

- x The way it remains, students will always be shipped to Bowmanville High School, because the lack of programming and funding in Clarke is appalling.
- x No more transitions for grade 6 students who already transitioned this year.
- x Bussing is already an issue so you are not adding walkers you might walk to Newcastle onto a bus.
- x Force all high school kids to attend Clarke if you increase enrollment at Clarke,

- x Every parent I talk to would much prefer this but you are saying this is not an option? What about more portables lined up behind those already there, is there room for more facing the soccer field?
- x Less change for the children.
- x This is my vote. I do not feel comfortable sending my children to Pines or Clarke any earlier than they are already sent there. My eldest son just started JK this year and these proposed changes are making me feel very uncomfortable.
- x I feel that none of these options respond to the incredible amount of growth our community has had. We are already past capacity. Why are there no plans to build additional ~~at least~~ schools for Newcastle?
- x I think that children should be able to stay in a community school as long as possible. Changing them over to a school on the highway cut off from the community is not ideal for kids this young and alternatives or new schools should be looked at instead of funneling them into an underfunded old school.
- x We love this school and see so much potential for Clarke to grow and integration may seem like it. However,

seeing their classmates in the neighbourhood. In other neighbourhoods like Gracefields, Kendal, Newtonville and the Port, people purchased their homes with the expectation of their kids being bussed. There should be an obligation to the people who live close enough to walk to preserve the community as it is.

- x not a big change for the kids
- x keep things consistent
- x kids don't have to move schools before 5th school
- x don't have to attend school off of Hwy 15 at such a young age
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- x The above stated reason are my pros and cons together
- x This year has been rocky with staffing issues (missing a grade 6 teacher, no vice principal to back up the principal when away so the SERT was doing that) and lack of resources for the grade 6s such as library books at their level, sports equipment, yard duty teacher to student ratio not the same as NPS was, also awkward for sports teams as only the grade 6s for selection making the teams small with very few subs.
- x No childcare available on site for the kids under the age of 12.
- x Cons are the school is at max capacity and therefore families can't enjoy attending awards assemblies, concerts, any school events.
- x I as a parent did not make arrangements

Do you have any questions or wonderings about OPTION A?

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- x My grade 4 student will stay in a school within walking distance and have before and after care as they are not old enough to stay home by themselves! HUGE concern for two working parents.
- x BandAid solution which saves the board and government money
- x There are not any. It's a really bad idea.
- x I don't personally see benefits to this one. It's my least favourite option.
- x None I do not think grade 7 kids should be placed in a school with high school aged children.
- x This is the only option that makes sense. You will just need to figure out a before and after program for these students.
- x Grade 5 and 6 are still "junior level" and not mixed with Clarke at all. The kids are a little older going to the pines in grade 5.. again don't like this option with the location of the pines and proximity to the high school
- x 11/12 year olds with 17/18 year olds.
- x I'm not sure that 11- and 12 year olds have the emotional and social maturity to handle what they will be exposed to in high school.
- x Where are the studies that show that this is a good idea in any way for kids? I have been looking, and I cannot find any research to indicate that this is beneficial to our children. I have found studies (from 1987 through to 2012, some of which I will refer to in this comment), that say this is in fact, not beneficial to children.
For boys, the study found "similar negative effects in extracurricular participation and grades." The authors of this study concluded "that the relatively protected elementary school setting made the entry into adolescence less stressful for boys and girls."
- x In some schools where the 712 configuration has been implemented there are 2 VP's, one for the younger grades and one for the older grades?
- x Works for a couple years
- x Less crowded.
- x We love this school and see so much potential for Clarke to grow and integration may seem like it. However I know some of the grade 9's and 10's you already have are threatening to leave if integration happens this will drop the per.6 27 the e or(l)4 ()101.3 (k)e-3.6 (p)5.2 (th)5.3 8e.6 272the e

