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Hello, my name is Madeline. I am a student at Honey Harbour Public School and I have been for 9 years. I am currently in grade 7 and I have the **best** teachers in the world! I love my school and I don't want it to close. Closing **hhps** will **not** improve the education we receive but, it will severely damage the community as a whole.

I have read your administrative report in which you state "*The school or group of schools is unable to provide a suitable and equitable range of learning opportunities for students.*" What a pile of **Sugar Honey Iced Tea**. Your report has no information to support this claim. I strongly disagree.

I received my report card last week, my highest score was **92%**. I scored my highest marks in reading, writing, and mathematics. My lowest score was **72%** and that is only because I have to do gym. I hate gym.

Even at my lowest score, my report card says;

*" the student has demonstrated the required knowledge and skills with **considerable effectiveness.**"*

My average is 85.6%. At that level the report card says;

*"The student has demonstrated the required knowledge and skills with a **high degree of effectiveness.** Achievement **surpasses** the provincial standard"*

My sister's report card is also strong. In the past she struggled with some subjects but, with the individual attention that our small class provides, and help from her friends, she has succeeded and pulled ahead. She has a very different style of learning than I do, but because of our small classroom our teacher is able to adapt her teaching for kimmy's unique learning needs. That's how she has improved so dramatically. This would not be possible in a larger school.

Clearly, this evidence shows that the education we receive from our **wonderful** teachers and **supercalifragilistic** school is first rate. **Top notch**. Prime. **Très bien**. #1. Ttly equitable. **OMG perf.**

Why is it that our teachers are afraid to participate in this meeting? You should not be allowed to intimidate them in this way. I am glad that i can bring my teachers comments directly from my report card to this meeting.

A couple of years ago, Mr Larry Hope came to our school to teach my class "drumfit". After that class he stated that we were "*the **most intelligent and polite class**'* that he had ever taught.

Was he lying to us then or is he lying to us now?

I have talked with a number of my classmates and no one can think of a good reason to close the school. You are forcing us to move from our beautiful community to a place we have **no** connection with. It will be impossible for us to form friendships with kids who live so far away from us. We won't be able to ride our bikes to see them. Or arrange playdates. We will be

categorised as those "*honey harbour kids*". We may be exposed to more bullies, due to longer bus rides and changes in personalities due to being around larger groups.

Not having a school in our town will make it difficult for local businesses to thrive and even to survive. Glen orchard is not even a town. It is a gas station with a convenience store. Do you know what the true meaning of the word "**Canada**" is? It means "**Small Village**". That's what Honey Harbour is and it's beautiful. Why do you seek to destroy us?

So to you Trustees. Both the ones who were kind enough to attend our meeting and also the others that get to choose our future.

I am asking you with all my heart. **Please** don't shut down our community. **Don't shut down our school.** There is no good reason to cause so much pain within our community.

You may remember at the last meeting that one mother was moved to tears during her presentation.

That is what this is doing to our community.