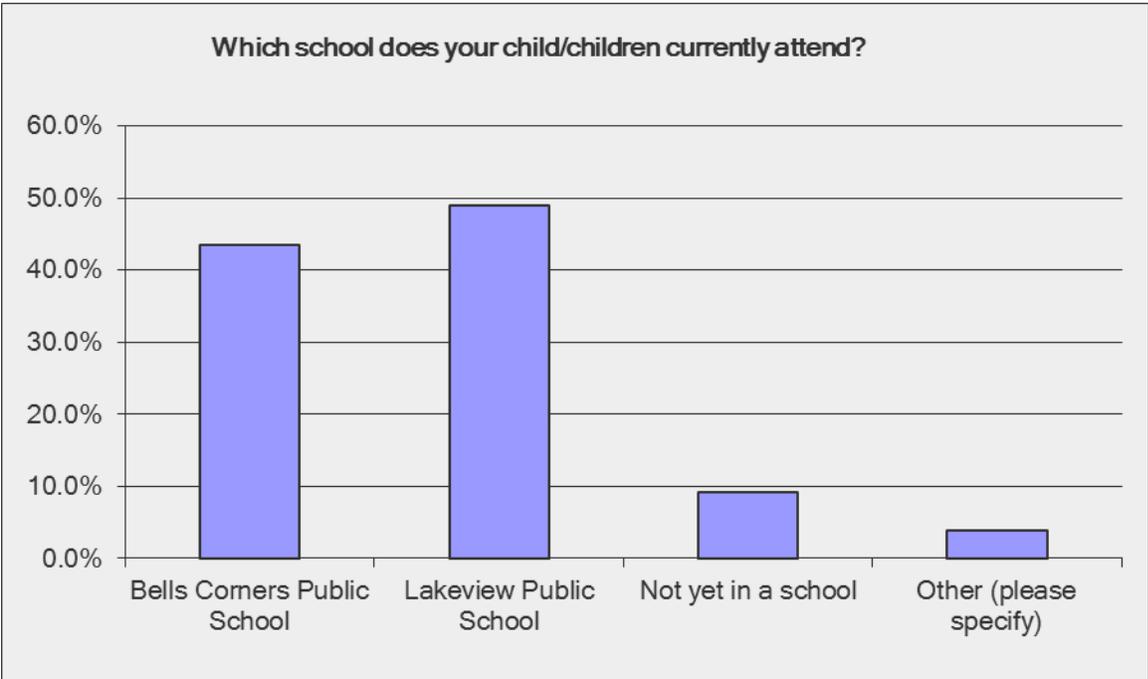


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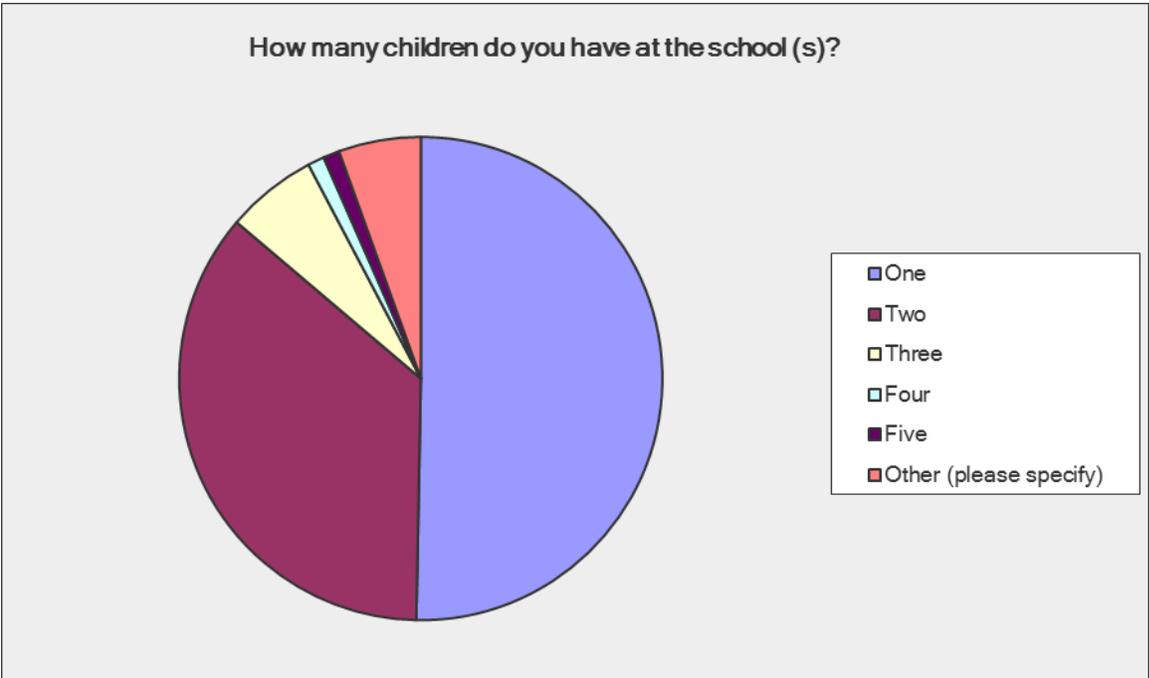
Question 1

Which school does your child/children currently attend?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Bells Corners Public School	43.5%	80
Lakeview Public School	48.9%	90
Not yet in a school	9.2%	17
Other (please specify)	3.8%	7
<i>answered question</i>		184
<i>skipped question</i>		1