- x Schools are across divisions. (4's remain at Newcastle for sport teams) grade 5 should be moved to a school designed specifically for intermediate students, and that is in such close proximity to the high school.
- x This is also forcing local parents to rely on busing to and from school for a greater period of time when busing is already an issue. Buses are canceled regularly and on short notice. Adding the need for more busing for more families puts added stress on families trying to get their children to school.
- x While Clarke is underutilized, at some point this mass amount of children we are trying to accommodate (rather than just building a new school in the newer subdivision) will need to attend high school and the high school in Bowmanville is already overloaded and will eventually stop enrollment for out of area students. This will mean there will be a future issue in
- x I do not want my 12 year old in a high school.
- x You will lose high school students if you don't keep the high school a high school.
- x Does not address the physical locational issues of Clark HS. & The Pines. Schools need to be accessible by other means than bus or car drop off.
- x The location of this school has been the main reason why enrollment is at quarter capacity.
- x All three options presented have my family strongly looking at switching to the catholic education system.

- x In some schools where the 712 configuration has been implemented there are 2 VP's, one for the youngergrades and one for the older grades?
- x Elementary school is divided into primary and juniors and this is splitting up the juniors
- x The kids moving up to grade six will have to change schools twice in two years.
- x Children being sent to a high school where they will be exposed to things much too ~~there~~ (drinking, drugs, sex, etc.) AND that school being on the side of a busy highway.
- x Above are the pros and cons for the above. I would rather schools stay as they are !
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- x The idea of kids in just 5/6 going to a separate school instead of being with other younger grades also takes away valuable chances for increased responsibility in activities such as lunchroom monitor, helping with school clubs and teams, and other
- x way to much moving around for the kids
- x any kid that struggles with change or anxiety or anything is going to majorly struggle with all of the moves
- x families with multiple children are going to struggle with having their kids in so many different schools
- x 7/8s should not be in the high school
- x bussing situations of having grade 4's on the same bus as grade 12s
- x I've heard from someone in the neighbourhood that her daughter is just at Pines this year and refuses to ride the bus because the grade 12s are so loud and are vaping on the bus and she feels uncomfortable with that (not to mention the language of the high school students being around the young kids)
- x too many transitions for students which are difficult for all students and especially students with special needs
- x Grade 7 and 8 students are not close in proximity to high school students
- x Students going to The Pines will be separated from their younger siblings attending Newcastle P.S. making before and after school care complicated and difficult for families

Do you have any questions or wonders about OPTION B?

- x Aside from bussing
- x how many teaching spaces would that leave at The Pines?
- x Why is a new elementary school not being built to accommodate the growing families in the new subdivisions?
- x I am wondering if The Pines will be offering a daycare option? As well, what safety protocols will be put in place because the school is so close to a busy highway?
- x Will there be before and after care at the middle school?
- x Why not make the Pines the French immersion school and keep Newcastle at least k-
- x Stop building homes and build a school in town!
- x How much will each option cost? We need to factor in equipment, permanent teachers, new resources, bussing, etc.
- x Safety concerns for the young ones starting to go into a high school building.
- x I don't believe enough has been considered in terms of the effects on kids and families and is coming more so from a financially easier fix place rather than the best options.
- x the board must really have a screw loose to be moving 7s to a high school is a good idea.
- x I really hope you are not actually teaching my child.
- x Bussing an option for going to Pines and Clarke?
- x It's a no go in my opinion.
- x How would we even have enough buses to bus the kids when we don't have enough already?
- x Why can't high school students just go to Bowmanville as it is where they all want to go anyway.
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- x What improvements are they making to the computer area?
- x Will the children be eating all in one lunch room together?
- x Who will take children from class to class if they are going to be on rotary?
- x Will Clarke high school still be using the wood shop in the school? What additional resources and resource rooms will be provided?
- x What accommodations are being made for students who have physical accessibility needs?

OPTION C Newcastle PS becomes ~~Grade 3~~ dual track (English & French Immersion). The Pines Senior PS becomes a dual track ~~Grade 6~~ school. A dual track Grade ~~7~~ 8 Intermediate is established at Clarke HS. What are the pros/benefits of this option?

