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New Cranston (Sibylla Kiddle) Elementary School Open House Survey Comments – Sept.18, 2019

The new Cranston Elementary School open house survey was available Sept. 19 – Oct.1, 2019.

Below you will find all comments as they were written. Opinions are the writers' own and content has not been vetted for accuracy. Comments have not been edited for spelling, grammar, sentence structure or otherwise. Comments have been edited to ensure anonymity. We also edited or omitted abusive, discriminatory and otherwise inappropriate comments.

Q1. What are the opportunities of Option A?

- **Grade 4 expansion and boundary changes in 2020**
- **Grade 5 added to school population in 2021**
- #1 Option A provides an even split of our community divided by Cranston Ave. #2 Cranston Ave is a very busy street in our community and with Option A dangerous crosswalks do not have to be crossed by our younger elementary children! #3 Option A consists of a more even majority remaining at Cranston School. Many residents already have kids at Cranston School and DO NOT want to move to a new school for just 2 years. Children have stronger friendships developed in the later years of schooling. Anxiety becomes a bigger problem for our school aged children with mental health concerns on the rise. Option A provides less movement (keeping an even split on Cranston Ave) and less anxiety for our older elementary students.
- Best option. It is fair and a great even separation of our community.
- Smaller class sizes!! and the kids from the south don't have to be bussed over to Cranston elementary.
- Easy division of school boundaries with Cranston avenue being the boundary line for the two public schools servicing Cranston. Kids on the north side of Cranston avenue will not incur a daily safety risk of trying to cross that busy intersection coming off of Deerfoot. There are incidents weekly at that intersection, and adding high volume of kids/parents crossing there will increase the risk to drivers and students alike.
- Using Cranston Ave as the dividing attendance boundary line, provides both schools with an even distribution of students and a fairness for everyone. It always provides less disruption to an already well established Cranston School with a little less of a population having to leave.
- I feel that Cranston Ave is a fair line of attendance distribution making it easy for everyone new and old to Cranston to comprehend. Including some Cranberries is not necessary and an uneven distribution.



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- Kids don't need to cross the busy intersection from North to South. Also, the traffic will be very bad on the road in front of the new school every morning.
- This means that kids do not have to cross Cranston Avenue. This intersection is horrible on good days, people do not slow down and do not yield at the yields to get to the lights. It is scary and I have had one too many close calls as a pedestrian there. Being "rush" hour I see it being dangerous. There has been so many accidents there.
- We live in the Cranberries and we'd be able to stay at the same school under option A.
- We have made friends who go to the current Cranston Elementary school with my kids, who live right near the border. It allows for those friendships to grow and blossom.
- No
- Either option stays the same for us. Our children will attend new school regardless.
- Less children with the Cranberries being excluded.
- Keeps the 'Cranberry's' kids from having to cross Cranston Ave.
- Option A may allow for Cranston school to have more designated rooms for art and science and no over crowding.
- n/a
- Which school do the kids in Riverstone attend?
- An easily defined straightforward split between schools. The major road does not need to be crossed by students for those that walk.
- Clear boundary lines. Safer walk zone.
- Splits the community by the main entrance.
- Kids won't have to cross the busy road and leaves room for the expanding growth on the south side of Cranston still.
- Safety for students living in the Cranberries who walk and bike to school as they don't need to cross the busy main avenue.
- Fewer students crossing a busy main thoroughfare
- Cranston school won't have to surplus as many teachers if those 100 kids aren't moved to the new school.
- Meeting
- Great opportunity as kids will not have to cross the avenue to get to school -which is extremely dangerous



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- This would allow my son to stay at his current school and stay with his peers he already knows
- I don't like this option
- Option "a" is a safer walk zone kid will not have to cross the very busy road in the morning during peak hours to get to and from school.
- Clear cut border, no need to cross the major intersection at Cranston Avenue.
- Seems like a logical division. Not needing to cross the busy intersection.
- Anyone on the Sobeys side of Cranston would not have to worry about their young child crossing the very busy intersection of Cranston Avenue. There have been MANY car accidents on that intersection, and it would keep our children safer.
- I see option A having the opportunity of more consistent funding for Cranston school and smaller numbers at the new Cranston school
- Those in the Cranston 2 don't have to cross the busy Main Street with in walk zone
- n/a
- Students do not need to cross a very busy intersection if they live in the Cranberry Area to get to school. More students stay in their existing school.
- More room left in the new elementary. Possibly take grade 6 so grade 10 could potentially join DGS to relieve the high school in Seton
- Students from Cranberry area dont have to cross the big intersection road.
- South section boundaries of community center.
- Smaller class sizes. Smaller school. More opportunities for kids. Students don't have to walk and cross any major intersections.
- Clear divide line, better safety of younger student population (avoiding major Sobeys intersection to get to school).
- NA
- An appearance of a more even "split" to the community. No ambiguity about which students are going where.
- Smaller numbers, no children crossing main road.
- I prefer option A.
- I like this option because there won't be elementary school kids crossing Cranston Ave which is extremely busy. I think that would be dangerous and irresponsible.
- Zoning is simplified with the division line being the Main Street.