Question 2

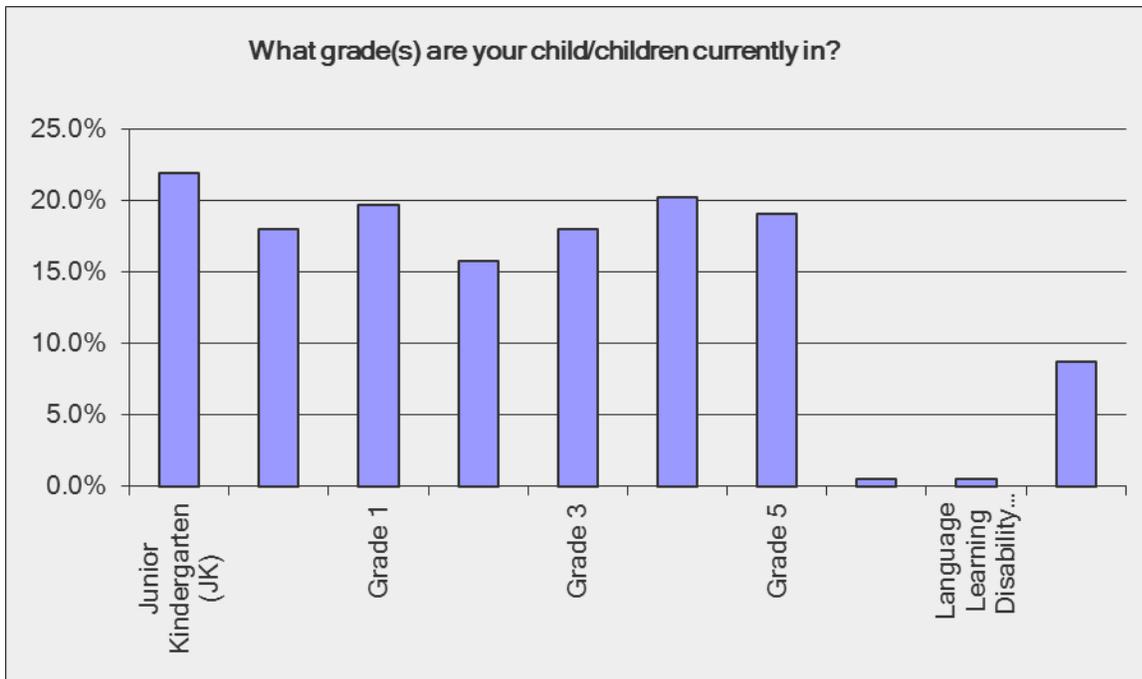
How many children do you have at the school (s)?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
One	50.3%	91
Two	35.9%	65
Three	6.1%	11
Four	1.1%	2
Five	1.1%	2
Other (please specify)	5.5%	10
<i>answered question</i>		181
<i>skipped question</i>		4



Question 3

What grade(s) are your child/children currently in?

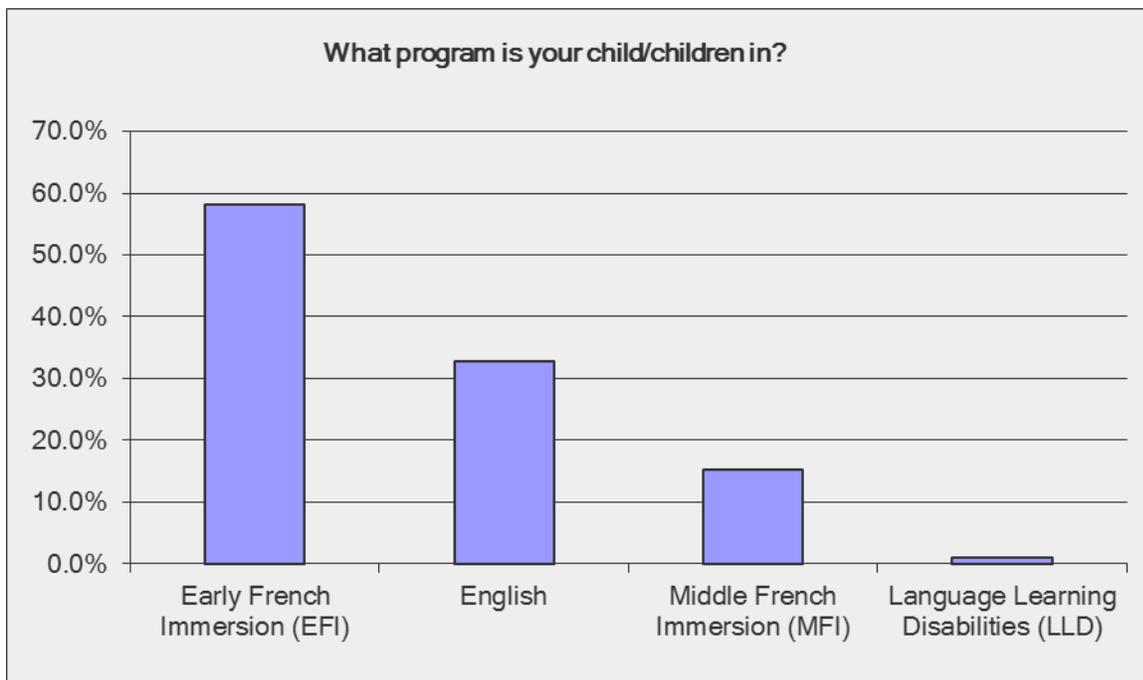
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Junior Kindergarten (JK)	21.9%	40
Senior Kindergarten (SK)	18.0%	33
Grade 1	19.7%	36
Grade 2	15.8%	29
Grade 3	18.0%	33
Grade 4	20.2%	37
Grade 5	19.1%	35
Language Learning Disability (LLD) Primary	0.5%	1
Language Learning Disability (LLD) Junior	0.5%	1
N/A	8.7%	16
answered question		183
skipped question		2



