

In summary, I have several concerns regarding accommodation for educating Honey Harbour residents away from Honey Harbour.

Firstly, your numbers presented as reasons to review accommodation appear to be all over the map if not entirely fictional. For example, your general chart showing enrollment decline over the next 10 years to be about 10%. Yet your projection for HHPS shows a decline of 60%???. HHPS enrollment is presently 95% so a ten year projection would make HHPS at 85% of its capacity.

Secondly, your bussing times are inaccurate. You show present longest ride of 60 minutes but my kids get on the bus at 710 to arrive at school at 830. That's 80 minutes. Already too long. There is no way you can make the drive from HH to GOPS in the time you specify.

Also there is no consideration for how winter will affect bussing. Recent years the OPP has taken to closing sections of highway 400 during difficult snow conditions. Highway 400 is the ONLY road between HH and GO. there is NO OTHER ROUTE!! How do you intend to get the kids home when the highway closes??!!

Honey Harbour is a waterfront community. HH exists as the gateway to 30000 islands. Many people live on these islands and pupils past, present, and future travel by boat, sled and scoot to attend

HHPS. That is why the school is located next to the marinas. The school used to BE ON AN ISLAND!! No consideration has been given to these residents. As the internet makes it easier to work from home, more people are going to see the advantage of living in rural settings rather than the ridiculous expense of the cities. Why should property owners here on these islands be denied education of their children in their communities? They are not excused from contribution to the education tax fund!

If enrolment is down 25% across the board as you suggest, has the number of school boards been reduced by 25%? Have the staffing levels at TLDSB been reduced by 25%? This would be a far greater savings than what you will achieve closing our school.

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