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Marlborough School's Future

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Good afternoon, Councillor Fathers,

Thank you for reaching out and for providing the broader context surrounding Marlborough. I took some time to review the Board's planning documents before responding. Additionally, I believe there are a few distinct and separate issues at hand here; thus, I will respond primarily through the lens of my expertise, which is student wellbeing.

My position is that any decision about the future of Marlborough should be grounded first in student success, wellbeing, educational equity, and the long-term needs of the West Windsor community. Communities facing greater socioeconomic and other systemic barriers can often face greater barriers to educational opportunity. In my view, that makes access to strong neighbourhood schools, appropriate educational and social supports, and meaningful programming particularly important for West Windsor. Moreover, I absolutely share your concern that students should not have fewer opportunities simply because of where they live.

In my review of the available information, the Board's public record suggests that it has previously pursued replacement of Marlborough, while also investing in and considering renovations to the existing site; The 2023–2034 Long-Term Accommodation Plan states that business cases had been submitted to the Ministry for a replacement school but had not been approved. The Board's 2024 Capital Priorities report also shows that Marlborough was its #2 capital priority in the 2022/23 submission, noting \$7.8 million in renewal needs, including \$4.2 million considered high and urgent needs. That same report, however, seems to indicate that no capital-priority submission was made in 2024/25, and the elimination of the French Immersion program was subsequently included as a 2025–26 budget management decision.

Given this context, and the elimination of the French Immersion program, I believe one of the remaining questions is what the current long-term plan is for the school and how that plan fits within the broader approach to facilities, programming, and educational opportunities in West Windsor.

With respect to heritage designation specifically, as a lifelong Windsorite, I can certainly appreciate the importance of preserving Windsor's heritage. I do not have expertise in heritage planning or real estate, so I would not claim a firm position on designation itself without first developing a clear understanding of its implications. That said, as a trustee, my primary lens would be whether the ultimate plan provides students with a safe, equitable, and appropriately resourced educational environment.

I also think your broader questions about investment and resource allocation across different areas of the Board are fair questions to ask. While I am not aware of the specific comparative data surrounding individual schools or previous property decisions, I do believe that ensuring resources and opportunities are being distributed equitably across the Board is absolutely something I would advocate for as a trustee.

Thank you for the opportunity to examine and comment upon this matter.

Respectfully,

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For reference, these are the specific Board documents and page numbers informing my understanding:

GECD SB 2023–2034 Long-Term Accommodation Plan — page 137

<https://www.publicboard.ca/en/about-gecdsb/Plans-and-Reports/LTAP/LTAP-REPORT-2023-2034--AODA.pdf>

This is where the Board states that business cases had been submitted to the Ministry for a replacement Marlborough school but had not been successful.

GECD SB 2024–25 Capital Priorities Program — Appendix A, pages 199–200

<https://www.publicboard.ca/en/about-gecdsb/Board-Meeting-Minutes/2024-2025-Board-Meeting-Minutes/September-17-2024-Public-Board-Meeting.pdf>

Page 199 of the document shows no submission for 2024/25; page 200 of the document shows Marlborough as the #2 priority in 2022/23 and provides the renewal figures.

GECD SB 2025–26 Final Budget — page 23

<https://www.publicboard.ca/en/about-gecdsb/Budget-and-Finance/2025-2026-Final-Budget-for-posting-AODA.pdf>

This identifies the elimination of the French Immersion program at Marlborough (and Forest Glade).

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