Question 4

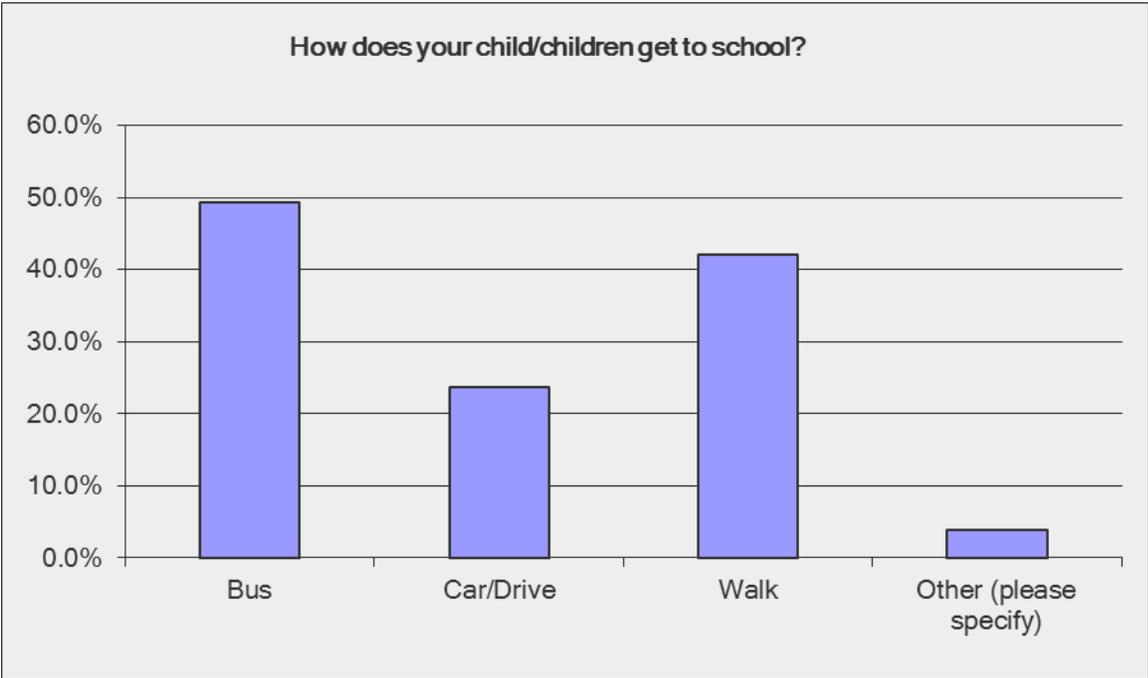
What program is your child/children in?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Early French Immersion (EFI)	58.2%	103
English	32.8%	58
Middle French Immersion (MFI)	15.3%	27
Language Learning Disabilities (LLD)	1.1%	2
<i>answered question</i>		177
<i>skipped question</i>		8



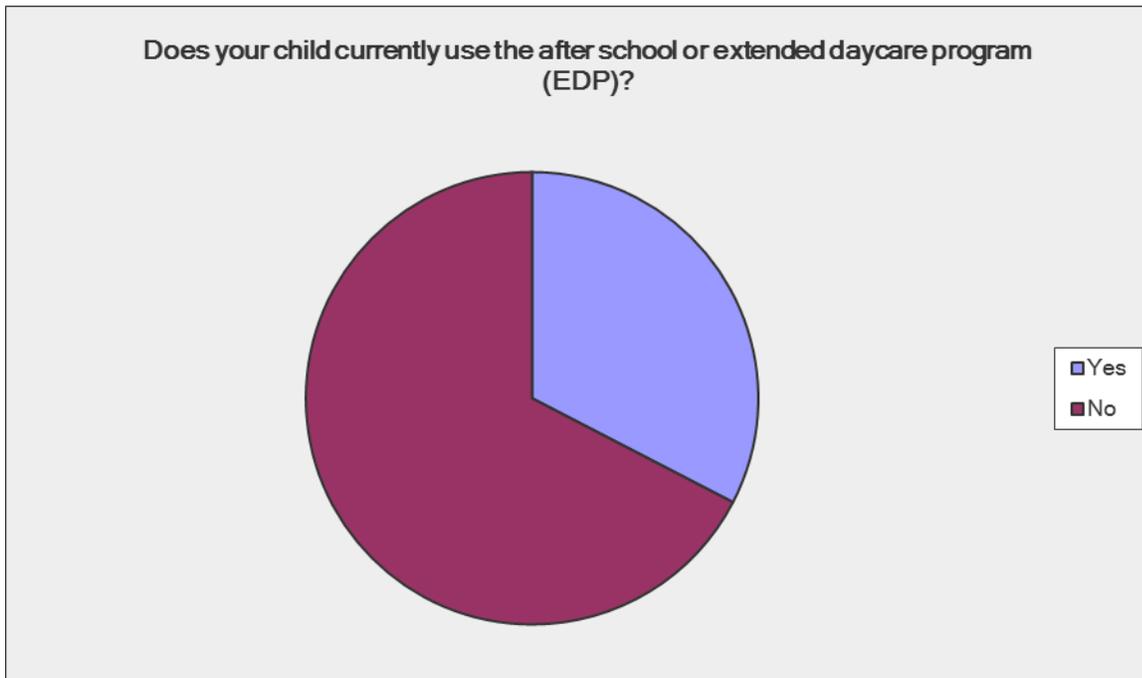
Question 5

How does your child/children get to school?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Bus	49.4%	88
Car/Drive	23.6%	42
Walk	42.1%	75
Other (please specify)	3.9%	7
answered question		178
skipped question		7



Question 6

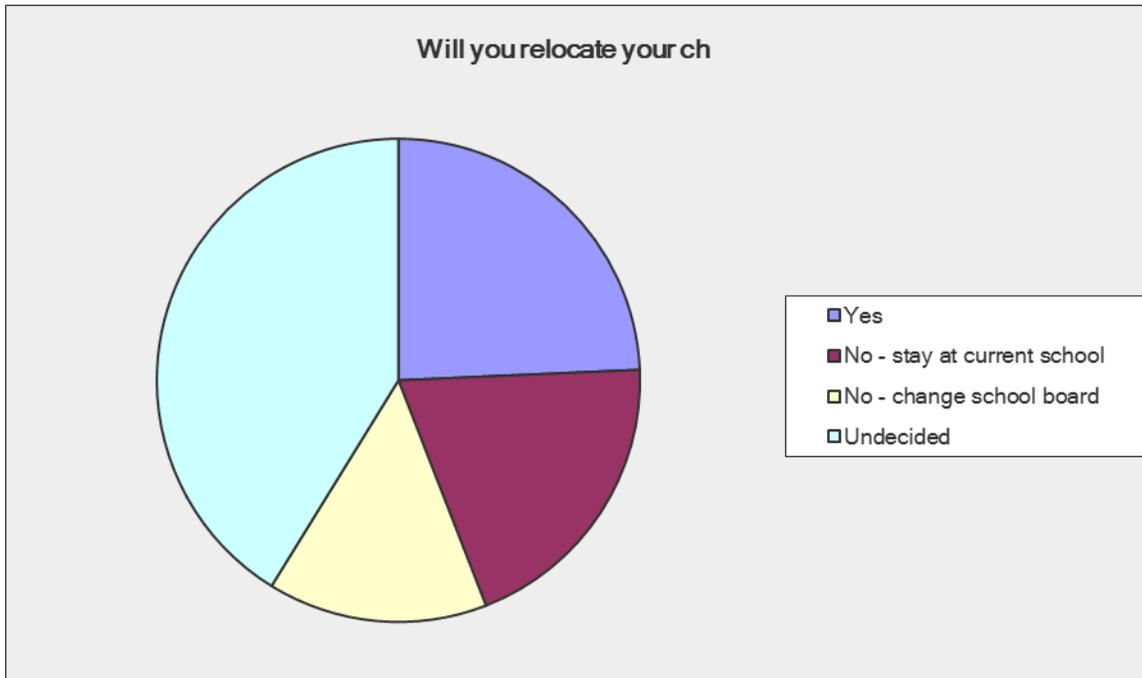
Does your child currently use the after school or extended daycare program (EDP)?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	32.6%	58
No	67.4%	120
<i>answered question</i>		178
<i>skipped question</i>		7



