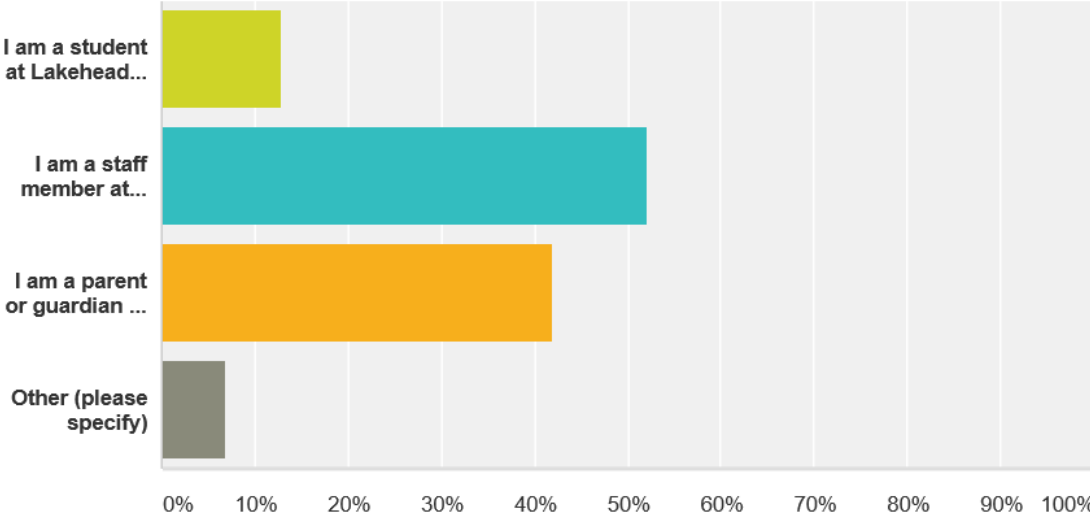


# Lakehead Public Schools Renewal Plan – Public Meeting Input Survey Results – North Side ARC

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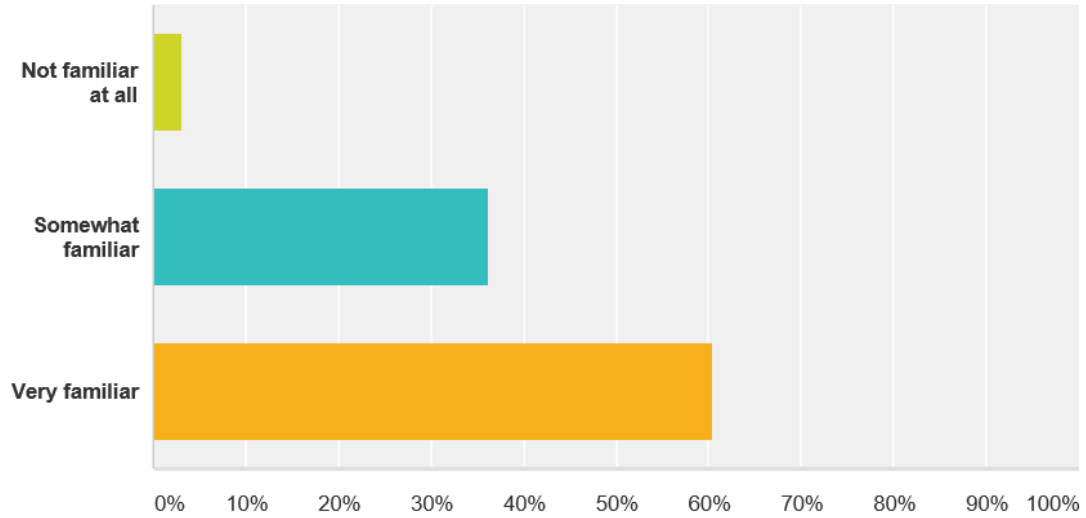
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| Answer Choices  | Responses  |
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| I am a student at Lakehead Public Schools                           | 12.99% 53  |
| I am a staff member at Lakehead Public Schools                      | 52.21% 213 |
| I am a parent or guardian of a student at Lakehead Public Schools   | 41.91% 171 |
| Other (please specify) <span style="float: right;">Responses</span> | 6.86% 28   |
| Total Respondents: 408  |            |

## How familiar are you with the Lakehead Public Schools Renewal Plan?

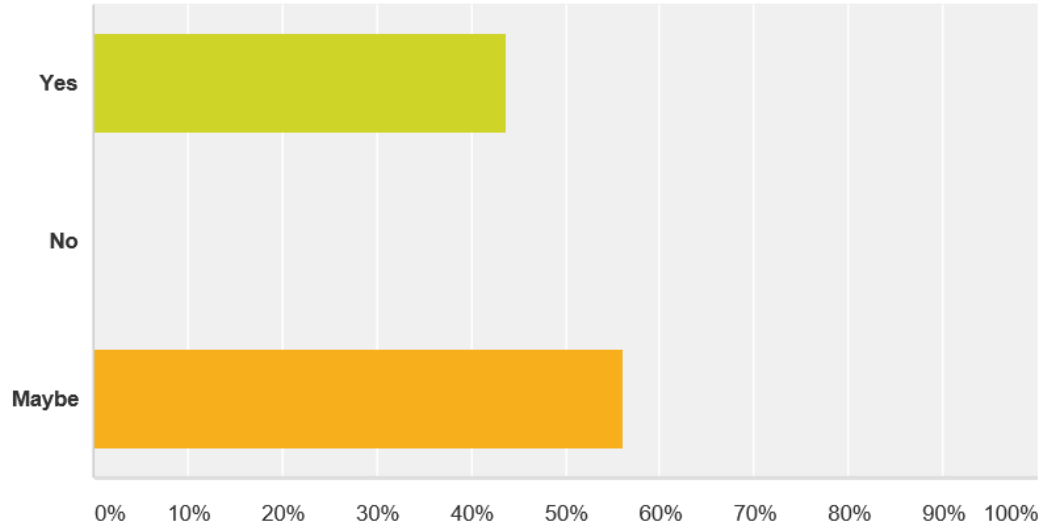
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| ▼ Not familiar at all | 3.19% 13   |
| ▼ Somewhat familiar   | 36.27% 148 |
| ▼ Very familiar       | 60.54% 247 |
| Total                 | 408        |

## Do you plan to attend any accommodation review committee (ARC) public meetings?

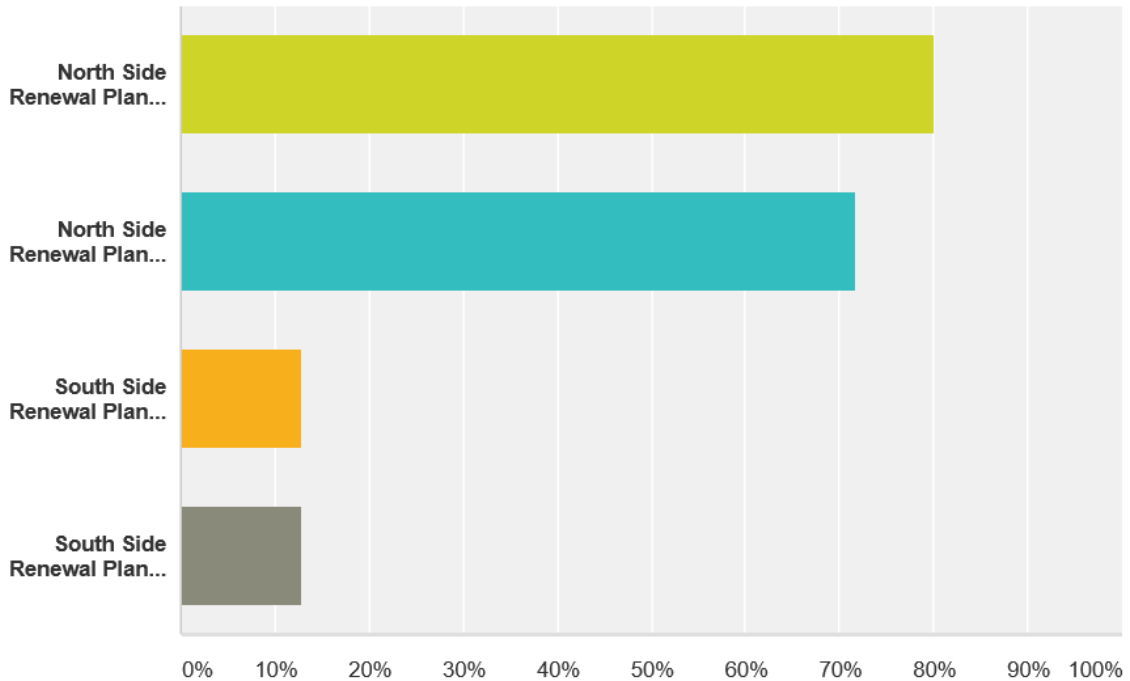
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| ▼ Yes          | 43.87% 179 |
| ▼ No           | 0.00% 0    |
| ▼ Maybe        | 56.13% 229 |
| Total          | 408        |

