Barbara Marcell	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-23	I support the Hamm option.
Melodie Mayer	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-23	I feel this schhol has the largest space and facilities for high school students. Superior is better suited for elementary.
Susan Biloski	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-23	I THINK HAMMARSKJOLD WOULD BE BETTER BECAUSE THE STUDENTS CAN BE MOVED FROM SUPERIOR WITH A MUCH LESS EXPENSE. THERE IS MORE PACKING ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU CONSIDER THAT AT LEASE 50% OF THE STUDENTS PROBABLY DRIVE AND PARKING IS VERY LIMITED AT SUPERIOR. THE SPECIAL NEEDS COURSE IS VERY IMPORTANT AND MAY BE IN JEAPORDY IF HAMMARSKJOLD IS CLOSED. IF THERE ARE THREE GRADE SCHOOL BEING CLOSED THEY COULD PROBABLY ALL FIT IN SUPERIOR. THE ONLY EXTRA COST WOULD BE TO PROVIDING A DAY CAR FACILITY AND THIS WOULD BE A LOT LESS EXPENSIVE THAN BUILDING A NEW SCHOOL OR EVEN A LARGER EXTENSION TO SUPERIOR TO HOUSE ALL THE STUDENTS FROM HAMMARSKJOLD, AND YOU STILL HAVE THE PARKING ISSUE PLUS THE LACK OF A TRACK AND FOOTBALL FIELD AT SUPERIOR AND NO WHERE TO PUT ONE

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Carol Forester	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-23	To show my support for keeping the spirit of Hammarskjold alive and well for future generations. My kids went to that school, and ive been paying school taxes for over 50 years, so yess I say lets keep Hammarskjold, update it, give it a breath of fresh air !!! Nothings worse than ruining a neighbourhood and taking a good school out of operation.
Allane Danchuk	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-23	I am an alumni as well as a parent of one student attending and another one scheduled to attend in 2017.
Tyler Olsen	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-23	I went to Hamm during my high school career and it was a good school and to see it go to waste would be unfortunate.
Douglas Niles	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-23	My wife went here and my daughter goes here. The school should not face closure because of budget issues there are other ways to address the budget. Hammarskjold is a historical school. Close Superior high school.
Abigail groombridge-ponka	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-23	Hammarskjold is a great school and it's the right decision to keep it open.
Tracy Groombridge	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-23	Keep Hamm open
Kellie Wrigley	Nipigon, Canada	2016-03-23	My child has just moved to Hammarskjold from going to school in Red Rock and has developed an immediate connection to this school. As a parent I am very impressed at his sense of belonging to the school. This speaks volumes to the commitment of the staff and their connection to the students. I would be very disappointed to see the school close.
Janice Jorgenson	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-23	I believe we have the extensive athletic facilities to support the student body and an established history in the community.
Zach Leonardi	Murillo, Canada	2016-03-23	My mother and friends went there and keep it open its a part of our cities history
Joy Himmelman	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-23	It is the best choice in terms of size and facilities.
Hailey Mose	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-23	Love Hamm
katrina Brkljadic	thunder bay, Canada	2016-03-24	Hammerskjold is a good school for students. it's in a great location and the teacher deserve to have a job. Putting too many students in one school is not a good idea because it creates bigger classes and hinders students to learn and get the one on one with the teacher that they need. also if students are being bulled they don't have many options to switch schools. What will happen with team sports? will they only always have one or two other schools to play against? What will happen with the building after? The one thing that is highly important in life is education. If we take this away what are we doing? We should be keeping and updating our schools.
Katie Darcis	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-24	I was a student a Hammarskjold High school for all 4 years of high school. I have countless amazing memories at this school, the community and teachers were amazing. It would be sad to see this school close. Moreover, I'm expected to be a french teacher by 2017 and always dreamed of teaching at Hammarskjold.
Timo Luoma	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-24	I feel hammarskjold is the better choice, because of the financial, location, and sentimental reasons.