Question 7

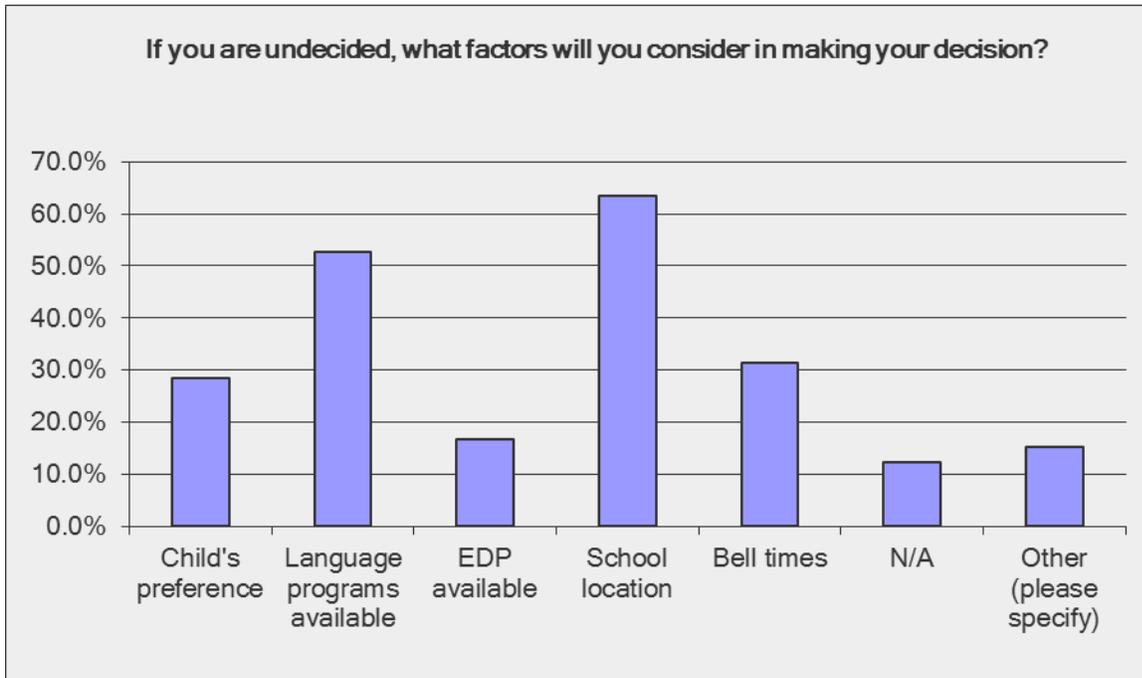
Will you relocate your child/children to the alternate school as per the OCDSB Western Area Accommodation Review proposal? The proposal is that all Bells Corners children would relocate to Lakeview Public School, and Lakeview children would relocate to Bells Corners Public School.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	24.3%	43
No - stay at current school	19.8%	35
No - change school board	14.7%	26
Undecided	41.2%	73
<i>answered question</i>		177
<i>skipped question</i>		8



Question 8

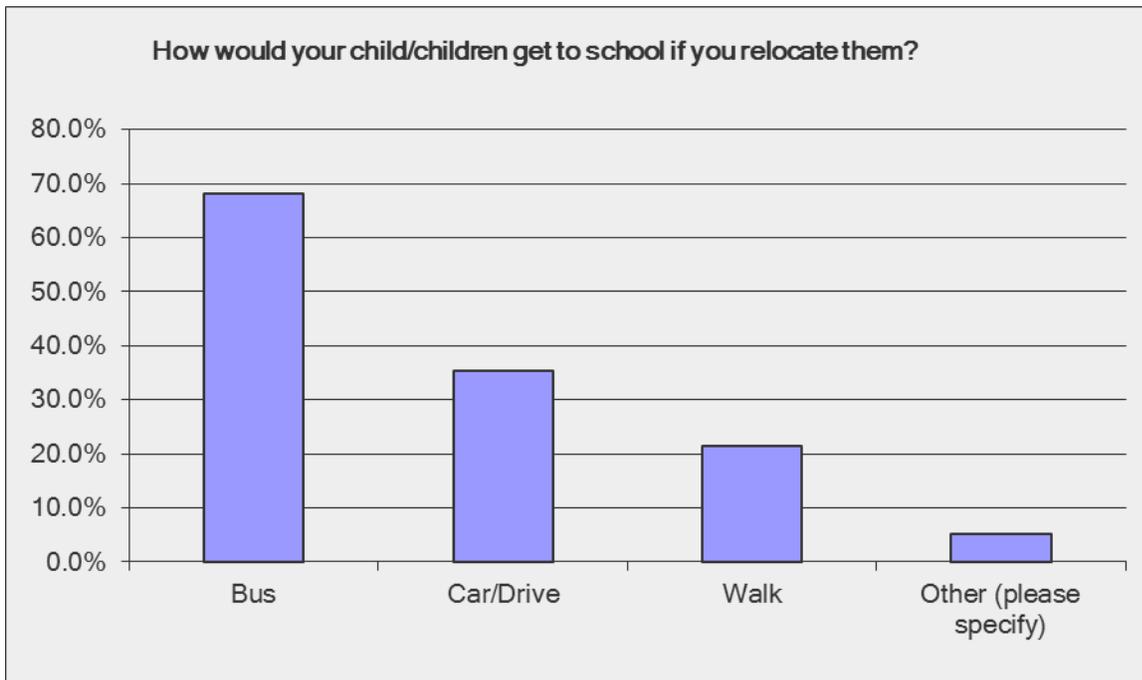
If you are undecided, what factors will you consider in making your decision?		
Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Child's preference	28.5%	39
Language programs available	52.6%	72
EDP available	16.8%	23
School location	63.5%	87
Bell times	31.4%	43
N/A	12.4%	17
Other (please specify)	15.3%	21
answered question		137
skipped question		48