## Which public accommodation review committee (ARC) meetings would you plan to attend?

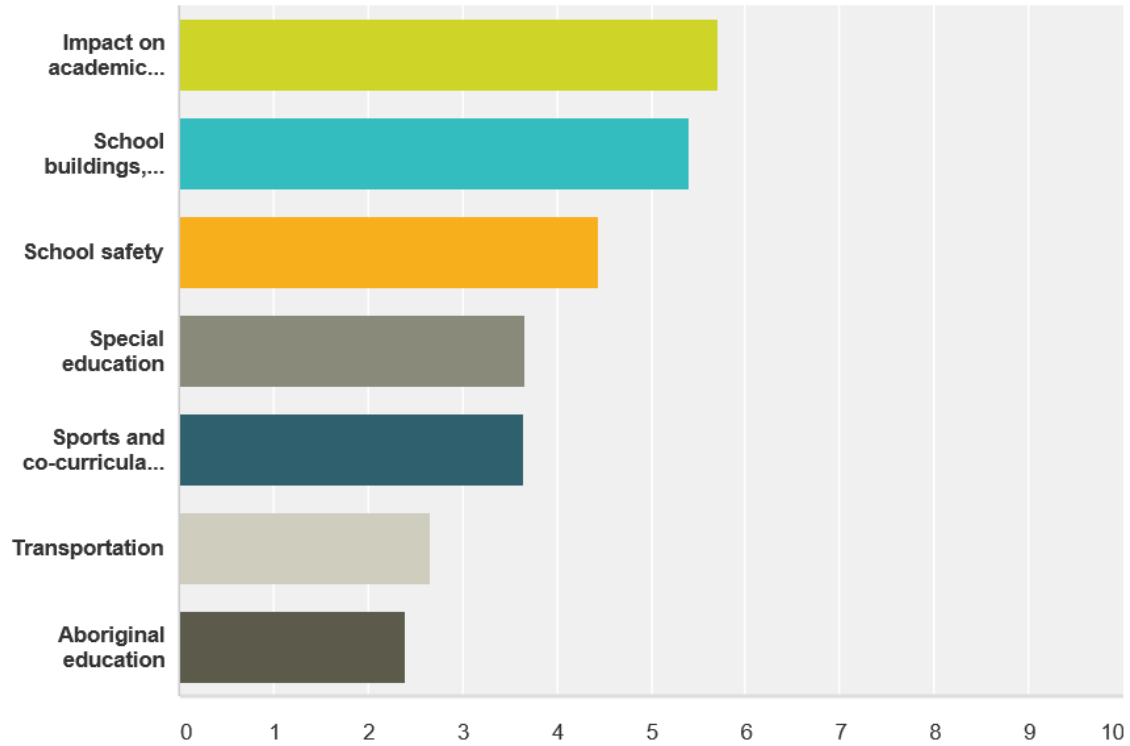
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| Answer Choices  | Responses     |
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| ▼ North Side Renewal Plan - First public ARC meeting to be held at Superior CVI on April 11, 2016             | 80.15%<br>327 |
| ▼ North Side Renewal Plan - Second public ARC meeting to be held at Hammarskjold High School on June 8, 2016  | 71.81%<br>293 |
| ▼ South Side Renewal Plan - First public ARC meeting to be held at Westgate CVI on April 7, 2016              | 12.99% 53     |
| ▼ South Side Renewal Plan - Second public ARC meeting to be held at Sir Winston Churchill CVI on June 6, 2016 | 12.99% 53     |
| Total Respondents: 408  |               |

Please rank the following School Renewal Plan topics that you would be interested in discussing at the public ARC meetings in order of importance (where 1 is most important)

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|   | 1             | 2             | 3             | 4            | 5             | 6            | 7             | Total | Score |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|-------|-------|
| Impact on academic programming              | 40.44%<br>165 | 26.23%<br>107 | 15.20%<br>62  | 8.09%<br>33  | 4.90%<br>20   | 3.19%<br>13  | 1.96%<br>8    | 408   | 5.72  |
| School buildings, renovations and additions | 40.20%<br>164 | 18.38%<br>75  | 13.97%<br>57  | 10.05%<br>41 | 7.11%<br>29   | 7.35%<br>30  | 2.94%<br>12   | 408   | 5.41  |
| School safety                               | 6.86%<br>28   | 18.63%<br>76  | 26.23%<br>107 | 23.53%<br>96 | 13.73%<br>56  | 7.84%<br>32  | 3.19%<br>13   | 408   | 4.45  |
| Special education                           | 3.92%<br>16   | 10.54%<br>43  | 15.20%<br>62  | 20.34%<br>83 | 25.00%<br>102 | 20.34%<br>83 | 4.66%<br>19   | 408   | 3.68  |
| Sports and co-curricular activities         | 3.92%<br>16   | 15.20%<br>62  | 15.44%<br>63  | 18.87%<br>77 | 14.95%<br>61  | 18.38%<br>75 | 13.24%<br>54  | 408   | 3.66  |
| Transportation                              | 2.70%<br>11   | 6.13%<br>25   | 8.33%<br>34   | 9.80%<br>40  | 18.87%<br>77  | 19.36%<br>79 | 34.80%<br>142 | 408   | 2.67  |
| Aboriginal education                        | 1.96%<br>8    | 4.90%<br>20   | 5.64%<br>23   | 9.31%<br>38  | 15.44%<br>63  | 23.53%<br>96 | 39.22%<br>160 | 408   | 2.41  |

# Are there any additional topics that you would be interested in discussing at the public ARC meetings?

## School Facilities

- I believe the decision should be made for the building that is the most innovative and technologically advanced. It is nice to have a school that has a lot of natural light and is modern in every way. The advanced Fibre-optic system spreading installed at Superior.
- Superior was built as a High School. With more students it would be able to offer the full set of high tech courses it was built for! It is not an elementary school. The board's newest elementary school, Woodcrest, is a wonderful building and does not have or need the infrastructure Superior has. Superior was built as a high school for high school sized bodies. What a waste of taxpayers money to abandon it for an elementary school!
- As a parent of three children at Superior, and who has spent a lot of time in all of the city's high schools, I find it mind boggling that the LDSB would even consider turning a top notch high school like Superior into an elementary school. It was built as an innovative 21st century HIGH SCHOOL. This school is on par with some colleges. What would primary students need in a building built for adolescences? Forcing Superior students to switch to a school built in the 60s is going backwards in time.
- I can't even fathom why there is an option one and two for the North end high schools. Superior is a high tech building that was built to be a modern high school. Why in the world would the board consider such an old building like Hamm be the bridge to post secondary. Superior was not built to be an elementary school. What a shame this would be. Not only to secondary students but to taxpayers.
- How appropriate the high school facilities and athletic facilities (inside and out) are for high school sports and extra-curricular activities
- Why waste money into an old school when you have a state of the art school?
- Why we would even consider putting more money into an old Hammarskjold building? Superior is brand new, has more to offer our kids for education and opportunities and is state of the art. It just doesn't make sense to use an old school for the merge. As for green space- secondary students don't require grass to play at recess. There are parks in the area to satisfy any green space. Why pay land taxes on all the 17 acres at Hammarskjold - who uses all the space except for a few times a year?!
- Access to additional infrastructure and community such as parking, football/soccer fields, tennis courts, baseball diamond, lunch food outlets, co-op businesses, public transit.
- Best interest of the children, a school built as a modern High School should not be converted into an elementary school after not even 10 years of service. Waste of taxpayers money. Just as a school over 50 years of age should not even be considered as becoming the only northward High School, again waste of money.
- Fix ham up
- I would like to have feedback from the technical trades community if any of the high schools facilities provides a better foundation/training program with recent graduates.