Tracy Gregory	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-24	My friend who has special needs attends Hammarskjold and he is doing fantastic there. Moving him would undo all the progress he has made so far. Keep Hammarskjold open and help people whose lives are already hard enough.

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Jett Johnson	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-24	this school is special to me because not only is it the school I attend, it was the school I attended... I don't want to be the last graduating class of Hamm. Save Hamm so my kids and grandkids can go to the school there dad and grandparents went to...
Daniel Peacock	Rosslyn, Canada	2016-03-24	I am an alumni of this school and believe that because of the size, accessibility, and location it should be the obvious choice
Lisa Thoms	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-24	I'm signing this petition as I was a former alumni of Hammarskjold High School and my nephews currently attend this awesome school. Hamm has a great athletic program, English and French academic program and it's location is central in a highly growing population. It is situated on 17 acres enough for expansion if required. I am optimistic the trustees will make the right decision is choosing Hammarskjold as the preferred option for the renewal plan.
Tyler Peacock	Dryden, Canada	2016-03-25	I attended and it would be a shame to see another part of Thunder Bay's history close down. My father, brother and I all attended and we'd love to see it remain open!
Hannah Schnepf	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-25	I want to move to hammarskjold
Alyssa Harwood	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-25	a former alumni
Brenda Allard	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-25	I used to go to Hammarskjold.
Jeff Johnson	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-25	I went to Hammarskjold and feel that without attending that school, I would not have had the experiences i continue to treasure today. Keep this legacy alive. Go Vikings!!!
Chantal Boucher	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-25	This is a great location and the best option
Mike Gojsic	Surrey, Canada	2016-03-25	I am a former graduate and believe in reusing existing schools for new programs and not spending taxpayers' money foolishly
Joshua Hewitt	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-25	I really hope they do not close our beloved school! I remember the most important times in our development as individuals, happened here and if you didn't partake in them.. you missed out! I remember in 2010, my last year at Hammarskjold, i was approached and asked to start the Student School Multicultural Committee with two others.. We were quit successful and had the "Wall of Hate" torn down to some degree.. A place tagged with hateful and racist propoganda is now covered in beautiful art made by students at my time. I remember sitting with the others when we made the giant plaque that sits by the cafeteria, covered in the hand prints of diversity! So many great teachers , many made my time an enjoyable one despite my PSTD.. one teacher in particular was keenly effective and that is the late, MRS. Brochu-Taniwa.. Her consistent struggle with illness and the battle against inequality will never be forgotten.. Nor will our late friend Spencer Anderson who was killed by a drunk driver, our time with this good friend will always be mourned in our hearts. Please people share the petition and help save one our last "real" schools with "real" history.. I mean you can feel it when you walk through those halls. Thank you for hearing my piece and please i urge you.. save my school, save our school!

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Birubi Biman	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-25	<p>We want to highlight a few of our reasons for our support for HHS remaining open.</p> <p>Hammarskjold HS is optimally situated in the city with adequate parking and outdoor space and facilities for academics, sports, student clubs, educational programming and student clubs . In addition to its facilities and excellent and engaged teaching staff and administration, it anchors the community because of its 50 + years of history in the city. It is a provincially and nationally recognized school for its academic and cultural track record and for its contribution to the community. It has capacity for growth and for the accomodation of additional educational programs.</p> <p>Finally, our hope is that future students are able to form the relationships that our family was able to experience at HHS and we hope that current students always have a home to which to return.</p>
Austin Ellis	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-25	I am a proud alumni Viking and it'd be a shame to see it go
Maria Saburov	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-26	Hammarskjold is my home
Michael Baskin	Montreal, Canada	2016-03-26	As an alumni, I feel this school provided me with everything I need to transition to post secondary education. Amazing teachers, friends and memories were made at this great school.