Question 9

How would your child/children get to school if you relocate them?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Bus	68.2%	118
Car/Drive	35.3%	61
Walk	21.4%	37
Other (please specify)	5.2%	9
<i>answered question</i>		173
<i>skipped question</i>		12

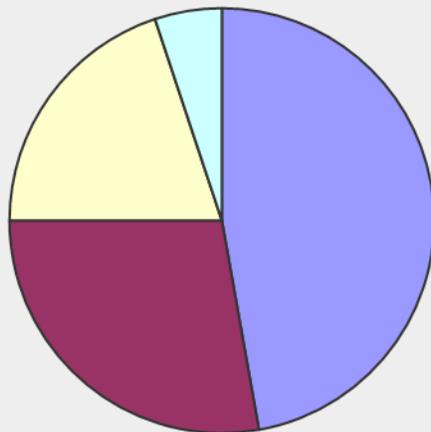


Question 10

Currently, Bells Corners has bell times of 9:15am / 3:45pm and Lakeview has bell times of 8:30am / 3:00pm. Please indicate your level of concern if the bell times change?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Very concerned	47.2%	83
Somewhat concerned	27.8%	49
Not at all concerned	19.9%	35
Other (please specify)	5.1%	9
<i>answered question</i>		176
<i>skipped question</i>		9

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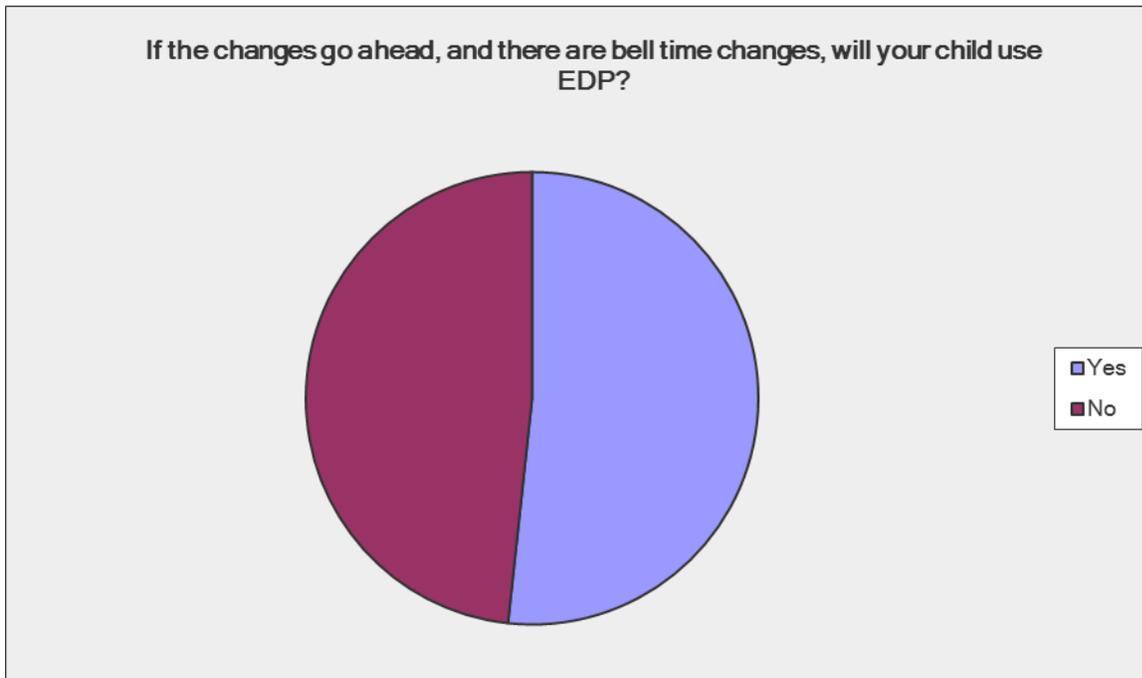


- Very concerned
- Somewhat concerned
- Not at all concerned
- Other (please specify)

Question 11

If the changes go ahead, and there are bell time changes, will your child use EDP?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	51.7%	91
No	48.3%	85
<i>answered question</i>		176
<i>skipped question</i>		9



Question 12

Do you have any additional comments?	
Answer Options	Response Count
	79
<i>answered question</i>	79
<i>skipped question</i>	106

Comments

We are very upset by proposed changes, as they would significantly affect our family.

French emersion to be offered at Bells corners public

Let us have a choice

It's needed language now a days.

We understand the issue is more complicated then it appears on the surface, but should these changes go through it's been indicated that there will be capital funds freed up for renovations/expansions. Why not expand Lakeview and leave the programs as they are?

I wonder about LLD program at BCPS

What will happen to it?

I would prefer my son to attend Lakeview as it is within walking distance from our house. He has been bused every year from JK to grade 5 and it is 1/2 ride each way which is too long!

I am very saddened that they are switching the schools, and eliminating English at BCPS. It will mean we cannot walk the kids to school, and our children will be attending school far away from their community. We are looking at changing boards to OLP to keep our children local, but there is likely a huge waiting list.