- Do the renovation plans take into consideration classroom size (especially for kindergarten), storage space inside the classroom, alternative education (transitions programming) and designated space for other services (speech and language etc.)
- Superior is the clear choice - brand new, high tech offers our kids far more educational opportunities - healthy and clean and safe environment. This gorgeous school can't be used for anything other than what it was intended for - educating high school students. The tech rooms are state of the art and can't be moved with significant cost and waste. This is a no brainer decision. Hammarskjold is old and outdated. Why put more money into an old building - doesn't make sense. Unfortunately an old legacy of Vikings is not going to offer what is in the very best interests of students of Thunder Bay. I have heard so many false rumours spread by Hammarskjold students and staff - completely unethical and disgusting to resort to dirty measures. They are making the decision a war and focused only on "winning" at who's expense? Our children - keep focused in what makes sense and offers the kids the best education and opportunities - it is clearly superior.
- Brand New High school VS 40 plus years High school which will need major renos in the future and you still have an old school. Not to mention any asbestos that may need to be removed (extremely costly). The Ministry allowed the board to build a brand new high school with room for expansion so I do not see why there is a second option on the North Side. Superior CVI should remain as a high school!
- Reduced footprint of new schools
- The viability of adding on to Superior High School?
- Maintaining technological standards that students are accustomed to.
- How can adding onto an old dingy school like Hamm be a more environmentally friendly choice than adding onto a new high school that was built as a high school and can easily be have a third floor on top?
- I believe keeping SCVI as a High School would be the "greener" choice, but I do not see anything in the reports about the green footprint of either of these buildings.
- Air quality studies at Hamm and Superior
- The conditions of the schools.
- Keeping Hammarskjold open as a Secondary school and converting Superior into an Elementary school.
- I am in grade 10 at Hammarskjold I hope we move to superior because it is a beautiful school and it's so much more up to date than our school.
- Specific renovations that would be completed on each north side school depending on which secondary option is selected.
- Maintaining a modern, technologically connected learning environment that reflects opportunities available to students elsewhere in the province.
- Improvements to compete
- Current technology available to students.
- "Cutting our losses" (i.e. let Superior go as a high school and turn it into an elementary school).

### **School Site and Location**

- Why Superior was chosen as the preferred option when Hammarskjold is the far better site for a high school. I would like the board to address traffic, zoning, parking and safety concerns in regards to the Superior location.
- The fit of Option #1 within the limits of the existing property

- Renovate Hammarskjold to accommodate all north side students for secondary school. Excellent space for academics and sports.
- Land area at each high school available for outdoor sports and extra-curriculum activities, density of population surrounding each high school, [which school is closer to high population areas] [which school is in the middle of the city]
- Property surrounding the schools.
- Creating a forest play space for ELKP, ensuring children can have daily contact with nature.
- Proximity of school locations and what they have to offer students
- Acreage of schools ex Superior vs Hamm
- Traffic
- Space
- Location
- physical property surrounding the buildings
- Parking at Superior.
- Businesses on Red River Rd are accessible to Hammarskjold
- Where will students and staff park at Superior High?
- The purchase and renewal of Balsam Pitts and Brent Park if Superior is the site choice and what that will look like?
- Student safety - ie. moving elementary kids to Superior - busy road, small parking lot
- Staff & Student parking (impact on residences)
- Parking
- Green space and field area

### **Academic Programming**

- The fact that superior has numerous SHSMs and would easily be able to include others to complement the school.
- What impact will this have on my SHSM?
- Creating a forest play space for ELKP, ensuring children can have daily contact with nature.
- Specialist high skills major (SHSM) and more specific education programs
- Offering grade 7 and 8 Family studies and tech classes
- Continuation of existing programs and additional opportunities for students
- Maintaining the breadth of programming in technology, specifically communications technology as this is an essential skill for students in our highly connected, global environment.
- If the North side schools are combined and each school has a Tech plus one class will there now be a plus two. Eg. Com tech Superior and Cosmo at Ham????

### **Funding and Projected Costs**

- Amount of money that would be spent if Superior needed an addition vs. saved if Hammarskjold stayed open.
- Expense of maintaining the status quo.
- Budget (where money is coming from?)
- Also if possible, a final cost comparison for each option and where the funding would come from.



- Aside from closing schools, what other ways is the board planning on saving money? Too many superintendents and trustees.
- costs of the two north side plans, savings after the plan is in place, do the schools get fined if they are not full and what % is full
- Current operating costs of all schools for last 5 years as a means of comparison and justification for renewal proposals.
- A cost comparison between renovating Superior and Hamm.
- When the Watson report which was very expensive recommended closing Hillcrest in around 2012 and Churchill around 2017 which would leave Hammer North and Westgate South did the trustees go against the recommendation and build Superior when that money could have been used to fix up existing schools ala the catholic board??
- Cost saving in administration.
- Cost of retrofitting SCVI as elementary.
- Economical savings in \$ between option 1 and option 2 on the north side
- Financial impact - modern state of the art infrastructure is important to preserve and not waste tax payers money
- The construction costs and environmental impact of the schools.

#### **Child Care / Community Partners**

- Sharing spaces with other organizations or entities that would complement the school environment.
- Specialty Programs such as the Day Treatment Program. How many will there be, where placed in the school. Are the rooms going to be big enough in size?
- Right now, the Thunder Bay Symphony Youth Orchestra has Hammarskjold as its home base. Superior would not be able to provide the same music facilities, and the public board may well lose this prestigious extracurricular program to the Catholic board if Hammarskjold is shut.
- Day care
- Specialized programs like Rotarian readers and Biiwasseea exist in small schools. They deal with either one-on-one or small groups. Will they have any place in the larger schools?
- Where daycares will be relocated to?
- I would like to hear what the plan is for accommodating the 3 daycares that exist in these schools.
- Daycare partnerships/locations
- Child Care facilities (Will they move with the students?)

#### **Public Relations / Communication**

- How is the school board promoting Lakehead Public Schools and the spinning the positive aspects of the renewal process?
- Publicity campaign to encourage parents and students to choose Lakehead public schools.
- Public Perception and Publicity Campaigns
- The board addressing false media reports. It seems that Superior's news coverage is always negative. Keeping Superior open as a high school (for which it was built) would give it the positive news coverage it deserves
- How the public system will keep the Catholic system from taking more of our students. Public relations campaign???

- False media reports. How will the board respond (other than in the FAQs) on your website to false media reports. Perhaps ads in the newspaper?
- Why the LDSB is not giving north end parents the truth!
- Communication of message/direction to public (e.g. tired of hearing radio stations refer to plan as "the LDSB supposed renewal plan), message needs to be stronger/more confident, sending message we are prepared/plan in place
- Plan for keeping students in the public board schools
- Communication - how the school community and the community at large will be kept informed of the process and the progress.
- student retention
- Public Perception
- Public Relations/Marketing
- Media campaign. How are we going to change the narrative about our board in the community?

### **Transition Planning**

- How will staff and students be accommodated in their new homes (any bridging activities?).
- Support for students and staff throughout this process.
- I would like to know how the new school would be branded, and what would the new mega high school be like?
- We know that C.D Howe, St. James and Vance will be coming together as one. What will happen prior to amalgamation to facilitate this in terms if students and staff being familiar with each other and sharing focus in terms of learning and behaviour?
- What is the transition plan for students? What is being put in place for students who are integrating into an existing student body so they are welcomed? Will there be new colours, mascot, etc.
- Integrating closing school into existing school
- I hope the High School's will get new names because for the first 4 years there will be students overlapping and feeling like they are in enemy territory
- Name change of the High Schools. It will be really hard for a whole school to move to a rival school without a name change. Hamm and Superior are already fighting against each other about which school is better and without a name change one school will definitely feel like they won and the other one defeated.
- Re-branding of northside/southside schools (e.g. not an issue "becoming a Gryphon or a Viking or..." - rather something new/stronger
- How will elementary classes be determined (Will they mix students from all schools together? Will children have an opportunity to pick a couple of friends to stay with to ease anxiety?)
- How superior and Hammarskjold families and students are going to cooperate and "live" together after 8 months of fighting against each other as they vi for their own schools?
- Inclusion (and the possibility of rebranding)
- A small inner city school like St. James has alot of behaviours and social issues that are being dealt with effectively in a small school atmosphere, will the support staff increase to mesh these students in a larger environment and will there be help for the CD Howe students who are not exposed to as many extreme behaviours and social issues ..... putting CD Howe with St. James and Vance it is like throwing the lambs to the lions!! I fear an exodus to the separate system.

- Avoiding the move the present grade 5 and 6's to Algonquin then Vance Chapman ... if they choose Vance, they should be going to Vance next year.
- I do not want to be a Gryphon though or wear a baby blue helmet for football!
- School spirit and pride.

