

THEDFORD COMMUNITY YOUTH GROUP

Lambton Kent District School Board

February 28, 2017

Good evening, Ladies and Gentlemen

Thank you for this opportunity to speak to you about our future, our school, our community and our concerns about a new school.

We represent a group of grade 6, 7 and 8 students at Bosanquet Central School. We have 25 students in our group. Our group wants you to know, and take seriously, our ideas.

We are concerned about our school closing. We are proud to be Bosanquet Bobcats and to live in our towns, Thedford and Arkona. Our group is working to make Thedford a good place to live. Our group has spoken to our town council about a splash pad and skate park in Thedford. Our group helps at the Remembrance Day Assembly and the community service that follows in Thedford. We care about our community. We are sad that you want to close our school.

If we have to leave our school, we ask that you work to build a new school in a new location, not just add on to somebody else's school.

We think the best idea is to build a brand new school near The Shores Recreation Centre in Forest. There is enough space there for a big school and a bug yard. We can also use the ice surface in the winter, and the cement pad in the spring and fall. We can use the track inside. We can use the fitness centre, too.

We think this space will also be better for all the school buses and cars. We want a school that has enough room to build a big enough gym and library for everyone. Even though we are not in high school yet, we want to be able to use science labs, shops, drama and music rooms.

Please take seriously our ideas, for we are the students in the school building, trying to learn and grow up and be successful. We care about our school and our community.