

**DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
POLICY**

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Appendix A**

Request for Delegation or Presentation

Meeting Requested:

Special Meeting of the Board

Date: June 5th 2017

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Name of Group/Organization Represented (if applicable):
Mary Immaculate Catholic Women's League and Knights of Columbus

Spokespersons (limit of 2 who will be presenting)

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Specific Statement on Issue or Topic of Presentation:

We are so blessed in Ontario to have the opportunity of a catholic education for our children. However, in today's society there are many threats to having this opportunity continue for the next generation of youth. We feel that closing St Robert's School would be one of those threats, especially for the children within the St Robert's school boundary.

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Summary of Key Presentation Points:

- The Catholic Women's League and the Knights of Columbus of Mary Immaculate Parish are concerned with the potential closing of St Robert's School; a school that is adjacent to Mary Immaculate Parish and is at near capacity for student enrolment

Relevant Background Information/Data or Rationale:

- Students from St Roberts have easier access to the parish for mass, youth activities and sacraments compared to St David's School and Holy Family School. This keeps children and their families connected with their faith
- The parish needs young families and children to become the leaders for the next generation of the church. "Building Strong Catholic Families; Building strong Catholic youth....one encounter and one opportunity at a time". This phrase underlines the need for a unified and cooperative approach that includes parents, church and school. A school adjacent to the parish sends a message to the community that church and school are partners in faith development
- The school and church serve a more important role for many students that attend St Robert's school than students from more affluent neighbourhoods where there are often more family funds for sports like hockey and other activities such as music or drama
- 66% of the 264 students walk to school, which helps with physical activity and is good for the environment. If the school is closed, a significant number of these students will walk to the nearest public elementary school, thereby further reducing the enrolment. (for catholic elementary school and parish)
- The costs of bussing 264 students compared to just 87 students for the long term
- The drop-off and pick-up zone for students bussed or driven is one of the safest in London

If applicable, your key recommendations/suggestions or solutions to address the issue/concern or problem:

Not applicable for this meeting

Signature:



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