### **School Size / Class Size**

- The impact of large schools on the sense of community.
- Large class sizes, more students, overcrowding, students adapting from a school of 650-700 to one of 1300+
- classroom size (number of students & physical size)
- The idea of mega schools throughout Thunder Bay leaving behind a sense of community, peacefulness and togetherness leading only to chaos amongst children and staff alike. Fear of sending my child to an environment where there is only quantity in mind, not quality
- student groupings in larger schools (elementary)
- Possible overcrowding of Superior CVI

### **Staffing**

- Job security for all existing staff - we should be concerned about providing as many jobs as possible in our community.
- Staff assignment
- Staffing numbers at the school level and the board office level.
- Impact to staff.
- Clerical / support staff currently at the schools slated to close: 1) Will there be jobs for them at the new schools? 2) Will there be an increased number of positions at the amalgamated schools to cope with the larger populations?
- Staffing (Is there a GUARANTEE that my children will see MANY familiar adult faces in their new location?)
- Staffing
- How support staff is affected

### **Community**

- Neighbourhood Impacts
- How will this affect the faculty of education and accommodating future teacher candidates?
- Impact on local businesses (lunch crowd from Ham.)
- Economic impact to business around schools proposed for closing
- Polling areas for amount of children and school board they want their kids to go to.

### **Options on the North Side**

- The reasoning behind having 2 north side options
- Are there any other options that trustees can consider? Can they reject the 2 proposed North Side options in favour of another idea?
- The conflicting messages grade 8 students are getting is deplorable. My son is in grade 8 and went to both the grade 8 days and evening open houses at Hamm and Superior. What a confusing time for these students! At Hamm they actually used funds from somewhere (taxpayers dollars?) to give every grade 8 student a Vikings t'shirt with "Class of 2020" printed on the back! What if they end up going to Superior? What a waste of money. Also, it seems

that these two schools are now fighting for votes. What a terrible position the board has put these students and parents in with giving them such uncertainty! Some teachers are pestering students about which school they will be attending in the fall - what a mess.

### **Coterminous Board**

- Consideration of a separate board response to LHPS renewal plans.
- Impact of our decisions on the Catholic Board - how we are potentially leaving ourselves vulnerable and how we can best prevent this ie- what properties will be left for the Catholic Board, how to best promote ourselves to the public.
- Losing students to the Catholic board and how to prevent it.
- Making our schools competitive with the Catholic School system by making Superior a K-8 school

### **Focus on Students**

- Why has this become a competition between the schools? It should be about what's best for the students not who's best for the teachers - as I heard mention numerous times there would be nowhere for all the teachers to park - sad for them as my company does not supply me with parking
- I would discuss the impact on the students.
- Interest & wellbeing of the children & the negative impact on small children if Superior was made into a elementary school, not a good idea.
- Which would be more successful and a positive experience from a realistic, not ideal, perspective?
- The impact on the children that are involved!!
- Facilities that would best meet student needs
- Social development of students

### **Surplus Buildings**

- Property Futures
- Impact on school atmosphere with the shutdown of schools. Impact on community. Use for buildings that are no longer in use.
- What is the plan for the infrastructure - buildings are the school is closed.
- Has the idea of selling Churchill to Dennis Cromarty to be turned into a residence for families traveling from the north been evaluated?
- What plan does the board have for closing schools?

### **Special Needs**

- Schools are very short on space to accommodate students with special needs. Rooms for equipment for special needs children needs to be a priority. There is not enough space to adequately accommodate the needs of these students while providing space for students to move around safely.
- Transition planning for special needs students and ensuring solid academics, teacher consistencies for students with special needs.
- Support for children with special needs based on needs rather than budget.
- Recognition that identifications such as Autism does not "go away" just because a child enters secondary school.

### **Sports and Co-curricular Activities**

- Sports teams and the impact on SSSAA.
- How appropriate the high school facilities and athletic facilities (inside and out) are for high school sports and extra-curricular activities
- How are fundraising activities impacted? Do planned events that are 2 years off - move over to new school as is or will schools be instructed to hold off on events until decisions are made? Ex. travel clubs - students sign up and start fundraising up to 13-14 months ahead of time. Will this need to be held off for the school year 1617 for travel during 1718 year? Will teachers who are chaperones be impacted and therefore no longer able to offer this opportunity?

### **Zoning**

- Zoning!!!! Kids zoned for the new subdivision going behind Hilldale and off of Dawson is currently zoned for Woodcrest, it should be for Five Mile!! I would like to see the boundary lines changed!!!
- Boundary lines and zoning. Eg, Woodcrest school is overloaded and Five Mile School has many empty classroom which means they are losing teachers.
- School zoning

### **Amalgamating Boards**

- Eliminating public funding for Catholic Schools and creating a single board.
- Amalgamation of the public and separate boards.
- The decision process that will be followed to choose the north side high school. Why Thunder Bay is not entertaining amalgamating the public and separate school boards instead of looking to close schools. Amalgamation makes the most physical sense, especially considering most of the students attending the separate board aren't Roman Catholic.

### **Long-Term Planning**

- Long term thinking not just dealing with immediate concerns.
- Enrollment
- 30 year vision

### **French Immersion**

- French Immersion programming. Where would the secondary program be located?
- Impact on French Immersion

### **Timelines**

- The time it will take to actually implement the changes
- Time frame

### **Trustees**

- Number of student trustees given the possibility of only two high schools. As with Catholic system.
- Number of trustees at next election time, recognizing based on formula of numbers and geography.

### **Equipment and Resources**

- what will be the approach for resource and asset (e.g. computers, smart boards, libraries, gym equipment) consolidation and allocation

### **Environmental Impact**

- Environmental impact - which school leaves the smallest foot print on the environment.

### **Student Achievement**

- EQAO scores of facilities that are being amalgamated.

### **Other**

- South/North Plan Similarities
- 4, 5, 6 are as equally important.
- Giving input on pros of keeping Hammarskjold as the North ward high school
- Why it's even in consideration for superior to be closed as a high school.
- Taking a second look at the 7-12 model of education, which is used all over Europe and in several jurisdictions in Canada. It is highly effective when implemented properly (not trying to keep 7 & 8 students completely separated from the other grades) and could help this board resolve some of its issues around programming and use of space.
- Possible ways of keeping more than one high school open at each end of the city.
- How to keep superior cvi open
- positive culture and history at Hammarskjold to remain

# Do you have any other comments or concerns?

- The Hammarskjold location is the far better option for a high school. There is no room for expansion at Superior, huge traffic and safety concerns and many many cost concerns the board has completely ignored. What about our vulnerable special education students that cannot handle a transition like this? How will the board guarantee public transportation route increases that would be required to accommodate an increase in high school students? Parking is already an issue at Superior, how will increased traffic be dealt with? Does the board even know how much it will cost you expand superior? What will they do if they need to expand again in the future and have no more room? This entire process has been rushed and not explored correctly and is a clear attempt to justify a 35 million dollar embarrassment. Don't make our students suffer for your mistakes! Choose our children over a building and put their needs and they're safety first!!
- The Board should just pick the high school they intend on keeping open and save students and parents and community members of the closing school stress and a waste of their time! Shame on Lakehead Public Schools.
- Why is Superior the preferred option given the options for future expansion at the Hammarskjold location?
- Renovate Hammarskjold to accommodate all north side students for secondary school. Excellent space. For academics and sports. Also a lot of businesses within walking distance for co-op
- Gravely concerned about the Board's proposal to close Hammarskjold High School. A decision to turn Superior into the sole secondary high school on the north end does not make financial or logical sense. End result would be a great number of families in the Woodcrest area (only growing area of the city) transferring their children to the separate school board.
- Needs to be done and we will have a stronger system as a result.
- Lack of parking at Superior, and opportunity for expansion at Hammarskjold in future years due to size of property.
- I have heard rumor that there is a plan to attempt to acquire the Balsam Pits Little League Baseball Diamonds for use of Superior High School sports programmes. My understanding is that the property was donated for the existing use and anything else would null and void the agreement with the property reverting back to the original owners or their descendants. It is not for trade, rent or sale. Hammarskjold, in my opinion, is the better of the two schools to keep as the north side high school.
- I am concerned that a new high school built in 2009 and it may not remain a high school. I think that would be a waste of the great resources of Superior High School.
- Drug use and abuse in the school.
- The students need to have a say in what they feel is best and they need to work together to do so to promote a positive transition to a full high school of students. We need to focus less on sports and legends and have the students create a new future as a combined student community not rivals.
- I believe the newest modern school (SCVI) should be the one to remain a high school.

