

October 24, 2016

The Board & Ms. Judy Saunders  
Trillium Lakelands District School Board  
300 County Rd, 36  
P.O. Box 420 , Lindsay, ON K9V 4S4

**Re: Lady Eaton Elementary School Closing**

Dear Ms. Saunders & Trustees:

I would like to convey my comments regarding the potential closure of Lady Eaton Elementary School in Omemee. I realize that due to declining enrollment and other factors that decisions have to be made regarding space utilization in our schools. This school has been an integral part of the Omemee and Emily area for fifty years since its opening in the mid 1960's. It was with great disappointment that the community learned that this school will be earmarked for closing in 2018.

I feel that we need to do more consultation with the public before such major decisions are made. Transferring more students to Scott Young school in my opinion may not be the solution. Scott Young as you know is relatively landlocked and built against an esker hill. There is limited room for expansion . In fact the school track had to be built in the parking lot due to the fact that there was no room beside the school to construct it. Lady Eaton on the other hand has ample acreage around the building.

This particular school is located in the Kawartha Lakes Ward that myself and my late father Lloyd have represented for 8 and 4 years respectively. Centrally located in Omemee the school plays an important role in the livelihood of the community. I would respectfully ask that this matter involve public meetings with the local trustee and extensive feedback from the constituents and parents involved. A school closing is a major decision and we need the proper information to make an informed decision.

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An option would be to have a business case developed to back up the need for closure. Has there been one done? . If not then I am sure staff could perform this and report to the Board. I thank you for your time reading my letter today and would appreciate if I could have an update in writing on the decision and time frame for this important decision.

Sincerely:

Ronald Ashmore

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ronald Ashmore', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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