

SCHOOL RESOURCE CONCERNS!

The Estates Of
CREDIT RIDGE
BRAMPTON

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Agenda Item
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Resident's Concerns and Opposition to current proposed plan

- **Consider Brampton my town. I've been living in the area for more than a decade.**
- **Chose the community because of the spaces and the balance between amount of dwellings and greenery**
- **As a family, we have concerns regarding the increase of traffic, environmental and pollution issues, watershed and flooding issues, lack of compatibility with the existing and established neighbourhood**



Overcrowding of Schools

- Brampton is home to the youngest population in the GTA. The average yield of school age children per household in Toronto is 0.24 according to TDSB but in Brampton it is 0.73 according to PDSB.
- PDSB tries to deal with the overcrowding in Brampton schools by re-establishing school boundaries, adding portables as well as sending students to holding schools for years until a new school for the area can be constructed.
- The lack of physical space at schools near this development creates an inferior learning environment for the existing students and new students due to overcrowding and hardships for new residents whose children might be bussed to schools far from their homes.



Overcrowding of Schools (Physical Space)

- School capacity planning was based on the previously established City Plan which designated the area as low-density housing.
- There are two Peel School Board primary schools in the area (Lorenville and Ingleborough P.S)
- Both schools have exceeded their capacities with no room to add additional portables without removing portions of the existing soccer field thus further reducing the playground area for students.
 - Ingleborough Public School – with 8 portables
 - Lorenville Public School – with 10 portables
- At Ingleborough PS there isn't enough outdoor play space for all students to play at the same time during outdoor recesses, so recess timing is staggered to allow for half of the school population to play first and then switch with the other half.



Overcrowding of Schools (Physical Space)

- There are two Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board schools in the area – one elementary and one secondary school (St. Jacinta Marto Catholic ES. And St. Roch Catholic SS.)
- St. Jacinta Marto Catholic Elementary School is a new school (opened doors on 2018) that reflects the cultural diversity of the community.
- Since 2020, St. Roch has a cap of 375 grade 9 students – it cannot accommodate portables on site
- Total Student Pop'n =
 - Ingleborough Public School: 743
 - Lorenvile Public School: 928
 - St. Jacinta Marto Catholic Elementary School: 315
 - St. Roch Catholic Secondary School: 1450
- est. increase in student popn: ~ 9000



Overcrowding of Schools (Lack of Resources)

- Lorenvile Public School, being a relatively new school is still struggling to secure funding needed. For example, we are advised by the school that the reason that the school has no band and the middle school students have no opportunity to practice an instrument (as all of other established schools do) is due to lack of funding.
- The school also lacks many extracurricular activities and clubs due to lack of funding.
- St. Roch Catholic Secondary School is a Regional Centre for the Arts that involves a rigorous application and audition process.
- A large increase in the student population due to mid-high density development would worsen the current resource problem and result in further limiting access to available facilities for all students.



Thank you for your attention

—Lourdes Diaz Ceballos