- x Clear divisional splits (for sports)
- x Solves some of the pressures of space at Newcastle.
- x Allows for some students who are attending grade 7/8 to hopefully remain at Clarke for high school.
- x Only that sports and French would be at same score
- x This option is the ~~worst~~ out of all of them
- x NONE. We are taking an extra cohort from NPS ~~separately~~ to a school that is not set up for them (busing, daycare)
- x Band Aid solution which saves the board and government money
- x There are not any. This is also a really bad plan.
- x None equally as bad of an option. Again grades ~~6~~ require childcare there are no care centres within walking distance and they would require bussing to and from locations which we are already struggling with.
- x Kids are also at a very delicate age during that time and I worry about the implications this would have on mental health/anxiety and quality of education.
- x Better use of school space
- x We love this school and see so much potential for Clarke to grow and integration may seem like it. However I know some ~~of~~ the grade 9's and 10's you already have are threatening to leave if integration happens this will drop the percentage or keep the percentage the same as is ... I love the school and what it stands for. It is a smaller school and I love that my child ~~is not~~ a big number but making changes means also that my child ~~will~~ lose friends and if classes decrease then the opportunities offered to them will be impacted as well! Pls think it through ~~every~~ school matters and I do not want to be forced to put my child ~~at~~ HS because of the impact of these changes because that's what will happen to similar families like ours.
- x More room at NPS
- x Again, our children are being forced to mature at a quicker rate by having high school and elementary together. The exposure to ~~older~~ children creates issues with bullying, inappropriate actions and language. Can children not just be children?
- x Bus the high school students to Bowmanville or make the pines French Immersion and keep nps elementary and Clarke a high school
- x I don't ~~feel~~ this is a good idea for all of the reasons listed above.

- x Busing situation is horrible already. Very inconsistent. Shared busing with the high school students isn't right, so much bullying and inappropriate language that the younger students are exposed to.
- x Communication out of the Pines is severely lacking.

Do you have any questions or wonderings about OPTION D?

- x Again, will there be before and after daycare and will there be enough reliable busing.
- x Why is the board so stuck on making it work at The Pines and Clark HS
- x How much will it cost to make all these changes instead of building a school. Won't materials and everything be cheaper now? It's already way too late.

Do you have any other options or suggestions that you feel should be considered?

- x Swap the two schools. Grade 6-8 Clarke. The Pines becomes a specialist high school. If all the options have an underutilization of Clarke. The Pines becomes a specialist high school. If all the options have an underutilization of Clarke, then why not give the school and facilities to the largest group of students. What amazing programs and opportunities that you could provide this group of students. You could run an elective program during part of the day like rotary focusing on acquiring additional skills (coding lab, cooking, woodworking, Science).

- x Also, someone should really look at the truck cover business located beside the ~~lines~~ - signage for the schools is totally blocked and cannot be seen ~~again~~, this is a serious safety issue should emergency services be called out to the schools, how are they are going to be able to confirm that they are entering the correct driveway. The reality ~~is~~ to be forced to move the truck covers to ensure that the school signage can be seen.
- x I don't like the idea that middle school and high school kids are bused together, not sure if anything is possible with looking into that.
- x How will any of these changes ~~impact~~ extracurricular activities such as sports programs? Typically they are primary, junior, intermediate. It seems that the junior cohort would be affected with most of these options
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opinion. My daughter is in this grade and all of her friends really do not want to be moved again so quickly. Also, if you are ever thinking of enforcing boundaries to Clarke High School please do it now and do not wait. That is the root cause of many issues here with not being able to get another elementary school built so please do not wait. The 2011 born class needs to be taken into consideration that they already received the brunt of a large change right after COVID (which also heavily affected our kids). They already missed out on many Grade 6 activities at NPS that they wanted to get to do for years. Please do anything possible to not make them receive another large change so soon. Thank you.

- x Why did the land not get approved for the new school? It is clear that Newcastle is bursting at the seams and all of the new development hasn't even started yet.
- x 1. Would another road access be created for The Pines/Clarke? from Concession Road 3 to the back of the school. (If the hwy is closed how will the kids get to/from schools happened before)
 2. Would portables be an option at The Pines if there is an increase in student numbers there?
 3. What would busing look like