Blair Powers	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-26	Think this would be the best choice, to keep open on the north side, simply because of the large lot it would allow more than ample room to expand if needed in the future
Kayla Fiddler	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-26	Hammarskjold is a better choice for all students and it should stay open since we have more space than superior school. keep Hamm open.
Jason Rosengren	London, Canada	2016-03-26	I went here for all my high school years, many great memories. Would love to show my son where his daddy went to school.
Zander Kusik	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-27	I will be attending Hammarskjold for the next four years, and I would choose Hammarskjold over any other high school in Thunder Bay. My sister is currently at that school and she absolutely loves it.
Monique Cloutier	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-28	I've lived in Thunder Bay since 1980, I've had 3 children attend Hammarskjold high school and not once have I been dissatisfied or disappointed with the administration, teachers or students at the school. It is a well established high school with deep roots in the community. It would be deeply saddening to see such an important educational establishment close down, along with all the potential its students bring with them to the community and beyond. I currently have one grandson who attends Hammarskjold and I hope not only for his sake but also for the sake of Thunder Bay's future generations that they do not lose the chance to experience the best high school experience that they can at Hammarskjold.
Annette Bruley	Toronto, Canada	2016-03-29	I grew up in Thunder Bay, still have family and friends there, and believe that what this petition is presenting is the best long term solution
Leigh Mahood	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-30	Keeping Hamm open seems like the most viable option. It is situated in a great area for a high school, and has room to grow. There is a beautiful green space for an increasing student population, and various outdoor activities. I would hate the see the public board lose that catchment area. With some quality updates, and input from students/parents/community I can see the potential for Hamm. I truly believe Superior's location would be better suited for the Northside elementary school. It could be a very exciting time for our elementary students getting the opportunity to attend a newer school.

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Bill Hodgson	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-30	Hammar skjold site offers more opportunity for current and future outdoor activities for students.
Jeanetty Jumah	Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada	2016-03-30	Hammar skjold has 50+ years of rich traditions, and the location most suitable for a highschool in Thunder Bay North that will best meet the needs of Public highschool students and families. The variety of programs from the Trades to languages to Special Education to Advanced Placement to Aboriginal studies compliment the variety of extracurricular activities that are all inclusive at Hamm. A highschool needs the outside areas as well like the ones that enhance Hamm including the football field, the tennis courts, and great parking spots used by staff and students alike. Highschools have very different needs than Elementary schools, and much more than the age of a building should be taken into account when making a decision on which Highschool is best for Thunder Bay North. Some years ago, we closed Selkirk with many of these special ideal "highschool" features and moved to FWCI, only to see that school also close. Let us look at the whole picture and offer the best environment for a Public System highschool in Thunder Bay North. Superior was built at the site of a former Elementary school and has great promise to operate as an effective merged Elementary school for our System. I believe in offering the best Public Educational System particularly because it is open to all students. Our Board can do that by choosing Hammar skjold as our Northside highschool and building Superior into a successful Elementary hub. As a former student, teacher, alumni and great supporter of the Lakehead Board of Education, I ask Trustees to weigh these points and rebuild our Public System into the best educational offering for Thunder Bay North.
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Jennifer Smith	Gorham, Canada	2016-03-31	Because my sons have went there and the school board need to stop closing schools!
Shona Hanna	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-31	This school has what it takes to move forward including outdoor space and access to community transportation.
Martin Moore	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-31	Hammar skjold should not be closed!!
Amanda Barrow	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-31	support for family members

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Courtney Bates	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-31	This was my high school 3 years ago! Amazing school amazing staff amazing community feeling and a life time of memories!
