

When I became involved with the Save SCITS team, I vowed I would not bring emotion into it and would focus entirely on the rationale and logic of the process. To this point, I have done so.

I agree that a consolidation of SCITS and St. Clair is necessary. I also understand that it has to be done in a transparent manner that adds value for the students and the Board. However, I am skeptical of the Lambton Kent District School Board's rationale and what their motive is behind consolidating students at the St. Clair site.

**The Ministry of Education expects school boards to prepare School Information Profiles that are complete and accurate, prior to the commencement of a pupil accommodation review.**

The School Information Profiles for SCITS and St. Clair were both incomplete and inaccurate prior to the commencement of this Pupil Accommodation Review

The School Information Profiles are required to include The **Current** Facility Condition Index (FCI) and a definition of what the index represents. They are Ministry mandated requirements.

The **Current** Facility Condition Index for SCITS & St. Clair is not included on their School Information Profiles nor is there a definition of what this index represents. The **current** replacement values for SCITS and St. Clair are also suitably inaccurate as well.

For the public, I would like to provide the Ministry's definition of what the Facility Condition Index represents. "A building condition as determined by the Ministry of Education by calculating the ratio between the five year renewal needs and the replacement value for each facility." It basically provides an index of school condition

comparisons in the form of a percentage. The higher the percentage, the worse the condition of the school. The Board puts a heavy emphasis on the Facility Condition Index to justify the closure of SCITS.

The Board has conveniently used ten year renewal costs and outdated replacement values for SCITS and St. Clair on the School Information Profile. This inaccurate data shows SCITS with an FCI of 59.9% and St. Clair with an FCI of 40.64%.

In 2014, all schools in the LKDSB were assessed and provided with updated replacement values and five year facility renewal costs from the Ministry. The Ministry uses a 5-year benchmark because any projections 10 years and beyond have too many variables.

When using the Current replacement values and 5-year renewal needs provided by the Ministry, the actual FCI for SCITS is 19.03% and St. Clair's 44.50%. This has been confirmed by the Ministry and cannot be disputed. The Board can no longer state that SCITS is in worse condition than St. Clair. These facts do not lie. It brings into question, the integrity of the Lambton Kent District School Board administration. This is not simply an error.

I am assuming the Board of Trustees are relying on the same reports as the public, so I would expect that administration provide revised reports with accurate information to the Trustees and the public in its Final Report March 29<sup>th</sup>.

By the Board contravening minimum Ministry requirements, it has misled the public to satisfy its own need to close SCITS. Mr. Costello, just so we have it on record, please provide me with your rationale and motivation for misrepresenting the Facility Condition Index data.

Ministry of Education Pupil Accommodation Review Guideline 2015

<https://edu.gov.on.ca/eng/funding/1516/2015B9appenAEN.pdf>

This is an important link for ARC members, the public, and the Board of Trustees

<https://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/funding/1516/2015SB04ED.pdf>

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SUBJECT: Update on the School Condition Improvement Funding Program and the Condition Assessment Program

Spreadsheet – Facility Condition Data (LKDSB Formula vs. MOE Formula/Benchmarks), taken from MOE Memorandum 2015:SB04

**FACILITY CONDITION INDEX DATA**

**LKDSB FORMULA**

| SCHOOL | Facility Condition Index (FCI) | Gross Floor Area - Sq. Meters | Total Cost of Facility \$ Work (2015-2024) \$ | \$ Facility \$ Replacement Value | Cost Per Square \$ Meter \$ |
|--------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| SCITS  | 59.91%                         | 16,289                        | 17,695,459                                    | 29,536,110                       | 1,813.26                    |
| SCSS   | 40.64%                         | 14,049                        | 13,369,585                                    | 32,899,870                       | 2,341.79                    |

**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION FORMULA/BENCHMARKS**

| SCHOOL | Facility Condition Index (FCI) | Gross Floor Area - Sq. Meters | Total Cost of Facility Work/5 Year Renewal \$ | \$ Facility \$ Replacement Value | Cost Per Square \$ Meter \$ |
|--------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| SCITS  | 19.03%                         | 16,289                        | 6,496,333                                     | 34,144,350                       | 2,096.16                    |
| SCSS   | 44.40%                         | 14,049                        | 13,076,479                                    | 29,448,952                       | 2,096.16                    |