

February 7th, 2017

Near North District School Board
Capital Planning

Re: ARC process regarding North Bay Secondary Schools

I write this letter as a concerned parent of current elementary school students who will be impacted by your proposed plan to close three public secondary schools in North Bay and open one new large secondary school. This proposal is so preposterous that you may actually achieve some of your predicted declines in enrollment by virtue of students switching to schools covered by other school boards. I would point the board to the appeals and investigations in other cities over the ARC processes have been conducted since, it is my understanding through colleagues that the decision has already been rendered and that this current "consultation" is just for show. My concerns follow.

1) Violence

Recent reporting in the Nugget has presented an alarming trend of violence in our area elementary schools. When violent incidents occur there are few supports for the teachers and

directly affect academic quality. The only acceptable solution for our students is one that focuses on increasing academics in the North, not the opposite.

5) Numbers