Why are they closing D.A. Moodie, bell high is overcapacity and has no

room for the 7 and 8s. Why is bayshore, the most under capacity of all the schools being left as is? Why not move Lakeview students to Bayshore and offer all streams at the two schools? That way kids could go to a closer school. Or cahnge the ctchment areas for Lakeview and Bayshore and introduce English at Lakeview and MFI at Bayshore????

I am against moving the EFI to Bell's Corners from Lakeview.

I purposely settled in Bells Corners to be part of this community and was happy as there is no more home developments to keep it small. This proposal may look good on paper as a bandaid solution, but you are now changing the dynamics of a community. I will not relocate my child to Lakeview and will move school boards and attend Our Lady of Peace.

Parents are be asked to accept many changes all at once. Close the middle school, elementary school goes to grade 6, switch schools and stuff grade 7 and 8 in a high school.

if my son does not want to enter the early french immersion in grade 5, we will be changing school boards so that he will go to OLP across the street. bell times are a big concern since this would potentially force us into daycare or he would be home alone for too long a time. we want to go to our neighbourhood school, and not be in French immersion!

Lakeview is an amazing school with great teachers, facility and great provinical standards. My kids go to Lakeview because of Bells Corners Public School provincial marks as they are below the standard.

The proposal above seems to indicate that all children enrolled at in grade 1 and above at BCPS would be forced to relocate to Lakeview PS due to language program changes. I believe this would be unfair to the children, including my own, who are comfortable at their school and with the staff at BCPS. I currently live in Crystal Beach and specifically chose to send my child to BCPS. I feel that the proposed

change would have a negative impact on our family.

It's ridiculous how the board seems to change things around. Just stop.

I have 2 children that will be going to school in the coming years. I am deeply concerned of the proposal. I want my children to attend early French immersion at Lakeview, but if EFI is eliminated then we will chose the French school board, like many other families in our neighborhood will be doing. Community schooling and French schooling is most important to my wife and I and unfortunately this will only be possible with other kids in our community at the French school board. My preference is the status quo.

Lakeview should remain as it is the early French immersion school our family as many others I knew moved to Crystal Beach for our kids to be in School nearby.

Lakeview PS needs another extension. Switching schools and portables will not deal with the continuing bulging demographics of the jk/sk students entering the system.

Middle Schools should NOT be closed. There is a HUGE difference between a Grade 7 student and a Grade 11 student. They should not be schooled together - their developmental/social needs are very different. This approach makes no sense and is extremely short sighted.

Although 45 min bell time doesn't seem like much (3:00 --> 3:45) that may have a big impact on younger kids).

If you want to swap Lakeview with Bells C, you need strong reasons to do so because people are happy with the status quo.

Has anyone looked at just adding grade six to Lakeview and leaving the kids there? I understand the Bayshore factor but this is a second huge change when you look at the other change of not having middle school.

I am very concerned about the proposed changes. It comprises our

family values of being in walking distance of our school. We would stay at Lakeview school and use the MFI program, however I feel that the capacity issues will not be resolved. A longer term solution should be considered EFI with a potential expansion

Try to keep EFI at Lakeview. Can add it somewhere else as well if there is demand.

I believe that this will make it challenging for parents who don't have access to vehicles.

I think that if EFI is really so popular, that EFI should just be added to BCPS instead of moving so many people around.

Why cannot the bell times be changed to accommodate the students entering the school, instead of remaining unchanged for the staff remaining? This is all for the students, no?

I work late and self-employed, earlier schedule would cost me too much I'd be forced to change school boards.

Yes. I find it ridiculous that your going to switch schools. Im a single mom of two children in JK. So many kids are going to have to switch schools which is going to be a HUGE adjustment for so many kids which is really going to affect alot of children. I will have no choice but to send my kids to the Catholic school board. Im hoping this doesnt happen kids are just adjusting with teachers and routine. Makes me furious.

I really feel like the decision has already been made. The feedback I received from zone 4 trustee indicated that 'statistic show' parents will keep children in EDP and that 74% of children are eligible now for bus at Lakeview. I am eligible for busing but I don't take it because the school is so close - I can walk. The same can't be said for the proposed school change. Also, I'm not convinced the board understands why some people move to the neighbourhood - its because of Lakeview and now they will have to send their kids to a different school. Overall, I think this is a done deal and I'm not happy about it.

I would like my child to Bells Corners as he is used to it and it is closer

to my house.

We just moved closer to BCPS so that the kids are within walking distance - moving the English program to Lakeview removes this option and I fear would also create issues with developing local friendships. Frankly, we have stayed with BCPS due to its location and if this change goes into effect we will consider switching school boards.

Next fall I will have 2 children in school. Early start times are a big challenge, particularly because we can't pick them up until closer to 5pm. That's a very long day for the kids, especially at 4 years old.

We are fortunate that our child is in JK and that these changes will not have a big impact on him, though I understand the concerns of other parents. But when it comes down to it, the Bell family school proposal is a logical solution.

For our family, the proposal is the BEST outcome we could ask for. We want our child to attend an EFI school. The fact that BCPS is within walking distance is icing on the cake. Also, it makes complete and utter sense to close the middle school, expand Bell HS to include grades 7 and 8, and omit not only the cost of running an under-subscribed school, but also the additional transition for the kids.

Swapping programs with BCPS and Lakeview...This is a terrible idea! There are so many children who are English only at BCPS and a ton of kids in FI at Lakeview. Why would you flip the schools, instead of simply adjusting the programs in the schools that already have a larger population of that program in them? I walk my kids to school. It was why we bought where we did. I don't want to drive 15 minutes to drop them off every morning. My kids love their school and how close it is. I don't want to switch them to Lakeview.

The main reason we as a family decided to buy a home in Crystal Beach was largely influenced by the proximity of Lakeview Public and how many of our friends affiliated with the school board said how good

of school it is. The proposed move is a major concern of ours.

Lakeview PS is currently a french immersion school and BCPS is not. I do not understand why there has to be a change (?). This just seems like an exercise in futility.

Lakeview will need traffic controllers in place for drop-off and pick-ups. Based on staffing levels and parking/hard surface space is limited. Needed possible locations are needed for short term parking for safety for driven kids. BCPS has lots of space, but Lakeview will be a problem especially if construction is happening on-site or roadway based.

the new location is unreasonable for families living near bells corners ps.

it would make more sence if the school offered both programs and gave families the choice.

switching the program is the same as making the chioce for families. relocating can be difficult.