K Withenshaw	London, Canada	2016-03-31	My son went to Hamm. The teachers were so supportive in a rough spot. Thanks to them and I hope the school is still around for other kids
Farrah Taipale	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-31	The school is important to our community
Debbie hutton	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-31	This school is important to the neighbourhood , to the children ,and to future children who will leave that school with great education,and great memories ..save Hammarskjold
Samantha Dziver	Neebing, Canada	2016-03-31	Closing down this high school would be the biggest mistake that Thunder Bay has ever made. I went to hammarskjold from 2007-2011. I had the best high school experience because of the people in it. The teachers arld the staff made it worth my wild. I was never judged or talked about. In this highschool everyone was equal. Everyone was the same. I played on the women's basketball team for the 4 years I was there. Hammarskjold is the best high school in Thunder Bay hands down. Shutting it down would be a mistake and a shame on by the Thunder Bay public school board..
Haven Turbide-white	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-31	This is my school
Jomo McCormack	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-31	i love this place and its thunder bay heritage
Rhonda Urban	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-31	I am a former Hammarskjold student. It has a lot of sentimental value to me. i would hate to see it close. Students should be able to attend in their area.
Christy mohring	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-31	I went there and it was a great school.
Katherine McHughen	Edmonton, Canada	2016-03-31	My friend's kid goes there and it's the only place she does well. She really will be in a bad position if she has to start going to a new school.
Tracy Watts	Whitchurch-Stouffville, Canada	2016-03-31	I attended this high school. I would hate to see it close.
Ashleigh Kaplanis	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-03-31	I'm signing because I want to keep my friend in a school that he loves and get the education he wants.
Sandra Pomanti	Thunder Bay,Ontario, Canada	2016-04-01	Aside from the various reasons listed, Hammarskjold should stay open as it would be the only central north side high school. It would allow for many students to walk there since its in a highly populated residential area. Students should have choice and they don't need two high schools close together in the event superior is chosen as the remaining public high school.
Catherine Antcliffe	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-01	I'm signing because I loved hammarskjold, am a proud Viking and hope this school stays in our community for many more years.
Dylan Bogensberger	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-01	I love my school and my friends, I don't want Hammarskjold to close down!
Shelley Hoier	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-01	This is a great high school
Shannon Foster	Neebing, Canada	2016-04-01	closing schools is never the answer. It disrupts/alters communities, and changes the fabric of society. Sharpen your pencils, spend less money on guest speakers and professional development in Toronto and less on fancy lunches as staff development
Shirin Taleb	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-01	I'm signing because I went to hammarskjold high school and I enjoyed my time there! My sister and 7 cousins also went to Hamm!!
Heikki Luoma	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-02	Keeping Hammarskjold open is the better option of the two presented by the Board.
Rick FOREMAN	Saint Paul, MN	2016-04-02	As a Graduate I can't believe this school would even be an option for closure ?!
susan walford	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-02	Hamm was always a great school..plus the location.

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Barbara Fontaine Parkinson	West Nipissing, Canada	2016-04-02	I am a former graduate from the school and my nephew is a student in grade 11. The school is well situated and should be kept open .
Barbara Fontaine Parkinson	West Nipissing, Canada	2016-04-02	I spent only one year at the school. It was my grade 13 and they welcome me and I always been proud of the school. My sister Pauline is also a graduate from Hammarskjold and now her son is attending the school. He plays on the football team and loves the school. Please keep this great school going.
Andrew Johnson	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-03	This used to be my highschool. I think its a great school... Would be a shame for it to close. Its accessible in so many ways.
Destiny Carrier	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-03	Hammarskjold has more square footage to expand and help students develop into a brighter future.
Marilyn Foster	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-03	Hammarskjold is a much better site for many reasons. I do not see the renovations to Superior as being an expense the board could justify to keep it as a high school.
Jason Cyrette	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-03	My daughter wants to go here
Jordan McGuire-Cyrette	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-04	I love Hammarskjold, it's been around for a very long time and I plan to attend in September :)
sherry britton	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-04	The Superior location does not have the physical area to support this transition in the same way that Hammarskjold does. Parking and traffic is already tight without the added burden of several hundred more students. Money would be better spent utilizing the area they already have and updating the Hammarskjold accommodations.