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- Continue to keep traffic controlled and pedestrian traffic to a minimum. Having the walk zone stay the same allows for safety of children to stay away from busy roads and intersections.
- Easier definition of zones
- It's more natural division between Cranston areas.
- Natural boundary line... students aren't crossing major road
- The area is too big for the size of school
- The new school has lots of room for growth.
- Option A is the better option
- Less students to be moved to the new school. The new school reserves room for more students for the future as Cranbrook area is still developing.
- Students in the Cranberries can attend the school they are familiar with and will not have to cross a very busy and dangerous road.
- The school will be available to all new residents moving into Riverstone
- Will provide more stable and consistent enrollment numbers over the transition years and beyond. That to me seems most favorable.
- students in Cranston School will benefit from more resources if the school maintains a higher student capacity.
- Keeps all kids in North Cranston at Cranston school/all south cranston kids at new elementary.
- Both school will be k-4 for the 2020/2021 school year The following year the schools will adapt to having grade 5 classes
- Cranston Avenue makes a good natural divide. There's no issues with kids being on the same street but designated to different schools.
- My child is comfortable with this familiar learning environment. -Safe walking/transportation distance from our house. -Before/After school care already established within school boundaries. -School presently running smoothly and has adapted well into the community and the population it serves.
- Easier for kids to get to school without crossing the major road. Kids can go to school with their neighbours. Traffic is eased as the walk zones are within the physical "boundary" implied by the major road separating the two.
- For families in the southern section of Cranston to establish their own sense of a sub-community - being able to walk/ride to school and form friendships with peers who live nearby.



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- This creates a safe division of the very busy Cranston Ave. I feel that it is the most logical division of the attendance areas. I feel that this option maximizes the logical flow of traffic for how people would drive to both schools.
- Allows for growth in the new school area as Riverstone community grows
Prevents Cranberries from moving from one school to another when Riverstone is big enough to sustain new Cranston school Old Cranston School has been added to and added to over the last several years. If you remove another piece of the school population you will end up having spent tons of money to develop a building that is now half empty! That's just a waste of everyone's money. The new school may be empty too, but at least it grow into its space over time.
- None
- Most logical boundary
- Option A fits better for us
- a natural boundary within the community - children living on the north side maintain their sense of community - playgrounds they play at, walks and pathways they take are familiar. - Students in the walk zone have safe pathways to walk independently to school. - this option provides a full and vibrant school community at Cranston School, allowing for additional students from Riverstone which is not yet fully developed as well as overflow of other communities (Seton, Mahogany Bay, Auburn Bay) to attend the new school rather than split these communities into 2 schools.
- Option A, which divides Cranston into two school zones along Cranston Ave., adheres to the natural boundaries of the community. It is my opinion that families spend most of their time in the community (walking, riding bikes, visiting playgrounds) on the same side of Cranston Ave on which they live. It is my opinion that Option A is a better option for families living north of Cranston Ave because it will be easier for their children to get to school. There are pathways and parks that can be used to walk or bike to the existing Cranston school and opportunities to use sidewalk adjacent to lower traffic volume streets. These opportunities will not exist for families north of Cranston Ave if Option A is not chosen. Based on the 5 year projections it appears that Option A will keep the existing Cranston school close to, but under, the provincial capacity cap. In my opinion this is an ideal situation because it should provide Cranston school the opportunity to obtain the necessary funding for programming, staffing and resources, and building maintenance. Based on what I hear in the news from time to time (related to under enrolled schools) I feel like receiving the necessary funding in all these areas may be more of challenge if the existing Cranston school were operating significantly under the provincial cap, which it would be under option B. A full school will keep the school facilities (classrooms, gyms, etc.) well utilized while maintaining a vibrant school community. Option A will result in a lower student population projection for the new elementary which I believe is a positive thing. It will give the new school



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the opportunity to serve as an overflow school for underserved nearby communities such as Seton and Mahogany and provide capacity for all the new parts of South Cranston that still under construction.

- Easy division for bus/parent traffic
- Divides Cranston along the natural north/south division of the community. Residents spend most of their time, and are most familiar with, the same side of the community on which they live. Option A would mean kids living on the north side of Cranston Ave will not have to cross the busy and potentially dangerous intersection at Cranston Ave and Cranston Rd.
- This option follows a more natural division of the community. Parents living south of Cranston Ave are already travelling north to get to work so dropping their kids off at the new school is on their way. My bet is no parent is who lives north of Cranston Ave is travelling south to get to work so it makes more sense to keep these families attending the existing school.
- This option avoids the congested and dangerous intersection of Cranston Ave and Cranston Rd. If the school zone boundaries are drawn along Cranston Ave no children will have to cross this busy street to get to school. Cars travel very fast on Cranston Ave, having just come off Deerfoot Trail and I feel like it will only be a matter of time until a children is hit by car trying to cross this road. The way I see it, the attendance projections show the existing school stay relatively steady under this option and leave lots of capacity at the new school for south Cranston as it builds out and for attendance from surrounding under-served communities (like Seton and Mahogany).
- mabey buses for kids who have to walk home that live far away
- Keeping all the students on the north side of Cranston together. Will allow one of the schools to be an overflow school

Q2. What are the challenges of Option A?

