Alternative Proposals for 2030–31 Planning: Sector 1 Consolidation & Sector 3 Optimization

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To: Consultations; Cc: [redacted]

Dear Members of the Governing Board,

I am writing to propose a more balanced, capacity-driven approach to the 2030–31 school organization plan. If the Board's primary objective is to optimize space utilization across our schools based on future projections, there are far more logical solutions than closing a thriving neighborhood school like Our Lady of Peace (OLP).

Below are two key recommendations for your consideration:

1. Primary Recommendation: Sector 1 Consolidation (Crestview to Souvenir)

Rather than disrupting a stable community in Sector 3, the Board should look to Sector 1, where significant under-capacity already exists:

- **Low Utilization at Crestview:** Crestview is projected to enrol 137 students against a capacity of 327—representing approximately**42% utilization**, the lowest in Sector 1.
- **Absorbing Capacity at Souvenir:** Souvenir is projected to enrol 294 students against a capacity of 621.
- **Balanced Outcome:** Consolidating Crestview into Souvenir results in approximately 431 students at Souvenir (~69% utilization), leaving a healthy buffer for future growth and program needs while avoiding over-crowding at Hillcrest (which is projected to reach ~90% capacity).
- **Overall Sector Balance:** Following this consolidation, Sector 1 would retain capacity for 1,377 students against a projected enrolment of 885 (~64% overall utilization).

Subject to standard due diligence regarding space plans, transportation, and staffing, a Crestview-to-Souvenir consolidation is the most practical, capacity-aligned solution for 2030–31.

2. Worst-Case Contingency: Consolidating OLP into TOES (Sector 3)

If capacity adjustments in Sector 3 are deemed strictly necessary based on long-term projections, closing OLP and moving students to another distant region like Souvenir makes little geographic or operational sense. Instead, the Board should evaluate consolidating OLP into **Twin Oaks Elementary School (TOES)** within Sector 3:

- **Keeping Students Local:** Unlike rerouting west-end families across multiple major highways into Sector 1, consolidating within Sector 3 keeps students within their local community network.
- **Preserving Regional Access:** This prevents excessive, unsustainable 40–50 minute morning commutes, respects secondary road transit patterns, and better preserves the local Fabreville and Laval-Ouest community ties that families rely on.

I urge the Board to publicly share all alternative scenarios studied, prioritize Sector 1 optimization (Crestview-to-Souvenir), and—if changes in Sector 3 are unavoidable—ensure that

students are kept local by consolidating OLP into TOES rather than forcing disruptive cross-region relocations.
Thank you for your time, leadership, and dedication to our students and community.

Sincerely,

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Parent, Our Lady of Peace (OLP)