With DND coming into the western area... changing the English school would not be a wise decision as the families moving to the west end will have a small school (lakeview) to chose for the English.

The English children are being screwed over again as they are the ones over looked as heaven forbid we not bend to the French speaking. The English Children are not being represented fairly and need a strong voice. If size is such an issue and DA Moodie is being shut down, move the French children to that school and have more than ample space for them and close Lakeview. Changing the senior highs to 7-12 is a good idea. I went to a grade 8-12 school and think it's a great idea. Pulling the plug on the English program at Bells Corners and moving it to Lakeview will result in losing our 3 children's enrolment. I will change our children to the Catholic Board and they will attend Our Lady of Peace.

I'm not sure why Bayshore PS, as the largest school in the vicinity, is not part of the discussion. Could Lakeview's growing population not be absorbed there, making a bigger population that would allow all the language training options to be on offer? This would be disruptive to fewer students, create less confusion than switching two schools' populations, and offer more parents more choices in language programs, no?

curious why BCPS was chosen for French and Lakeview for English

I do not want my child going to a school that I do not know anything about, I like the atmosphere the teachers and the community around the school. IF my child is relocated to Lakeview, I will change school boards.

If D.A moodie is closing and lakeview needs a bigger school why not shut down lakeview and put them in D.A moodie. This way two schools are not being up rooted. With grade six being put into Bells Corners public school I feel like lakeview will become to small and our kids will end up in portables. If this change happens our kids will be moving to the catholic school board a school in our community.

No

I am opposed to switching the programs at the schools. I do not want my child placed at Lakeview and as a result potentially using a portable external classroom.

Would be a significant impact on my work schedule. Also influenced by bell HS times as older sibling could meet the bus if timings worked.

The proposed changes seem ridiculous. Relocating 2 entire schools taking kids out of their local school seems short sighted.

This is Not in the best interest of the child that he has to switch schools for 2 years and adapt to a new school and teachers. Its not FAIR for the children. Has anyone considered all the new students that are about to arrive in the area when DND moves to this area. (Around 20,000 employees in the next coming years) Some thing to consider. Also I have NOT heard to date when this change is to take in affect.

I would need to answer the above questions for each child as the answers are different

Is there any reason to not sent the Lakeview kids to Bayshore PS, which is woefully under utilized. Or grades 5 and 6 all sent to bcps...and integrate the efi and mfi at that point....this use to happen in grade 6 anyways.

I think the change is a positive one, and that the later bell times would be better for my children.

We chose to live in a Crystal Beach, and pay a higher price for our house, over one that we looked at in Bells Corners, due to the fact that there was an EFI school right tucked into the neighborhood. We are very happy here, our children don't do well with change, and we want things to stay the same! Many field trips involve walking to Andrew Haydon Park, why would we want to move from this beautiful park land to a busy corner in Bells Corners. There are atleast two empty portables at Lakeview currently. Use them, and keep Lakeview EFI!

I'm very frustrated with this proposals. BCP is old and busted. LPS is nice with some new additions. If I wanted them at BCP I would have moved to Lynwood Village instead of Crytal Beach. I can't believe that the board did not foresee this sort of thing 20 yrs ago. The Catholics have this figured out. WTH is wrong with the public board?? This is going to ruin relationships our children have made the past couple of years. Very disruptive to the students and the teachers and parents. I'm so mad about all this. So mad. And I know this is all to save face. The board is going to do what's best for the board. Not for the kids. Because they only give a shit about the money lining their pockets. Face it. This entire process is just to look like you give a rat's ass!!!!

I am extremely upset and frustrated with the proposed changes. I will have two kids affected by this change. One of the main reasons where we decided to buy a home was due to the very close proximity to Lakeview. I feel the addition done at Lakeview to expand the

kindergarden classes was not well thought out at all. A second floor would have given the school much more capacity.

we want to put our kids in EFI but if that means sending them out of the neighbourhood to a school we can't walk to, we may keep them at Lakeview even without EFI

I find it frustrating that our family had to completely change our lifestyle choices if this change occurs. We chose where to live based on the language program offered by the school and proximity in order to allow walking/biking etc...

It is incredibly frustrating that this major life decision we made is now potentially completely useless and irrelevant!!!!

We moved to Crystal Beach because of there was an EFI school (Lakeview) nearby. I am concerned about my son's transition and integration to a new school and location with potentially new friends, new teachers and being surrounded by older children. My son is a shy person who flourishes in smaller group settings with children close to his age. I do not understand why minimal renovations were recently made to Lakeview that did not include enlarging the school to accommodate more EFI children. It seems like a missed opportunity without forward thinking/planning. Surely the board had statistical information on the number of students, their ages and preferred language of study 2 years ago before the western area review. This proposed transfer seems like a last resort /"under"sight situation. Families will be upset due to the proposed transition. The move will cause social, emotional and financial upheaval. It would be nice to have more budgetary transparency with breakdowns regarding this plan.

Changing the bell times would completely disrupt our family and work schedules.

I'm more concerned about DAMoodie closing than about this switch. I don't think this will solve anything though. Lakeview will be packed

with the current population from BCPS. There's not enough room.
I have serious concerns over expanding the grade structure of secondary schools to grades 7-12, due to the exposure of younger children to the high school environment this would involve.
I will switch schools to keep my child in EFI but we would rather keep her in this neighborhood.
The later start/end time affects our after school activities. I may need to drive her on certain days of the week. Also, I am undecided about where i will send my 3 year old daughter who is to start JK in the fall. I would like to keep her with her sister, but we would prefer for them to stay at lakeview since it is closer (less time on the bus) and we prefer the earlier end time.
not sure for #11
Make both Lakeview and Bells Corners EFI and do away with MFI.
We are very concerned about the overcrowding that would continue at Lakeview PS AFTER the switch occurs. To relocate the Bells Corners children, where they have lots of space to a school that will be overcapacity immediately, does not seem like a good fit. There must be some other program or option that can work, rather than forcing a dual track school into a overcrowding situation immediately.
A better choice might be to introduce the Grade 6 option into the schools, close DA Moodie, let the schools settle for a year, then consider relocating the schools in Fall of 2018.
Keep EFI at Lakeview PS
Change the boundaries for Lakeview to make it a smaller catchment. Don't dorce families and children to endure longer days, longer bus rides, and more inconveniece. It is a truly ridiculous plan to have so many people moving, and to tear them away from their local community school.
The recommendations are the clear output of limited number

crunching without any sense of the real world negative outcomes that will result for so many children and families.