- Option A has no challenges.
- I don't know of any
- Road in front of the school is busy, will need a lit up cross walk with warning signals for kids crossing is needed. The school should have a safe cross walk program during school drop off/pickup times
- More kids in Cranston School which I don't mind because the numbers in 2021 will be the same as what they have today and Cranston School is coping with it.
- Kids above Cranston Ave have a 20 min walk to the existing Cranston School which is not feasible for 4 years olds in Kindergarten with younger siblings who then have to walk back home, twice daily.
- I see no challenges with Option A.



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- A bit of a higher population in the future years, judging by the projected numbers.
- I don't see any.
- No challenges to us personally.
- Not sure
- Leaves the 2 schools unbalanced in numbers
- The new school may become crowded due to more younger families living in the south side of Cranston and river stone.
- n/a
- Increased student count for Cranston school,
- however it's the older part of the community so not sure if that's actually true for increased student size.
- None
- There are some homes just across the way (in the cranberries) that are much closer to this new school that would benefit from attending the new one.
- Not sure.
- None. Current Cranston school numbers will be the same as projected future numbers.
- The challenges with Option A is that the one Cranston elementary is still at almost full capacity, while leaving the new school at less than half capacity.
- Very unbalanced enrollment at both elementary schools over the coming years. The smaller of the two schools would have the larger student population, which doesn't make a lot of sense.
- None seen
- Those parents may want their kids to go to a closer school.
- Who will be attending that school and TRAFFIC!
- None
- None that I can think of right now
- ??
- I don't see any
- I don't see any challenges with option A. I would prefer this option
- school sizes seem are uneven. It appears Cranston school will have more kids than the new school. I am all for small class sizes, but not if one school 3min away has way more kids.



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- More kids in one school vs the new school. An in even ratio
- Challenges are that I worry about a large discrepancy between offerings at Cranston school and the new school due to budgeting. With the new school have around half the numbers of Cranston their funding would be low and I would worry about having staff like music teacher and gym teacher and other things we get currently with Cranston school.
- n/a
- Higher numbers in one school
- Some kids that are closer to the new school would be going to the original elementary. Not ideal logistically
- The forecast school populations are not even and would create an imbalance in opportunities for programs between the two schools.
- Not equal amount of kids at both schools
- Kids that are far away in the walk zone....
- NA
- Too much of an imbalance in attendance between both elementary schools
- Might not have the best split of students as far as households and numbers.
- Smaller numbers could mean having to bring kids in from outside Cranston at a later date which would be a big negative.
- None.
- Less balanced numbers (which will affect funding, ability to fundraise, etc at the new school)
- None
- None
- Lower registration/funding at the new Cranston school
- None
- Class sizes stay large
- Not ideal for size of school. Too many students
- The current Cranston elementary will be as full as it is now in just 2 years once 4 and 5 are added
- Cranston school has limited room to accept new students.
- The new school will have a lower population.
- The school may not be full at times e of opening



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- I don't know that I see any.
- potential class size difference between the schools.
- larger class sizes, but not sure how much larger?
- Low population enrolment at the new elementary school
- No present challenges
- I only see upside to Option A
- Ensuring student population doesn't dip too low that classes don't assume combined grade configurations - straight grades have been something families have been voicing their opinions in strong favour for at Cranston school for years.
- I don't foresee any challenges to Option A.
- Small population to open a brand new building. Smaller population may mean that there is not as many specialists etc at one school compared to another due to differences in enrollment budgets. But really both schools will be affected dramatically so what?
- Those that live in the Cranberry areas have to travel farther (distance and time wise) to go to current Cranston School vs. the New Cranston school
- Less funding for the new school as the student count will be lower than Cranston School.
- I can't identify any challenges for option A.
- Same boundaries for Our Lady of the Rosary - have student projections for this school been accounted for?
- From my perspective, none.
- none
- after school daycare in gym
- None- "A" makes perfect sense

Q3. What are the opportunities of Option B?

- **Grade 4 expansion and boundary changes in 2020**
- **Grade 5 added to school population in 2021**
- I don't know of any
- Relieve pressure of capacity for the existing Cranston school. However, just the opening of a second school in Cranston, regardless of boundary lines will achieve this. Kids from neighbouring new communities could bus into these schools until theirs is built (ie mahogany/seton)



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- None for us as we live at the very edge in Cranberry Place and gobsmacked in the middle if distance is to be considered.
- Kids just above Cranston Ave get to attend the new school with a much shorter walk (cut in half) - alleviates parking at the existing Cranston School
- There is none, it makes no sense. Kids should not have to cross Cranston Ave if not needed.
- Lower projected numbers for Cranston school, if the kids from the cranberries change schools.
- I don't see any.
- Yes
- No opinion
- More kids with cranberries included.
- No advantage over A
- Both schools appear to have a fairly equal enrollment.
- Which school do the kids in Riverstone attend?
- Possibly a more even split of students.
- Not many
- Close to home for my student (currently in grade 1)
- The kids across the main road would be closer, but they still have to cross that road. And they might be going to a different school than their neighbours as well if they're on the other side of the boundary
- None. May be low in numbers but if Seton and Riverstone added in the future it will push it up.
- It gives both school the opportunity to work at 50% occupancy.
- Balanced enrollment at both schools
- No advantages seen
- Great for kids that live on the left side of Cranston Ave
- n/a
- This is more suitable and would be better for the smaller class sizes for the projected 5 years. If I'm reading the material correctly.
- I don't see any
- I don't see any opportunities
- more levelled out school sizes.