- My child is in grade 8 at Superior family of schools. This is an extremely difficult time due to the school renewal plan. There are so many mixed messages. His teacher tells them in person and in their class newsletter they can choose any school they like. I thought they were to go where they are zoned for? Also, I find it unethical that at the grade 8 day at Hamm the students were not only given Vikings class of 2020 t-shirt but they were all but forced to put them on for a photo opp....unacceptable behaviour by the educators involved! Also concerning is that SSSAA is talking to grade 8 students saying the high school teams will be merged next year? If so, once again very confusing for grade 8s. Who decides what logos the teams will wear ie. will the Hamm football players be practicing at and wearing Superior jerseys? It should not be determined on "legacy."
- Hamm's large parking lot and legacy should not be part of this discussion. There actually shouldn't even be a discussion. Superior is the logical choice for all students in the north end. It is modern, green, beautiful, high tech and a bridge to the future of our children.
- Superior was built as a new high school. It should stay that way. Making me go to Hamm after attending Superior for a couple of years would be like making me go to school in the past.
- Parking seems to be the word on the street why Hamm should be chosen as the North end high school. That is a ridiculous reason. Superior has plenty of parking if students take the bus. Maybe if there wasn't a lot of parking for students they would take the bus more and be kinder to the environment.
- size of school and appropriateness to a merged high school population
- I think Superior is an amazing school and would love to see Superior be named.
- The last time this process was undertaken there were wide spread impacts on the larger community from lost public spaces as the closed schools were sold off. the premier's new policy on community hubs should be a factor in this decision making so that schools once again become builders and sustainers of community rather than just places kids go for a few hours a day
- Not all of the school profiles were released to the public. This skews the decision making process as well as the public consultation process. This information needs to be made available to make informed decisions or to propose alternatives.
- Looking forward to information meetings
- Will the school board be presenting cost estimates to complete the required renovations to implement Options 1 and 2 for the North Side Renewal Plan? Will there be a more complete cost/benefit analysis in proceeding with either option?
- Hammarskjold's intimidation tactics against superior. Where should the line be drawn between the "competition"? Why is Hamm allowed such tactics when we need to be focused on keeping the lake head board open as opposed to losing everyone to Catholic board? What happens to the students when the add on happens? What happens to the lovely teachers at the two schools?
- Classrooms are too cluttered with all the required materials and each student's personal space has been compromised. Each student should have an arms length space around them, which they do not have right now.
- With the plans for renovation, is the board prepared for the unexpected? I'm sure quite a few schools are full of covered up asbestos. Go look at Ave 11 room at Hamm and see the deterioration of the walls by windows/heaters. I'm sure anyone who has worked in that room has had some exposure to asbestos.
- what is happening to the child care programs currently located in 3 schools on north side
- Hammarskjold has declared a war - this is concerning as they have pitted students against superior students. This is not a fight where there is a winner and a loser?! Hammarskjold provided visiting grade 8 students with hammarskjold t-shirts with "Class of 2020" printed on them and forced the kids to wear them for a picture. That is not only bullying and intimidation of kids but it is also highly unethical behaviour. The board needs to do something about their staff conduct. The northend students all have to merge together in one building or the other - this "war" is creating great animosity and I fear for these kids in the future. What happened to what is in the best interests of our kids?! This "war" should not be about ego and pride or an old school legacy. We need to focus on merging the students together to make a new legacy



together. I think the name of the school should merge as well so everyone has a fresh start with a new identity.

- Can the fears be alleviated of LDSSB taking over LPS facilities?
- Presentation of crime in newspaper and school locations
- Hammarskjold has fully equipped "real" tech shops as opposed to the tech "light" available at Superior. Future needs in trade careers will be on the rise and we need to give our youth proper exposure and options.
- In the best interest of the students, the only option is for Superior to become the northward High School. It just makes sense, it has everything Hamm does Plus more. It is a new school, with new modern up to date equipment and classrooms. It is a beautiful school, with a great environment. It has amazing tech classes that are not needed in an elementary school, it has a media broadcasting room, again not needed in an elementary school, it has an amazing tournament size gym, with seating for 800, again not needed in an elementary school. The only cost effective option in the best interest of the students is for Superior to be the northward High School.
- This decision should not be made on keeping a school legacy going, there comes a time when a legacy becomes just that a legacy of the past.
- It would be helpful to understand why we have a separate school board and how that affects current school planning processes and enrollment
  
- The land expanse at Hammarskjold offers ample parking, opportunity to host sporting events, drama and music, track, football field, and a safe property for the students, as well as proximity to the Boys and Girls Club for meeting rooms and skating rink. This property also offers future use of lands for building expansion, such as a Concert Hall.
- As a long time supporter of public education, I am concerned that the school board would even consider relinquishing the Hammarskjold property. This property has ample opportunities for outdoor extracurricular activities (more competitive sports teams is one area I hear is being given for the renewal), current space which could easily accommodate the students from Superior (the small school where everyone knows each other I think the principal of that school stated) and Hammarskjold can accommodate future renovations (add a full second floor or full scale addition) based on the millions of dollars the government is willing to provide. Hammarskjold is also in an area that is still growing (the hospital and Woodcrest). Let's call the elephant in the room, the only reason Superior is being considered for a high school option is because the trustees voted for it in the not so distance past and do not want any embarrassment for this decision. Superior should never been built on the location it is... It was a rushed decision. Superior is not in an area where there is subdivision growth to pull students. It s a cramped build and how would expansion on to the football field assist in helping increase Lakehead's sporting chances. Where will staff and students park? I have been in the school and there are several internal rooms with no natural light and many of the brand new rooms are tiny. Yes Superior may have technology but technology can be moved and the government is also providing money for upgrades. Let's address the other elephant in the room... The Catholic Board. Superior as a brand new, state of the art K-8 school would compete with Bishop Gallagher and Bishop E.Q Jennings as well as heir elementary schools. The Catholic Board has already stated that want one senior elementary school on the North side of town and are contemplating closing B.G and build onto E.Q. This plan is on hold as many administrators in the board in social circles are hoping to get Hammarskjold (if we make that) decision and access the same money to fix it to accommodate all students from B.G and E.Q. Why would we give them that? Remember Lakeview? I am so disheartened that the board has even proposed the closure of Hammarskjold (My kids and I are PACI graduates). It's time the trustees think with their heads not their feelings for if they did the clear choice would be Hammarskjold!
- Ensure the arts - drama, orchestra, band etc. are not affected and that productions are just as varied and plentiful should the amount of secondary schools be less then now.
- Why is it that the newest school with all the bells and whistles consistently ranks the lowest in the city. I've toured both northside high schools in as my son will be entering grade 9 in the fall

- If Superior is to be kept open then keep Superior's name. None of the other schools had to be renamed when a school closed.
- this is a disruptive change, perhaps it's needed, given declining enrollment and age of buildings, want to have a clear understanding around the reasons for the changes as have been impacted since 2007 when first closures began.
- Concern that this plan may result in students transitioning to the Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board.
- yes...job loss!
- Fix ham
- Why are we creating super schools? Doesn't the smaller community based school have any value?
- If you close Hammarskjold my kids and there friends said they would transfer to St. Ignatius. They have said many kids are saying this.
- It is a waste of infrastructure, resources and technology not to use what superior has and expand on it
- I would like to see the site of Churchill donated to NAN so that a dorm for DFC students can be built there. There are already so many abandoned public schools throughout the city. I do not want to see more decaying properties when there is a very real need for such a property to be repurposed in this exact location.
- Option #2 is my preferred option because of Hamm's location in the city (close to stores, restaurants) the acreage it offers. It is more centrally located to newer residential development. It currently has the capacity to house all the students from both schools. The school is more accessible to students with disabilities and is already established as a "user friendly" school for students with intellectual disabilities and has a very effective special needs classes. Hammarskjold is located close to community support programs such as the Thunder Bay Boys and Girls Club that provides community involvement opportunities and volunteer opportunities. The school is located adjacent to a community athletic hub including track, football field, tennis courts, hockey rink, basketball courts and baseball field. The proximity of local businesses promote the opportunity for community living opportunities for students through after school jobs or placements for all students. There is adequate and sufficient parking already existing at Hammarskjold. The cost of renovations to Superior to accommodate the extra students would be much higher and the additional 5 million dollars could be better used for infrastructure improvements to other schools. Superior is a school with declining enrollment and the reasons for this should be explored prior to subjecting other students to this environment at the risk of losing more students to the separate board.
- I just can't for the life me understand why the board would be considering giving up a brand new top of the line school. My kids were both in the catholic system prior to grade 9 and when we toured superior the choice for them was not a difficult one. They chose to leave their friends in order to obtain a highschool career in a brand new environment. Im wondering if the school board has considered the flow of kids to the catholic system? Perhaps superior that holds apprx 900 kids will be more than room after the kids flee the public system. Im tired of hearing from HAMM that the sports teams are better there - I think its sad that parents are pushing kids to a school based on a sports season that lasts only two months. The grade 8 open house night has a peacock show of how many trophies they have. It's sad this has become a competition between the two schools (1 playing fair - 1 not so much ) know superior has taken alot of flack for their football program . I honestly think football should be taken out of the system - how many concussions do kids needs to receive? There are plenty of city run teams that kids can play on. When I was in highschool they had hockey teams - these were cancelled due to the number of injuries being received. When the decision is finallt made there is going to be so much animosity between the students - they are never going to want to merge. Back to the catholic system I will go :-(
- In terms of the North side options, Hammarskjold is still in a catchment area of new development (hospital and Woodcrest) and has ample property for expansion if needed as the school is already large enough to house the Superior population. In addition, it has a supportive alumni that would continue to this school (history means a lot i.e. fundraising). Superior would make an excellent state of the art elementary school pulling students into the