No question changes are needed to reflect the changing demands, but this is not the solution.

The practical issues are a huge concern for us. (i.e. school start times, EDP etc). Those will have a great impact on our decision vs. EFI or MFI

Very poor rationale for swapping programming in Bells Corners for Lakeview.

Lakeview is ++capacity as an EFI, but projected to remain ++capacity even if changed to a dual track - no benefit in terms of space utilization. Half the students in the EFI are from the CB/Lakeview area and many walk to school now, or will in the future as they grow up - few from Bells Corners. Why bus these kids OUT and BC kids in? Kids passing each other on the bus is not a solution.

Risk to Lakeview PS for closure in near future due to English/MFI program: Lakeview PS EFI was at risk to close before and community fought successfully. If switch to English/MFI, it will compete with Bayshore, which is a much larger facility and well below capacity (in the 50% range?). Given there are few kids in English/MFI program from Crystal Beach neighborhood (and even fewer if we believe the trend toward EFI) - so it will be argued that Lakeview is no longer needed. Why keep a school, when most kids are bussed in from other neighborhoods, and there is a larger facility nearby? The proposed plan is an intermediate step to close Lakeview as a school. Closing Lakeview will have significant impacts on this community as no new families will want to move to a neighborhood with not a single school. Both Bells Corners and Bayshore has other schools (Catholic Board etc) and would be less impacted as communities if they lost a school.

Lakeview/Bells Corners swap bad for families/with no benefit for

students.

The swap of Lakeview/Bells Corners has no benefits to students but represents a lot of inconvenience for families, more bussing time for kids, required change of work and family schedules/change of caregiving requirements, more kids/families without a community school. Unnecessary upheaval.

I currently have one child at Lakeview but will have both children in school next year (so that is how I answered the survey). I MUCH prefer the hours at Bell's Corners school - we will save a great deal of money spent on childcare as we'll only require EDP in the mornings. Please keep the hours at Bell's Corners the same. We will go wherever the EFI program is.

Have three alternatives been considered fully?

1) Merge Bayshore and Bell's Corners into one school at one of these two sites?

2) Add late french immersion programs at Bayshore?

3) Add early french immersion at Bayshore and/or Bell's Corners?

I am very concerned about the impact of swapping the programs between Bells Corners PS and Lakeview PS. The benefits of this change are limited, and the negative consequences have been underestimated.

The purported benefits:

The reason given for the swap is that if the EFI program goes to K-6 at Lakeview, the school will be over-capacity as the program increases in popularity. However, I have seen no evidence that the increasing popularity of the EFI program hasn't reached its saturation point. Has any research been done asking young families about their program preferences? Lakeview currently has an empty portable classroom

and so there is room to grow, even if it requires another portable or two. Although portables are not ideal, the negative consequences of swapping programs is much greater than this negative.

The underestimated negative consequences of swapping programs:

1) One of the OCDSB's goals is to reduce transitions for children, but with this swap hundreds of children will be forced to transition at an even younger age, when this kind of change is even more difficult. Some of their friends will change school with them, but not all will. Some teachers will move with the program, but not all. This change will be a huge disruption of these children's school home.

2) Another of the OCDSB's goals is to save money; swapping programs will be expensive.

3) Each of these schools has a community of families built up around them. This move will disrupt that community because some families will switch school while others will not. Further, these families have a history of contributions to the physical building which their children will not benefit from if they change schools.

4) Finally, if the MFI/English program moves to Lakeview school, the school will also be over-capacity. Are the negatives of swapping programs really worth the "benefit" of Lakeview going from over-capacity to slightly less over-capacity?

A suggestion:

If the EFI program is so popular, why not add an EFI program to the Bell HS family of schools? Has the OCDSB considered adding EFI to Bayshore PS? Bayshore PS has room for an additional program as it is only at half capacity. This would ease the pressure on the Lakeview EFI

program and make the program swap between Lakeview and Bells Corners unnecessary.

I would love it if the times changed with the schools. BCPS would go to 8:30 -3:00 and lakeview would change to 9:15 - 3:45. It would be one less change for the kids. Stick with their current time but change the schools.

Really not happy. Lakeview has been a EFI only school. Keep it the way it is.

All that matters to me is that my child can stay with his friends, and that the staff and principal move with the children. I chose EFI first and foremost. The school happened to be Lakeview.

We made our home in Crystal Beach because that is where the EFI school, Lakeview is located. (I have also heard anecdotally that many other young families with school age and pre school children chose CB for the same reason) If fit with our schedules and commuting patterns. Moving our son to Bells Corners will mean longer commuting times and longer times in EDP. Further, depending on parent choices, there is the possibility of splitting up close friendships between students. This would be particularly hard on our son as well as others. We are not happy about the proposed changes.

We moved to this community for its size and amenities. A small area with a community school, access to parks and a city pool drove our decision. We will not put our children on a bus when they can walk to school.

The only reason I would relocate my child is to continue with EFI.

Since EFI is getting so popular they should make both schools EFI and remove MFI. Problem solved.

Why is Bayshore not being impacted in any way? Makes sense it becomes an EFI school given size and location/proximity to LPS. Bayshore has less % of students than both LPS and BCPS. Why are they being treated differently? Is the Board not interested in the efficiencies of offering EFI there? A lot of students from that

community come to these schools. LPS has 4 or more buses of kids from Bayshore coming to EFI. Why not keep them closer to their own community? Every effort should be made to keep kids in their own communities. Parents/kids being emigrated to another community will not have the same vested interest in that community as those that live in the community in which their kids go to school.

My children are excited that they would become walkers if the EFI program moves to Bells Corners. I am lucky enough to be able to walk to work in Bells Corners, and having my children be able to walk to school would be fantastic.