Chris Daniels	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-04	The proximity for students to go to local businesses will be diminished if the school is closed. It would create more of an economic impact to everyone in Thunder Bay.
Joan Foster	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-04	This is the option that makes the most sense for the best educational experience for everyone , practically and educationally in the present and future
Tracey Maki	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-04	The Hammarskjold school and site is the most viable option for our community , with acres of land available for expansion and established parking, football , track fields and tennis courts. Conveniently located within walking distance of major bus routes and dozens of local businesses, this highschool and its student body are an integral part of our northward community and crucial to the growth of this city. By keeping this site, we open doors for expansion, state of the art upgrades, and multi-sport training and events thereby not only keeping a school but creating an epic educational facility.
Cory Vickruck	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-04	I am an alumni
Lindsay Arthur	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-04	I'm signing because Hammarskjold can better accommodate 1200 kids for a variety of reasons. Also, if the Lakehead Board is building a new elementary school on the Southside, then there should be one on the Northside as well. Superior would be a perfect fit!
Margaret Duncan	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-05	Size,location are excellent.Parking and outside space for sports and exercise also great. Academic standards have always been higher than the newer school. Think superior would be more functional to prepare grades 7&8 for trades and technology students ,following as pre requisites to advanced techniques on high school. I don't think Superior received the necessary planning for location and goals but we do need to increase education in tech and trades instead of hiring outside of Canada and give our youth more flexible options.

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Patricia Prince	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-05	Hammar skjold is a great school.
Jamie Cunningham	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-05	I am signing because of the facts. Superior CVI (which I attended in it's first year) is not capable of housing the number of students that would be displaced by the closure of Hammar skjold. After even a cursory examination of the facts and figures, it's easy to see which option the board should have already made.
Cameron Robb-Mackay	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-06	We need a school in the area that can accommodate disabled students and has space for everyone.
Julie Shostal	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-06	I believe Hamm is the best and most economical choice to stay. More room to expand and for parking. Superior school was a joke to begin with.
Katelyn Chesterman	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-06	Katelyn Chesterman
Jensen Cockell	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-06	Hammar skjold has much more space to grow. Also, myself, my sister, and my parents are/were students at Hammar skjold. It would be a shame to see it go.
Robyn Patterson	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-07	Hammar skjold is the best school ever
Nancy Kotanen	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-08	Considering the location, history and potential for expansion while still offering large grounds Hammar skjold is an objective choice
Debbie Meredith	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-09	Hammar skjold makes more sense due to size and expandability. This option would then allow our younger children to utilize Superior. I think that would be a win-win. My kids are happy at Hammar skjold and are not missing out on any technological advancements there. They need the room.
Anna-Marie Berube	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-09	This was my option for school! I was excited to attend here. Sadly due to family circumstances I moved to Minnesota.. However living back here now only a Meer 4 blocks from the school, my children will have the option to attend here! I want the best for all 3 of them and I would love nothing more than expansions and funding to provide all the kids at the school to have the best they can, to do the best work they can!!!
Melissa Girardin	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-09	Hammar skjold is the best option! Make Superior a larger elementary school and combine all nearby elementary schools there.
Samantha-Rose Niles	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-10	I'm signing because, I am a Hammar skjold high school student. I personally believe that Hammar skjold has a better technology department, which creates a better learning space for students going into the trades. Also, the school is better for space. Superior would have to expand the school either into the parking lot, which they have so little of, or into the field, which also they have so little of. Hammar skjold already has the space for both Hammar skjold students and Superior students. It would cost a lot less money if Hammar skjold is chosen.
Kennedy Jamsababcock	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-10	I signed the petition to save the best high school in Thunder Bay! Not only is it the best but I was my high school for all of 4years! Hammaeskjold has a long history of many generations , many sports teams and amazing staff! This school is filled wit great spirit great pride, and a great supportive attitude that is shared between all students! You never feel as if you are left out! With the space that Hammaeskjold has and the renovations that could follow I believe it could be a great opportunity for not only the fellow students that will attend but for the community ! #vikingpride!