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- Kids more evenly dispersed between schools
- Option B has a even distribution of kids so hopefully funding could go into both school to maintain similar opportunities for students.
- n/a
- Numbers are more even between the schools
- Fill the school and have students that live close to the new school go to the closest school
- Shorter walking distance for students from the Cranberry area as well as a more balanced student population which would create a balanced availability of programs and equal opportunity at either school.
- Adding the cranberries to new school to even out #'s: if you get more kids at the new school funding will be higher
- None
- NA
- Attendance is more balanced
- I like this plan a lot better. I'd prefer if my child was included in the new school area.
- More even split between Cranston school and the new elementary.
- none.
- I don't like this option as the kids would have to cross Cranston Ave which is extremely busy. Dangerous option.
- More even numbers which will balance things better and not create a disadvantage for 1 school
- None
- New school, everything new is clean.
- More balanced registration between the Cranston Elementary and the new school. Better funding for the new school because there will be more kids registered there
- None
- Small class sizes in Cranston school
- It could be even bigger
- Both schools have a more equally divided number of students
- Changing schools is not a good option



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- Similar number of teacher to students ratio. As both schools will have similar numbers of students, the students will receive fairly similar level of supports
- The two elementary schools will have similar populations.
- to have class sizes the same in both schools.
- smaller class sizes benefits the students with more individual attention
- Looks to be better utilization across both schools
- By including the "Cranberry" section of Cranston, the population increases enrolment for the new school by more than 100 students
- Shorter walking/driving distance however, extremely unsafe distance for any child walking from the "Cranberries". -New School, New equipment, bigger space
- I don't really see any.
- Larger enrollment will allow for a more robust teaching staff.
- Even population in both schools. Really it is all about numbers that is it!
- It provides the larger and newer areas of Cranston to attend the new Cranston School 2. Those that live in the Cranberry area are actually closer to the new Cranston school
- Have no idea
- Both elementary schools will have roughly the same amount of students and funding should be more equal between them. I can't see the graphs as they won't load, so I'm going off of memory. I believe option B was the one that would have the Cranberry's going to the New School.
- I can't identify any opportunities for Option B.
- From my perspective, I cannot identify any.
- None
- None

Q4. What are the challenges of Option B?

- 1 Why are the Cranberries an exception to an even split with Cranston Ave North and South? Is the safety of our children not considered? Yes, maybe a few of us can look out our window and see the new school. However, what you do not see is the busy race track on Cranston Ave and dangerous intersection our elementary students would have to walk across every single day by the community center. In just one year, we had two young children hit by a car crossing that street and numerous car accidents. It is a complete blind area at sun set and sun rise. It is absolutely not safe for elementary children to cross it.



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It has several lanes of traffic going everywhere. Option B is putting the safety of our children who live in the Cranberries at risk.

- Option B has elementary students crossing an intersection that has already had two children hit this year. Not a good option for keeping our children safe.
- The children that live in the Cranberries will have to cross Cranston Ave/Seton Blvd. I see this posing a major hazard to the kids with all the of the morning and afternoon traffic Also the kids in the Cranberries would have to switch schools after being used to Cranston elementary.
- Kids on the north side of Cranston avenue will incur a daily safety risk of trying to cross that busy intersection coming off of Deerfoot. There are incidents weekly at that intersection, and adding high volume of kids/parents crossing there will increase the risk to drivers and students alike.
- The crossing at a busy intersection is very dangerous for our elementary children. Not a well planned idea to include the Cranberry elementary children. Their safety is being ignored simply because they can see the school.
- The busy crossing in the main road for kids going from north to south. The road in front of the new school is also the only exit out of south Cranston so having kids from the north add to their bulk will cause huge traffic in the mornings.
- As per my above comments.
- It splits Cranston up in a strange way, to be honest. The kids from the cranberries would have to cross a major intersection to walk to and from school.
- It would be a shame to break friendships that have been blossoming for kids who live right on the border. Also, option B makes for young kids to have to cross a very busy intersection, which already is congested. Which is very unsafe.
- Better
- No opinion
- The kids crossing the major roadway. Kids from the cranberries having to cross cranston ave. Possible solution to have those children added to the bus zone?
- Children living across Cranston avenue from the school would have to cross over s very busy roadway. Option B could possibly leave Cranston school under utilized.
- A confusing geographic split for possibly no benefit. A very busy and potentially dangerous road for young kids to cross themselves that need to walk to school. Increased stress on parents having to do so.
- Unclear boundary lines. Unsafe crossing at Cranston Ave and Cranarch Rd
- None for me