public board (competing with St. Bernard and the Catholic senior elementary schools). These students would be ahead of the game. The board would not be closing any of the two high schools but simply utilizing them in different ways. Trustees who voted for the new school would still see their flagship school attract students as an elementary school...It is important to use information not feeling in making this decision.

The Catholic Board is watching our decision and hoping they can capitalize on it!

- What is the plan for Spec Ed. students when it comes to the need for this years gr. 8's to potentially transition twice in two years?
- Hammarskjold should stay open as a secondary school as it would make greater economic sense than transferring its students to superior would.
- I am concerned that the configuration of the remaining schools need to be practical and appealing to students and parents. Therefore Superior should be made into an elementary school, and Hammarskjold should be maintained as a high school. Given the amount of land each site occupies this would be the most attractive option. Churchill should be converted into an elementary school in the same way that Gron Morgan was.
- Yes. Do not close Hammarskjold. Central hub and Superior has lack of land to expand. Superior is an Ideal super elementary school.
- As a parent of a former student at Hamm, it was extremely frustrating to know that there wasn't enough room for students especially at lunch time. Classes were jammed packed with students and the facility at that time was falling apart in desperate need of repair the washrooms to this day smell due to improper drainage and overuse and the facility is old. Any repairs will be extremely costly and you still have an old building. As a tax payer I would not support the renovation of an old building like Hamm when you already have a viable high school which was newly built that can accommodate all the North side students and then some.
- I teach at Gron Morgan where the school is literally falling apart: walls, air, heating problems, mold, old shooting range, 3 cracks in the foundation from side to side, floor slowing caving in where the old oil pit use to be (W5)... Why do we not demolish this building and rebuild with the capacity to hold more students, better programs and an elevator to go to the second floor. We are an accident waiting to happen. It would be wise to address the problem before serious consequences happen (a child falling through the floor).
- I have many opinions and concerns with closing Hammarskjold High School. I feel for many reasons it should remain the North Side high school. Location, size of school and grounds, fifty years of history, larger hallways, cafeteria, chill room, larger music room, better floor plan, better parking, more sports space, close to business area to give students options at lunch to get away from negative peers, I feel it will be more cost effective to make upgrades to Hamm rather than build onto Superior. Superior would make a great elementary school and the board can now close three older schools. Makes so much sense financially! The move to Hamm could happen quicker than renovating and adding onto Superior. As a parent of a child attending grade nine in the fall I feel Hamm is a much more viable option.
- I think staff might feel less stressed if they were made aware of the plan for staffing sooner rather than later.
- Important to focus on benefits to kids on merging secondary schools. Will we offer more programs, opportunities, experiences that were not there before?

Once decision is made on north side - Will it be beneficial to have students visit new location - become familiar with site and introduced to what will become fellow classmates?

Will consideration be given to rural students whose family of schools may see them going to south side school but whose home address is closer to north side secondary then south side secondary?

- My greatest concern is the impact on the quality of education (all aspects) provided and the appeal to the public of a high school on the north end that will not have enough room to offer all the sports and extracurricular activities presently offered. The current facilities at Superior are not well- suited for a large high school; the tech shops are too small, parking is inadequate

already, the outdoor athletic facilities are subpar, unloading of buses will be difficult and the facility cannot presently hold the number of students the board is proposing to place there. Hammarkjold is "move-in" ready. Parents and students have repeatedly indicated to me that if Hammarkjold closes, then St. Ignatius is their preferred next choice. FYI I am soon to retire and the move will have no impact on my career. However, as a proud employee of the Lakehead Public School Board, I feel compelled to speak out about this very poor choice (option 1) that the board seems to be heading towards.

- Excited with this new plan to compact our resources in all areas to meet and over meet the current standard in thunder bay, we have good standards now but have been spread out to much with the resources and staff we have, this move will make us the education powerhouse of Thunder bay for years to come. The cleanest and best maintain schools for the teachers and students will keep the moral high for the main purpose of education. Exciting!!!
  - Why is the Board not looking at shared facilities with other local school boards? Maybe then there could be neighbourhood schools, which all would benefit.
  - I am in support of the School Renewal Process and feel that the Board has done an excellent job in how it has presented it to Board employees as well as to the public. I believe that this process has brought a new vitality to our system and will allow us to provide greater opportunities to our students.
  - Hammarkjold is the only North Side option with the property to properly support a complete high school program that includes high academics, sports and other programming
  - I am positive that the board will put the needs of the student first and make an informed judgment based on facts. I am new to the Thunder Bay community and have seen first hand how emotions and community history run deep...and can impact a decision making process.
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- Regardless of which option is chosen, what would be the estimated number of years before an ARC or closure study would be required again. Given the last significant study and closure was in 2005, I would hope it would be at least another 10 years +.
  - Superior High School and its property is more suited to housing elementary students, and more convenient for St James and Vance Chapman students
  - where my childcare centre will be relocated to.
  - I'm sure this will come up in meetin, but unsure why we would give up a brand new school with new technology intended for high school age learning (SCVI ) to move all these students AND all of this equipment to an older school
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- Is there plans to interview the students on the North side in the junior grades? It may be a good way to see what high school they would prefer stays open.
  - In the North side, option 2 makes the most sense on a number of levels; physical space for parking, bussing, outdoor activities (ie. phys. ed. classes, sports teams, etc.)
  - My concern is that you will only have 1 secondary schools in the north ward my child left a public school and changed schools because of bullying and now she will have to go to school with these same kids. The only way she will be able to get away with them is switch to the catholic board. Having no choice is terrible.
  - I live close to the St James School and was planning on sending my children there. I believe in walk-ability of schools and the shut down of St James would require my children to bus to school.
  - 1. I am concerned that the Principal of one of the north side high schools made comments last week to grade 8s about how their choice would keep that school open. They also gave out 200+ custom t-shirts with "Class of 2020" on them. Where'd the money for that come from? Is this about who has the highest numbers of students enrolled, or what is best for kids?
2. If keeping Superior as a high school is chosen, how does the board figure they will renovate and add a floor to the building in less than a year? Don't you have to go through a blueprinting and tendering process still?

- I think that keeping Hammarskjold open is the most viable North side option...closing Hamm would open up a building for the Catholic Board to use to consolidate their two 7/8 schools, and we would lose even more students to them. I wish that we had considered a 7/8 school for us as well. Superior would make a beautiful elementary school and we could offer programming there that could rival that in the 7/8 schools such as Family Studies and Tech. Consolidating our secondary schools will allow us to offer more courses and have strong sports teams.
- As a parent visiting both schools for the first time at the open houses, my impression is overwhelming in favour of keeping Superior open. Although the renewal plan says it will renovate Hamm, in my mind, it would need significant upgrades to compete with Superior's highly technological wiring, the manufacturing infrastructure and equipment, and modern and green aesthetics. Superior seems like such a more healthy school environment. The "plan" for renovations is very vague and therefore how can parents and students comment on something they can't wrap their heads around. Are their drawings/paintings of what the new Hamm would look like if it were to be renovated? Wouldn't it just be easier to add a floor on top of an already existing state of the art high school like Superior? Forget about the past legacy of Hamm and move on to the future by tearing that old building down and give north end children a chance to learn in a modern building like Superior.
- Keep Hammarskjold open and close Vance.
- Special Education - there have been false reports in the media that Superior does not have a special needs program - they do (PWP) and we have one child in this program. We are hoping that they not have to relocate. Children in PWP, as opposed to Hamm's, special needs classroom are very much more aware of the upcoming amalgamation and are anxious about it.