Brandi Burns	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-10	I have a son in grade 7 and I believe this is the better school for him
Hassan Naser	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-11	I am signing in because Hammar skjold has sufficient capacity to accommodate all students from both high schools, and hence it is the most cost effective.

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Todd Kondrat	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-11	Hammar skjold has a long scholastic and athletic history and is a more practical choice for twinning schools. Do not let a poor planning decision in the past (i.e. building Superior too small) dictate the tough decisions for the future.
Kathleen Jones	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-11	Upgrade Hammar skjold which has the room for all and use Superior as aggregated K-8 school (with appropriate downgrades. I feel this is the best option to keep kids in the public system. I do believe you will lose kids to the Catholic board if you move the high school to Superior. The average distance within the catchments speaks to this solution and as in real estate, location matters. For me, I will have only one child effected for only 1 year so it is not that relevant. But, for the long term viability of the public board, I think it is very crucial.
Judy Mrakic	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-11	Im signing because hammar skjold has already in place a program for special needs, I like the location for kids after school & job opportunities, the excellent french immersion program.
Sarah MacKinnon	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-13	I'm signing this because I believe that keeping Hamm as a highschool and making Superior an elementary school is the best option for the students. My daughter is a student at CD Howe and I would like to see the 3 schools attend Superior.
Mark Train	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-13	The best location for all the High School Students is Hammar skjold due to location, space and ability to grow.
gwen everts	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-15	I bought my house because schools were in the area
Meagan Gallagher	Ottawa, Canada	2016-04-17	As a Hammar skjold graduate I have great memories of the school.
Patty Dakin	Sudbury, Canada	2016-04-18	This school offers both academic and athletic excellence.
Anja Erwin	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-18	I think it should remain as the High school. It just makes sense. There is more room there and a lot of space for parking. They have tennis courts, a football field, a lot of room for expansion if required. Superior has next to no parking and is too small. It would make a better Elementary school. Younger kids don't need parking spots and can also benefit from the newer facility. Give the younger kids the newer school.
Eric Bowen	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-20	I'm signing this petition because I wish for the school I attend to remain open.
Kurtis Halvorson	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-04-21	I see Hammar skjold as the most logical choice. As a student there is no where else that I would rather go to school.
Rhonda Heyder	Edmonton, Canada	2016-04-26	I signed because I am a Hammar skjold High School Alumnil I enjoyed my 4 years attending this school! Please keep it open for the enjoyment of the existing students as well, as future students!
Wendy Hockley	Peterborough, Canada	2016-04-27	Please continue the legacy, a tradition of excellence. Facta non verba.
Kimberly Dixon	Thunder bay, Canada	2016-05-10	I am signing because i went to hammar skjold highschool and support them staying open ! They have great class's for special needs and accomidate to any student very well as i know from personal experience.
Linda Austin	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-05-25	I am signing because I have a great nephew who is autistic who needs stability and when the board has to add on to the school to make it bigger they have the space to do it.
Kirsten Dougall	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-05-25	My children
Sharon Diem	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-05-25	I went to Hammar skjold High School
Alesha Bishop	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-05-26	It is taking away many jobs for teachings and creating larger classes at other schools which make it harder to learn in!

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Stephanie Siemieniuk	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-05-26	I support the history of Lakehead Public Schools and I support our community. Hammarkjold is a part of our history and the community is standing strong. I stand with them.
Brett Fecteau	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-05-26	i go to this school and i'd rather stay in this school
Brett Fecteau	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-05-26	i like this school
tammy oikonen	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-05-26	It should stay open
Shayan Syed	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-06-04	Hamm produces elite level athletes, if it closes then many of those athletes will be moving over to the catholic school board, myself included.
Joe Woodgate	Thunder Bay, Canada	2016-06-05	It's the right decision.