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- Crossing the road. Splitting that area up.
- Mainly traffic. The location of the new school cannot accommodate the bigger flow of traffic in the morning rush hours when opened especially from people coming from the North. I wouldn't advise the kids to walk/bike and cross the busy avenue for safety reasons and it will add more traffic from vehicles yielding out.
- Crossing a very busy street means fewer students will be able to make their own way to school and more cars making dropoffs.
- The fact that kids from the Cranberry streets will have to cross Cranston Ave to get to school- extremely dangerous!!!
- It would mean my son would have to change schools after adapting both to his peers and also all of his equipment for cochlear implants would have to be learned by a whole new team. In addition, it would mean crossing the main road which we would prefer not to do. It makes sense to make Cranston Avenue the cut off.
- How would riverstone affect these boundaries and class sizes?
- The walk zone is not safe for kids on the other side of the very busy road. That section of Cranston Ave can be dangerous in the morning. With very one rushing to get on to Deerfoot. There are many car accidents in the morning already we don't need to add kids to the mix.
- Major challenge is having kids from the Cranberries cross Cranston Avenue. It is very dangerous crossing that road with cars turning, I find most drivers in that area are speeding as well
- the kids coming from the neighbourhood across the way will need to be very careful crossing the busy intersection. I would hope they are not walking along.
- Produces an unsafe environment for kids on the sobeys side of Cranston Avenue to have to cross the busy intersection. Too many accidents have happened there and our children would be crossing these crosswalks in rush hour, which only increases their risk of injury.
- If budgets in education are tight than we may end up with 2 community schools that don't have many options for kids. Or they may open up registration to other communities and all of a sudden we are jammed to the rafters with kids and classroom sizes are large.
- More of Cranston encompassed in the Cranston 2 zone but also most of young kids/new developments in zone 2 so school may be full while Cranston 1 not near as full
- n/a
- Students in Cranberry area need to cross busy intersection to get to school. More students need to switch from existing school.



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- School will be nearing capacity
- Students from the cranberry area will have to cross the big intersection to walk to school.
- Having to possibly need a bus for the school
- Kids are far away in walk zone. Hard to get them to school. Pick up and drop off challenges.
- Confusing
- Might be issues with how the split is perceived by the community, but that's not an issue for me.
- Cranberry kids have to cross main road.
- Increase of traffic
- The kids across Cranston Ave are within walking distance of the school but have to cross Cranston Ave. I would not let my elementary school-aged daughter cross this extremely busy road by herself. Too dangerous
- Having children cross the main intersection of Cranston to walk to their new school is a HAZARD in an already dangerous intersection. With that small pocket of houses being included in this option it makes for a dangerous commute for young kids
- Crossing busy road at busiest time of day, pedestrian safety is not top priority. With traffic congestion to drive through the busiest intersection to the south side of the community and to exit back out is a challenge now on a good day. Population to exit from there is already extremely long waits.
- Young kids having to cross a major section to get from the cranberries to the new school
- Children crossing an extremely busy and dangerous intersection during rush hour
- Better area division is option A.
- Children will be transferred out of the school they have been in from kindergarten to grade 3
- It may be too big for the proposed enrolment and not have enough students
- None
- Changing schools, longer walk, all the kids have to cross busy intersection to get to school.
- The students living in Cranberry area have to cross Cranston Ave to go to school. There are safety concerns for walking/biking students.



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- Students will be forced to switch to another school even though they already attend one in the walk zone. Students will be expected to cross a very busy and dangerous road.
- Young kids having to cross major intersection possibly by themselves. There have been accidents and kids have been hit by cars.
- Option B will create safety issues for children trying to cross the road at the lights. Traffic will also be affected.
- Cranston school will lose valuable resources if their capacity is lower.
- Some kids in North Cranston having to cross major roadway.
- There is a major thoroughfare between the "Cranberry" section of Cranston and the School site itself. This is a safety concern for the students especially during morning commutes. Yet the residential area is "within walking distance" to the school.
- Kids have to cross Cranston Avenue to get to school - it's not a great road to cross, and there have been pedestrians hit, even in the crosswalk at the lights.
- -Very unsafe intersection to cross when walking to school (Cranston Ave & Cranberry Road). Cars often traveling well above speed limit. Corner of pedestrian crossing blind to drivers turning right off of Cranston Ave. Drivers turning left from Cranberry Road onto Cranston Ave fail to yield to pedestrians on a regular basis. We would only allow our children to walk if a pedestrian overpass was constructed or patrolling was mandatory for the intersection during school beginning and end times. -Staff having to build a comradery. - Having to build all new relationships with staff and students.
- Traffic from people leaving one side of Cranston for the other; confusing boundary;
- Young students and traffic still having to cross the busy intersection at Cranston Avenue.
- There are too many major crossings for children in the Cranberries north of Cranston Ave. Too much congestion will be created trying to drive/walk kids to school from the north side of Cranston Ave. These intersections are beyond busy already in the morning and after school. Adding more cars and pedestrian traffic to this intersection is going to make it unsafe. Cars speed too fast coming up out of Riverstone and from the exit off of Deerfoot. There have already been way too many accidents at Cranston Ave & Cranberry Road. Among them, my friend's son who was hit by a car and suffered many injuries. And he is an older teen. We are asking littler children to cross this intersection daily which is going to cause many problems.
- A empty Old Cranston school building. Teaching staff may not lose their jobs, but changes will be required and staff will be lost outside of the community. The existing staff already know the community and have established



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relationships that will help smooth the transition Children that are too young for Patrols having to cross a major intersection.

