

School Programming and Student Resources

Good evening. My name is Deanna Pigozzo and I'm a parent of one child who attends Alliance French Immersion Public School and one who will also start this coming fall. If they continue in the French immersion program, both will attend Chippewa SS. I'm speaking on behalf of myself and a group of concerned parents whose children currently attend school at either Alliance or Vincent Massey.

Issue

My concerns are that school programming and student resources may be lost for the preferred option to amalgamate the 3 English Public High Schools (Chippewa, Widdifield and West Ferris) into a single school located on the Chippewa SS property.

School Programming

The proposed new high school of 2247 students immediately puts fear in me that I will need to look at registering my children with another school board.

Having a school with 2200 plus students is basically taking away my choice to send my children to a public high school for many reasons.

I chose to send my children to the Near North District School Board based on all of the wonderful opportunities I had while growing up and attending public schools in the city.

There are currently many programs available to the students at each high school. I fear that if all high schools are merged that the opportunities for all of these students will be lost as the competing population will be so large. Whether it is on a sports teams, dance team, drama club etc.

More competition to make the team or make the cut will result in more stress and anxiety on the students. Not having the same opportunity as kids from neighboring

Question