Port Hope EFOS - Community Feedback - December 2022 Public Consultation

Option C:

Option D:

## Option E1: Boundary Adjustments between Beatrice Strong PS, Ganaraska Trail PS and/or North Hope Central PS.

The worst- mental health, anxiety, addiction etc., post pandemic Utilizes Beatrice Strong PS the most effectively Keeps more students within their home schools Takes the pressure off the Ganaraska Trail Better utilization of Beatrice Strong Geography makes more sense Not taking more capacity away from the high school

**Pros/Benefits** 

## Cons/Negatives

Long bus rides for very young students Current struggles for finding buses are multiplied by 100% Loss of community bases on geographic (for rural kids being sent to

tow) (rural kids lose the benefits only North Hope can offer) Does little to address the under-capacity issue at Beatrice Strong Exasperated social and economic disparities within Port Hope Need to account for differences between rural and urban communities

Rural school is the hub for the community

Interrupts peer relationships which puts the young children at risk for; depression, anxiety, substance abuse and suicide

Impact on all 3 schools why impact all 3 if the issue is at GT

Impact also on all grade K-6 (detrimental) □peer relationships need to be considered

Transportation concerns availability, staffing, money, time, environment, concerns around process and check boxes

Psych-social- students □ families

**Transportation** 

Concerns about student relocation

No French immersion in high school

Disrupting lives of NHC students no impact on Beatrice Strong Students who are at Ganaraska Trail who started in French

immersion who are now in English track

Different strain of students at NHC- community- rural

Time spent on bus more stress on students

With boundary change forcing # of students to be split from their

Families decided to move to specific area to live now being forces

to relocate students based on boundary changes Need to keep the sustainability open for high school

Students from Beatrice Strong & NHC will have 1 less yr. to

gel/interact with students from Ganaraska Trail

Grade 6 students are not able to do sports if other schools (NHC &

Beatrice) are not together

This is not a long-term solution with the development happening

## **Questions/Wonderings**

Young children exposed to happenings/content beyond their psycho-social-emotional bran development What is the reason for the moratorium? What is our long-term plan for the high school? Dual task possible at both Beatrice Strong & Ganaraska Trail Possibility to grandfather -students to remain at area school How do we have faith in Boards projections when 5 years ago this discussion happened at George Hamilton? Are students exported by grade? How do we know how many students will be coming into Beatrice Strong from NHC & Ganaraska Trail?

## Option E2: Boundary Adjustments between Beatrice Strong PS, Ganaraska Trail PS and/or North Hope Central PS.

#### **Pros/Benefits**

Helps address the under capacity of Beatrice Strong
Willing to consider than mixing the whole bunch
Keeps kids in elementary schools longer
Boundaries can be readjusted over time to address issues
Keeping junior students in junior building
Better space utilization at Beatrice Strong
Leaves space in Port Hope high school for the students that should be
Elementary (primary) students stay with elementary (primary)
students
Better utilizes all space

#### **Cons/Negatives**

Loss of sense of community in rural community

Transportation □ long bus rides for very young students
□current struggles for busing is multiplied

Rural students lose the benefits only North Hope can offer
Interrupts peer relationships which puts the young children at risk for
many mental health issues such as: depression, anxiety, substance
abuse, suicide

NOTE: ALL POINTS FROM E1 APPLY TO E2 AS WELL

Possibility to split up students/siblings

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FI student into regular stream = change school
North Hope should remain a rural school
Transportation concerns/not reliable/bussing times
Anxiety & stress of moving students to new school
Daycare??

at Beatrice Strong Add to the municipal division (ie. Ward 1, Ward 2)

Not sustainable not a long-term solution Massive catchment (on a bus for a long time)

# **Questions/Wonderings**

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