- None that I can see
- Huge concern re traffic!! The Cranston Ave/Cranberry Rd/Cranarch Rd intersection is a busy intersection as it is in peak traffic. It would be awful to add to that. I also am concerned for the children walking across this intersection. Coming from the north side: - small children crossing a 4 lane, busy and fast intersection at peak times in the morning and evening is extremely dangerous. - Walk zone is much farther than "as the crow flies", especially since there is no opening in the fence to go through and walk across the field. Actual walking distance is much much farther. - traffic exiting the south side of Cranston is extremely busy in the morning and entering in the afternoon is also a challenge. Additional vehicles coming in to this area to drop children off will increase the traffic woe's and be a potential danger. - For families living on the north side affected by this option, morning routines and work schedules could be highly affected by having to go to the south side of Cranston for school drop offs, especially for families with several drops offs already.
- For families living north of Cranston Ave there are many challenges related to option B. Option B divides the overall community of Cranston in an unnatural manner. Crossing Cranston Ave to get to school on foot or by bike is essentially the same thing as crossing Deerfoot Trail. There have been serious vehicle/pedestrian collisions at the intersection of Cranston Ave and Cranston Rd and I will not feel comfortable with my elementary school-aged children getting to school on their own if they have to cross this intersection. Too many drivers continue to drive like they are on the freeway after existing Deerfoot onto Cranston Ave. In addition, walking along Cranston Rd is not a pleasant experience. There is just sidewalk, fence, and commercial property with no opportunity for children to approach a residence should they require support from a neighbour for any reason. There are no "eyes on the street" like there would be for kids using a street lined with houses. The sidewalks along Cranston Rd, north of Cranston Rd are not cleared of snow promptly after major snow events for the same reason - there are no houses facing the street, so it is the city's roads department that is responsible for snow clearing here. I regularly must call 311 to request this sidewalk be cleared before city crews come. School zones are always busy at pick up and drop off time but at least with the existing Cranston school, parents can essentially pull over to drop their kids off and continue to work or appointments. The new school is completely out of the way for any family living north of Cranston Ave. There is only one route to the new school's location for parents living north of Cranston Ave which forces them to deal with in inevitable congestion that will be created when the school is built - with no alternate options. There is also no turn around areas near the school which will make turning around to back track out of the south part of Cranston very difficult. The new school will not have a playground until one is built, presumably by parent council, and this will be a major blow to any



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child from the north side that currently attends the existing Cranston School and is accustomed to having access to a playground at recess and lunch.

- Students have to cross Cranston Ave
- The biggest challenge will be convincing families living on the north side of Cranston Ave that it is a good idea to force their children to cross Cranston Ave everyday to attend school. This road is a major barrier to movement in Cranston. People living on the north side of this road spend very little time south of it because crossing the road is dangerous and unpleasant.
- For families living north of Cranston Ave, this option is terrible. It will add time to pick ups and drop offs for these families which means less time together as a family at home. Longer commutes are annoying and cause unnecessary stress.
- Walking along Cranston Rd south to the intersection at Cranston Ave (which will be required for many "north" children) is a very unpleasant experience. Traffic on Cranston Rd travels fast and is noisy. There is poor snow clearing on the sidewalks because there are no houses that face the street. The city is regularly very slow to clear the sidewalk here. There is no sense of community when walking along Cranston Rd and no opportunity to seek assistance from Block Parents (or similar programs). "North" children will also have to contend with a heavily used intersection at Cranston Ave and Cranston Rd. Based on the driving behaviour I see in Cranston I do not trust motorists to use this intersection cautiously in order to keep our kids safe. For "north" parents who drive their kids to and from school, getting into and out of the south part of Cranston will be challenging and inconvenient. The path to the new school is not aligned with natural travel into, out of, or around Cranston for "north" families.
- Kids and families from the Cranberries will have to cross the busiest road in Cranston. This would also add to traffic in an already congested area. Would put both schools at 70% which would allow neither to be an overflow and grow.

Q5. Are there any other comments you would like to share?

- I would like to share that I feel the development of this new elementary school is coming 5 years too late. Cranston does not need a second elementary school at this time. It will be devastating to see our amazing Cranston School take a cut in enrolment, staff and funding. It currently provides our children with the best education possible, exceptional learning and above and beyond extra curricula fun. It will be disappointing to see Cranston School lose some of it's greatest (that they have worked so hard for) because of less enrolment which leads to less funding.
- What is the purpose of starting kids in middle school in grade 4? They are still far too young! Please do K - 5 for Cranston school and the new school! More cross guards are needed at the Cranston School and DGS. I see kids come so



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close being hit by cars all the time. Parent pick up and drop off - no dogs on school property (can we actually implement this?)