We agree that the amalgamation will be cost saving.

Sports are a huge concern. Now there will be two less teams in the city to play against and half of each public school team will now not be involved in athletics...that's really unfortunate for the marginal athletes.

We are also concerned from a rumour that we hear that at Hamm you have to be "elected" to be part of student council. Our child in PWP participates in student council at Superior but would lose this inclusive activity if she had to be "elected" by peers in a much larger school

The uncertainty in the north end is sending more students to the Catholic Board. It's too bad there has to be a "battle" between the two north end school's students and parents until October. The "losers" may choose to send their kids to St. Ignatius

- I am deeply concerned in how our board is losing students RAPIDLY to the Catholic board! We need to step up our advertising.
- The whole renewal plan puts lots of anxiety and stress on the students and faculty. All of the current grade 9 students chose the schools they are going to for a reason. It's not very fair or considerate if half way through the year, the board decides to make a plan to close down at least one of their schools. I realize that there are other important factors to consider, but I think that the education and security of the students is most important. I would propose that the renewal plan take place the following September after the current grade 9s graduate. Then any students who attend these schools in the future know the possibility of their schools closing, and it isn't a big surprise on everyone. I say this only out of the consideration of the students who don't really have a say.
- Are there any kickbacks to board members that the public should be made aware of prior to the implementation of renewal plan.
- The decision needs to be made and the plan needs to be solid. These kids are going to be going through a lot and all the consistency that can be provided should be.
- Superior CVI should be kept as a high school, it is the newest, Hamm is old & if Hamm is made into the amalgamated high school this should of been done in the First place, instead of building Superior. All this would have been eliminated IF the board, 8-9 / 10 years ago.

- I am wondering if there will be any rezoning for Woodcrest School since it is so full already and now might be a good time to look at that issue.

Also, will there be another look at the rural schools since they are not full and will some of them be the next set of closures?

- Very concerned about our three kids going to Vance Chapman by bus instead of the 10 minute walk to Algonquin.
- -I have a lot of concerns for the neighbourhood surrounding Superior trying to accommodate parking for another 700 students.

- I would absolutely hate to see the Board lose Hammarskjold and the 13.+ acres it's sitting on. It's a much better fit for 1200 students than Superior.

- If the Board is tearing down Churchill and building a Southside Flagship school that will accommodate Agnew and Edgewater, then there should be a flagship elementary school on the Northside as well. We might be a draw for some of the families in Elementary who send their kids to the Catholic Board.

-If we move to Vance Chapman I see it hard for them to accommodate a full daycare, 300 + kids, Day Treatment classes and the Special Needs programs from Ecole Gron Morgan and Vance Chapman. I have serious concerns that the renovations will be able to do an adequate job to take care of all those student needs.

- That if the building at Hammarskjold site is lost, it will be sold to the Catholic board and we will lose even more students to them.

The coverage of school closures in the media.

- hopefully this renewal will be handled a little more professional and judicious than the Watson report fiasco!!!
- Please keep Hammarskjold open! It is an amazing school! We were at the Open House and staff and students did an incredible job...a new PA system is required though!
- Move forward with Superior as it is a brand new school - don't warehouse students in old outdated school that lacks modern facilities and lack of natural light.
- Is it really possible to get this all approved next fall and be move-in ready 10 months later? Regardless of the scenario? I am truly skeptical.
- Why do we have to wait so long to know which school? People are arguing about which school is better. That's a long time to be fighting when we will all be classmates in the future.
- Superior Site is the best site for an elementary School
- I am very upset that so many kids won't be able to play school sports because there will only be half of what there is already on each team especially the bigger teams like football.

I am glad that there will be more courses offered.

I think Superior should stay a high school because it is new and high tech. Hamm is old and I don't even like going in there for sports.

- As an athlete I am worried that now, two north end and two south end teams will now be made into one. So now half of the student athletes will be eliminated from playing sports. That is terrible. Perhaps each school could have an A and a B team to play competitively. Some students go to school just for the sports, now that will be taken away from us. It will maybe stop recruitment from the public board schools...now we just have to work on Iggy not recruiting.

I am hoping my 1 1/2 hour bus ride will be shorter once the north end high schools join. Most of the buses are empty right now...what a waste.

- job placement
- It is very unfortunate that on the north side, the board just not make a decision without public consult as now SCVI and Hamm parents and students are arguing with each other over which school is better for the next 8 months and then we have to live together. Ultimately, the decision

will be made by trustees anyway. I hope that the Hamm "legacy" is not a factor in the decision. I did not grow up in Thunder Bay, and it seems that many people are holding onto Hamm because they went there, their parents went there and so they want their kids to go there. Superior was built as a high tech HIGH SCHOOL .... it should stay so. This was not built for K-8. I would not want my kindergarten children attending school in a building built for High School. If the land is the issue at Hamm, then perhaps the building could be torn down and the fields still be used for high school and elementary school practice or tournament usage.

- I do not see how Hamm can be renovated in such a way to match the innovative, high tech, high school Superior is. The equipment at Superior was meant to be used by high school aged students, not elementary children
- loosing one of the best highschoools and public schools I've ever been to.
- I believe we are focusing on buildings as a way to improve how parents perceive our board. The focus should be on test scores and quality , Dedication to the students
- Superior is too small. It should be used as a feeder school to Hammarskjold
- Approach the idea of incorporating practical courses such as Family Studies, Industrial Arts (Tech) and Music into the Grade 7 and 8 Curriculum. Students could be bused to the 2 new elementary schools from elementary schools where this is not offered. Elementary students spend far more time at their elementary school as compared to the High School students. They deserve to have a new facility which engages and excites them about learning.
- Hammarskjold High School has the room and facilities to grow with the changing needs of education in Thunder Bay. The building is in a premium location to attract students.
- I think that we should have a north side option chosen before school starts in September to give our staff and students some answers.
- Some parents prefer small schools. How will we maintain a small school feel in a large elementary school?
- The final decision should not be made only by the trustees
- Will this turmoil push more kids into the catholic board?
- decisions about the north side need to be made before grade 8 parents decide what school their child will be attending in the fall. parents will feel more comfortable sending their child to a school they know will be open. this uncertainty will only drive grade 8 parents to send their children to the only school on the north side they know will be open - St. Ignatius.
- fewer students = fewer jobs
- make the decision now! not in October!
  
- Don't force students into an institution that turns the clock back 20 years. Build on our existing modern, environmentally-friendly, cost efficient, healthy infrastructure to provide the best learning environment for ALL students. The wants of a few should not outweigh the what's in the best interest of ALL students.
- Concerns:

staff burnout due to high ratios of SSP staff to high need students

staff safety

availability of qualified supplies for support staff and supplies for teachers

financial cutbacks vs. the actual needs of students

- My concern is that if Hamm closes, the Catholic board will purchase it. The students currently attending Hamm and its prospective students will likely switch to the Catholic Board thus further diminishing public board numbers. Hamm has superior athletics facilities and many students choose Hamm for that reason.
- This is bandaid stuff. Amalgamation is the only true way to rationalize the system.
- PR for the elementary parents is HUGE. It is by far an easier sell to parents in the LDSB that their children will be going into a brand new school like Superior than moving them into another

elementary school. The chatter I hear is that there are many parents that are considering movement of their elementary children to the Catholic board.

- Will there be additional land at Superior?
- My largest concern is that turning every public elementary school into a giant school isn't safe or smart for the children. Children who need the extra help just aren't going to get it with a classrooms of 30+ Students in it
- I'm a previous graduate of superior CVI, with the environment and staff provided I am who I am today. Keep superior open for highschool :)
- How the changes within the board may be affecting the faculty of education at lakehead in regards to placing their teacher candidates
- Worried about busing as my child has never taken a bus and I was told a bus won't come up my street. My child will have to wait for the bus on a corner where there are no driveways and he used to wait in a snow bank. It was also always really late and really early, and again waiting on a street in a snowbank! Hence the reason he no longer took the bus and he was driven to school and now he walks/bikes. If he misses the bus when all this happens he misses a day of school!
- You need to keep in mind since you are running this as a business, be mindful of your competition. Remember Lakeview? If you close a school and sell it off then the Catholic Board will buy it and put all of the same students back in it. History tends to repeat itself. Just my opinion.
- Where will the grade 7's go to school from CD Howe until the new location is ready to receive students? They currently move to Algonquin.
- I do not believe the current administration provides enough mental health support now in the elementary school. A large school atmosphere should have a mental health nurse of site, this melting pot of mental health, social, and behavioural issues is going to take a lot out of the teachers who spend time "fighting fires" rather than teaching. Spend a week at a school like Vance Chapman, McKeller, Algonquin and you would see. If we can help our students in elementary, maybe more would stay in secondary and become good citizens. That takes educated support mental health professionals, we are spread too thin with the small social work staff that exists now. The academics are secondary to the mental health, academics are barely being taught since teachers have all these different behaviours in their classes, makes it pretty tough. The current director has excellent secondary experience but not elementary experience.

