

Elgin Avenue Public School
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As a parent with a child and grandchild at Elgin Avenue Public School
I have very serious concerns about the possible closure of Elgin.

First: There were no meetings held at Elgin, which put the Elgin parents at a disadvantage.

2nd Many issues were not considered. For many years, Elgin has been the heart of Simcoe, a landmark in the centre of town!

3rd Transportation costs: Presently 99% of the Elgin children walk. Only 3 students are bused to Elgin. As well the children will miss the much needed exercise of walking and climbing stairs.

Elevators and ramps can be designed for those with disabilities.

4th West Lynn does not have any architectural drawings and surveys. How can you say costs would be cheaper? The school has drainage problems and becomes flooded. It could get worse with the development of the new school property and extra students.

5 th Elgin already has plans made - no surprise expenses!

6 th There will be little or no extra cost, to bus Western area students to Elgin, since they are already being bused.

7 th Elgin has lots of land for expansion in the future. There is plenty of room for sports and games.

8 th West Lynn has to have land purchased, to build class rooms, and will not have much room for outdoor activities.

9th Heavy traffic congestion including the traffic going to Tim Hortons, will get worse with more students and buses.

10 th It has been brought to my attention that a Board member and 2 Trustees have children at West Lynn. Is this correct? If so will they declare a conflict of interest?