- Student priority to the new school Be given to those students living within the walk zone. Another open house should be held in the new year with an update on boundaries.
- Option B is fine but revised. The people in the Cranberries should have an option to put their child in Cranston School instead of the new one to ease our concern for road safety.
- Hopefully the new school will have a better set up for drop-off and pick-up.
- Please consider Option A, it seems to make the most sense. Let's keep these little kids as safe as we can walking, biking and commuting to school!
- I am looking forward to having this school in our community! With kids in both Cranston School and DGS, I am looking forward to the fact that it is going to relieve the pressure in the current schools! Regardless of the walk zone decision, every kid is going to win with this new school in Cranston. Thank you! Now, if we can only figure out what to do once they're finished grade 9 and headed to the high school in Seton! I'm really hoping that the current overcrowding and teaching style/classroom issues are resolved in the next couple years!
- I really hope for option A
- No
- It will be wonderful to have both Cranston Elementary schools be a k-5. Such amazing news! I believe, however, that it is important to allow children who are settled in Cranston School, and wish to stay, to remain there, even if they live outside of the boundaries. This would be very important to my family.
- i am happy to see the grade levels increasing in the elementary schools and raising the ages at the middle school
- Option A in my opinion makes sense, I don't see any reason to make a confusing split for option B. For those already established in the community for years, having to change schools would be very undesirable and unfavorable for the kids. The newer part of the community going to the new school makes the most sense.
- Please go with option B. It would be such a benefit for the kids in the cranberries!!
- No.
- Wish there is an option to have my kid go to Dr George Stanley by grade 5. We have 4 kids going to DGS at the moment. They walk to school since we are from the Cranberries. It is a hassle to drive 1 kid to another school until she turns



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grade 6 (now grade 3). If impossible, hope we have an option to stay at Cranston school if Option B is selected.

- No more schools in Cranston. I moved here under the promise of school in 2000...took years to have the first school built and by then my kids were too old to attend.
- While I appreciate the CBE trying to engage parents in the decision making process, I believe that the CBE should have the experience and the census demographic data to be able to objectively decide the appropriate attendance areas. Although the presentation boards provide attendance projections, parents in the community do not have access to the very detailed data that the CBE does and therefore are not in a position to objectively decide what option is most appropriate. Any input from parents is generally going to be subjective in nature and based on what is in the best interest of their own children. I feel that the CBE should be making these decisions given the expertise available within the organization.
- No
- I love the idea of the school eventually being k-5. I think developmentally those ages should stay together. Grade 4/5 is too little for the challenges of middle school.
- No
- I would not like to have to move my son from his current school.
- Please clarify the Riverstone area, and which school they would be proposed to attend.
- Not just I don't feel that having kids cross Cranston Ave is a good idea. That road get very busy.
- I would love to see the new school host the community from option A. It is very clear with Cranston avenue being the border for the new school.
- We'd love to be kept up to date on staff hiring and what that process looks like.
- to consider other communities in the area--will they be bussing kids to our school as theirs are full? If this is the case, it may make the proposed change moot
- The last comment I would like to share is that I truly hope this new community school is developed to be the same style of education delivery as Cranston, not interested in some traditional ridge schooling methods to come in and my kid is now forced to attend there! We love Cranston elementary and how they do things!
- Very happy that it will be a k-5 school!!



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- It would nice if Option B were selected, if students that live in the Cranberry area who currently attend Cranston school had a choice as to which school they went to to finish grades 1-5. Any new students in the Cranberry area would automatically be directed to the new Cranston school.
- Excited for the new school! Hopefully the can be school patrols set up with the students
- Some form of increased safety for crossing the busy intersection of Cranston Ave would be a real benefit to assisting Option B. Would the city consider building a pedestrian overpass I'd prefer option B to get more kids in the new school and even it out between both of them. ?
- I'd prefer option B to get more kids in the new school and even it out between both of them.
- No
- Long term planning and projection numbers are atrocious. Another elementary school is not needed in Cranston, existing one is meeting current needs without reaching capacity. However, the new Seton high school is over capacity in it's 2nd year. Completely missed opportunity for this site to have been a much-needed additional high school for the area.
- The biggest problem is for the current Grade 3 students at Cranston School, who live south of the community hall. They will have to attend the new school for 2 years and then move to Dr. George School. Is that too much trouble?
- Walk zone boundaries will likely need to be revisited in a few years, taking the actual number of elementary school aged kids in the community into consideration.
- Option B is a better option for me.
- My preference is including the Cranberry streets in the new elementary allowing for an equal split between schools. This provides higher numbers for the new school removing the potential for having to bring in kids from outside communities in the future.
- No.
- I think option A is the best solution.
- I believe that riverstone should have the option to chose which school they go to as they are equal distance away and all kids are bussed from that area
- I love that grade 4 will be added in 2020 and grade 5 added in 2021. Thank you!!!!
- Will the pedestrian crossing Cranford Drive at Cranford Street be controlled with lights? Crossing the road right there will be pretty unsafe, even with a crosswalk,



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because of the bend in the road. Because of this bend it makes it very difficult to see pedestrians at that intersection