Regardless of separate funding if the small country schools are being left open, but some of the inner city students there, they could benefit from the country environment. Triple grades do not provide good education, as hard as the teacher may try!!! I struggle to think of St. James being closed, while Gorham and Ware stays open, McKenzie stays open but C.D. Howe closes, the staff in these small country schools are not overworked and stressed with social issues, but receive the same pay. Let's fill up those country schools if we are going to keep them open!!

Why not merge G & W with 5 mile? McKenzie with Claude?

- Easy transition for elementary students in a small school into a large school.
- Looking only at the school and not the programs that run within. Childcare centres have only been told "they'll be taken into consideration"... What does that even mean? Will we still be able to service all our families? Will we still be on the north side?
- None that could be resolved at this level.
- Neighbourhood impact of SCVI being high school and business impact of closing Hamm
- Why would you want to keep a 50+ year old school when you can have a brand new school with less renovations and will last many years. Plus is technologically advanced
- I would prefer that my children attend Hammarskjold!



- The ranking system proved difficult. #1 thru 5 are actually of prime importance. The next topics, buildings and transportation are a direct result of the other factors.
  - Bullying in the schools needs more attention. Too many kids are leaving to Catholic board. One of our children had and another may be. Also we know 12 kids who did the same and all due to bullying that was not dealt with.
  - The timelines seem to be adventurous seeing as the final decision will not be made until October.
  - Keep Superior CVI a high school!
  - Went through this a few years back and it was not a positive move!!! My child enjoyed school until they were forced to attend a city school for the last 2 years of public school, he hated the school, for what the Board of Education did to his learning capability and not wanting to continue his education because he felt he was lied too and that he was just a number not a student there to learn. Promised that their class would not have any other disruptions through their learning years. Well that was a true lie. Moved to a new school in Grade 7 Graduate from Grade 8 excited to attend High School for the last 4 years of education BUT NO lets build a new school and Grade 12 will at the new school!! Oh yes more disruption and more dislike to the Board of Education for yet another lie. Not impressed on how all this was handled.
  - With larger schools and number of students per staff how are the problems that plague super schools with violence and bullying going to be addressed?
  - KEEP SUPERIOR OPEN! KEEP IT AS A HIGHSCHOOL !!!
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- A wish for no large super schools
  - It seems a waste to convert Superior to an elementary school when it was built less than 10 years ago as a high school. Also Hammarskjold is older so it would make sense to close that school. Vance Chapman is the bigger, newer elementary school so it would be more cost-effective to reno that school for the new northside elementary school.
  - Superior is a brand new school with brand new technology, while Hammarskjold has been open for plenty of years and is soon to be closing as well.
  - Keep Hammarskjold open. It has a long history in the city, it can house all of the students, it has a football field, and a track. Superior is too small of a property to add onto. It would make a fabulous elementary school. Gron Morgan converted from a high school to an elementary school and it can work for Superior as well. It is a more central location than Vance Chapman to house the 3 schools.
  - Class sizes (too big, less 1 on 1 time with students who need the support)
  - Superior was made to be a high school. I don't understand why they'd tear down an elementary school to build a brand new high school on the grounds, only to have it turn into an elementary.

Also, Superior has one of the priciest technology and have a setup made for high school students. Auto shops, media technology, and just everything are for high school.

It's a brand new school, but both schools would be a shame for them to be closed down.

- Keep Superior Collegiate & Vocational Institute open!!!
  - I strongly feel that Superior should remain a high school for numerous reasons. Superior is a home to everyone and has made my high school experience thus far wonderful. I have created so many great memories at this school and it would truly be a shame to have to leave my school for another. Superiors state of the art technology is unlike any other. Superior is such a loving, caring and beautiful school from the inside out. The staff are friendly and very helpful and want to ensure every single student succeeds in all of their endeavors. Superior is not just a school, Superior is a home.
  - Superior is a fantastic school
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- Superior CVI was built to be a highschool. Hammarskjold is not what it use to be. Enough said.
  - Please, let's not throw good money after bad! Superior shouldn't have been built to serve as a secondary school. Let's admit mistakes and move on by turning it into an excellent elementary school. Keep Hamm as the North ward secondary school.

- Creating an elementary school on current Churchill site next to a high school. Worried about student safety
- Decision must be made for best interests of our students - which will provide the cutting edge education. Not based in a legacy
- Think big to be big
- What will be done with the input that is provided at the meetings.
- How can the public be assured that the decision process will be fair and in the best interest of all the students attending high school in the north?
- I believe that turning Superior into a k-8 school would allow so many opportunities for the students. The chance to access shop and home ec classes again....the track. ...the ability to consider bringing French Immersion students under one roof with other students.....the ability to expand programming, etc. are all reasons NOT to keep it as the only high school in the north ward. Hammarjold, on the other hand, can hold more students and is established in a central location. It has the established tech courses and the needed land to expand. I think that more thought or reasons need to be discussed before actually considering it's closure. In simpler terms, closing Hammarjold would be a foolish decision by idiots.
- 1) Having come from a community that tried a 1 year turnaround in new school buildings, the timeline does not seem feasible.

2)ensuring a positive message to community on how this will improve education at LPS

- Hammarskjold is the only viable option for a single high school on the N. side of town if we want to increase our numbers on the Public Board (more reasons why than space available here)
- I just want to say that the LHPSB should be doing surveys in areas that there removing/combining or building school because somethings do not make sense. Your growing subdivisions are all young families with 1-3 kids and you are making them travel further. Gas prices are currently low but once they go back up they will pick the closest location which the way the board is planning will be catholic schools. Just like the poor planning with the add'n out the side of Woodcrest when the school was built to go up! You limited play area and under estimated what was being and already built around it or in the area. The list goes on! plus stop building schools for flash and build them more efficient in layout and less wasted space we have enough of those type of Tom Jones style buildings in Thunder Bay. Sports where will all the competition be if there is no schools to compete against? But I guess it does not matter when they are cutting out winning and losing and kids cant fail so no point of trying right?. Thanks.
- loss of students to the other board
- Vance Chapman is not a centralized school area. The Board has to carefully consider the location of the amalgamated school (ie. for students living near Red River Road, it is a short walk to Ecole Gron Morgan or Algonquin, yet a lengthy bus ride to Vance Chapman) as it does not make sense for certain areas to be bused when there are schools closer to their neighbourhoods. With combining the 3 elementary schools in Superior, there would still be room for more students if another school in the area needed to be closed).

Hammarskjold has better sports facilities (football field, tennis courts and access to 2 ice rinks and a baseball diamond) than Superior. As a parent I would choose a school which offers outdoor facilities for physical education.

- To me, particularly as a parent, Hammarskjold is the only option. The sooner the decision is made, the better off everyone will be. My children, due to their ages, will be significantly impacted by the decision. Even with my position as and extra knowledge, they are stressed by the indecisiveness of the current plan.
- My major concern right now is the fact that many students in the North ward will leave our system for the Catholic board due to the uncertainty with which school will be kept open. Many parents in my community have approached me to voice their concerns about this. All have told me they are seriously considering changing boards due to this issue (they are not necessarily upset about school closures but they don't like the uncertainty).

- Some children do not adjust well to big-school environments - it's been an on-going issue - and they may fall through the cracks. Will there be the staff provided to support them?
- my concerns are of the elementary schools slated to close. I would like to see all 3 schools close and put them all in one school. That way staff and students all start off on a fresh start. Teachers and students feel that if they add on to a school and blend in with a pre-existing school that the original students and staff will have the advantage for coaching, participating and fear of overstepping.
- The only logical choice for the North Side... Superior should be a fabulous elementary school to draw in the young kids and Hammarskjold should remain the fabulous high school to retain and draw in older students.
- Giving up the Hammarskjold site would be foolish. There is no merit to giving up another prime north side site (Lakeview). Superior's land and building are an excellent elementary option. Hammarskjold can become your north side flag ship close to very large and new north side developments.
- My preference for the north side high school site is Hammerskjold.
- Let's view the Catholic Board for what it is - a threat and competition.