- Would be helpful to know start and end times prior to registration opening, specifically kindergarten. I need to know the times so I can pick am or pm to register my son in January. I have a new baby and if the morning is too early I'll have to take the afternoon, but I do prefer the morning. Also have to plan around the middle child's pre school pick up and drop off.
- I'm very happy to know my children could stay at their school until grade 5
- I love that the plan is for the 4s and 5s to come back!!
- Option A is the better option.
- I would love for any current Cranston teachers who wish to move to the new school are considered first. This will help for transition of current Cranston kids who are moving know teachers once they move over.
- Can students in the Cranberries have the option of which school they would like to attend? The older part of Cranston will not be growing and thus may lose a lot of students over the next 5-10 years. Please do not force families to move schools if they don't want to. It's not their fault that the CBE built a new school when it wasn't needed.
- I am in favor of Option A.
- Kids who have been at Cranston elementary since grade 1 should be given the option to stay.
- Our family is thrilled with the announcement that Cranston School is adding grades 4 and 5 back starting next year! From our experience, grade 4's are way too young to be in middle school!
- I'm concerned with the size of Cranston school and how it will accommodate the demand for classrooms alone. Host grade 4 as it once did should not be a problem. But accommodating another set of grade 5 classes, I do not think the school itself has the space for such a capacity.
- I think both options are fine - Option A makes more sense in terms of having Cranston Avenue as the natural divide. It means you wouldn't have people who can see each other from their front doors attending different schools.
- -New School parent drop off zone needs re-evaluation as inability for traffic to drive through. We would suggest switching the bus zone with the parent zone. - PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE THE SAFETY OF THE CRANBERRY RESIDENTS HAVING TO COMMUTE. It might be valuable to research the number of incidents that have occurred in that intersection (pedestrian and vehicle related).
- I am concerned that current grade 4 students will remain the youngest students at DGS for the next 3 years. They will not have leadership or growth



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opportunities that come from the mentoring and role modeling available to older students.

- Thank you for asking for input. I hope with the new school, they are considering a proper and safe drop off spot. The other school (DGS) is horrible for drop off, not only for parents but members of the community trying to get to work. Cranston School is a bit better but still not as safe as I'd like to see.
- For families with students in the new elementary school and dr. George Stanley - bell times need to be considered in a staggered schedule similar to Cranston school
- Please consider the safety aspect of the Option A. You need to come to this area and see what kind of issues we are having in the mornings at the two intersections with so many pedestrian and car traffic during morning school hours. Option A is the most logical, a definite division by a major roadway and ultimately the safest for our young students.
- The roadway is a natural boundary. As I see it, the only advantage to adding the Cranberries to the new boundary is to satisfy the Board's need to maximize the number of students in the new building to justify the need to build it in the first place. Realistically, even though the new school may start small by not including the Cranberries there will be less issues with population and such in the future.
- My family is negatively affected by Option B as we live on the north side of Cranston in the block that would attend the new school. The north side is where our children's community is within this larger community. This is where my children play at playgrounds, ride bikes on pathways, visit friends and have a sense of belonging. We do not do these things in the south side of Cranston. - A part of growing up is becoming more independent - Option B will not allow my children to do this as easily as crossing the major intersection dividing north and south is too dangerous. The speed at which cars travel, the congestion of the area at morning and afternoon times is simply too dangerous for small children to be crossing alone. In winter time, crossing the field (should the fence be opened from the main road) will be challenging for these children as well. - Option B would drastically change our morning routine and potentially affect our work schedules.
- The graphs with option A and B won't load so I'm going off of memory from the info night. I prefer option B as both schools will have a more even spread of students and therefore funding will be more even. Would love to see a flashing crosswalk put in over Cranford Drive SE at the corner of Cranford Street SE. I realized this is probably more city related but it's a very dangerous intersection for pedestrians and now with a school in it's going to be much busier. It's a blind intersection when coming from either direction on Cranford Drive so having something there for pedestrians would make a huge difference. Thank you.



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- I am staunchly opposed to cutting a chunk out of the north side of Cranston and assigning kids from that zone to the new school as proposed by option B. Option B appears to unnaturally and unnecessarily divide the community. I feel as though the boundaries for Option B were drawn by a group of people with very little understanding or consideration of the realities of Cranston's geography. Even if the new school is slightly closer to the carved-out portion of the community north of Cranston Ave it certainly does not make it a more desirable destination or easier to get to. The quality and safety of the journey for kids and parents to the new school from north of Cranston Ave is far lower than that of the journey to the existing Cranston school.
- Please take into consideration the way Cranston residents use their own community. People living north of Cranston Ave do not want to cross this road everyday to get their kids to school, nor do they feel comfortable with their children crossing this intersection on their own due to the real and perceived dangers of doing so.
- Please do not force families who live north of Cranston Ave to send their children to the new school.
- A school boundary division along Cranston Ave makes the most sense for families in Cranston.
- It makes zero sense to have two schools sitting at 2/3rds full. It would be beneficial to have one sitting full and the other able to be an over flow for the growing community of Seton which has no school to attend. Also Riverstone is expected to grow by another 10,000 people before it is finished. If plan "b" is chosen where will these children attend?