

Board approves school boundary review report after amendment

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Families that endured the 2011 Milton school boundary review process — which moved their children from Guardian Angels to Our Lady of Fatima — now have the option to not move for a second time back to Guardian Angels and so do their younger siblings.

The 2014 boundary review report, put forth by the Milton Catholic Elementary School Boundary Review Advisory Committee, was amended by the Halton Catholic District School Board last week after board Chair Diane Rabenda asked that the younger siblings not be required to move to Guardian Angels as originally recommended.

The board unanimously voted in favour of the amendment in order to keep families together. It also voted in favour of the advisory committee's decision to choose Option G, which grants that students attending Guardian Angels on June 30, 2011 have the option to remain at Our Lady Fatima, but without transportation effective the 2014-15 school year. The families affected by the amendment are those located in the geographical area bound-

ed by Regional Rd. 25, south of Derry Road, west of Thompson Road South and north of Louis St. Laurent Avenue, known as V46.

The report also included the summary of the February 3 community consultation meeting that showed an overwhelming majority of parents favouring Option G.

According to the board's research and development services, 75 per cent of families who took part in an online survey chose Option G. Before the amendment and its approval, a presentation led by Francisco Lacey and Michael Bowers outlined the community's main concerns. They included how it would be disruptive to the children's already-established relationships with teachers and friends, the fact the new boundaries would be splitting up siblings and families would have to buy new school uniforms once again.

"One of their main points was to keep the families together," said Superintendent of Facility Management Services Giacomo Corbacio of the presentation. "And that's why the amendment was made. They more or less got what they wanted."

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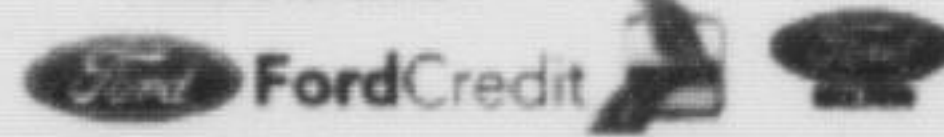
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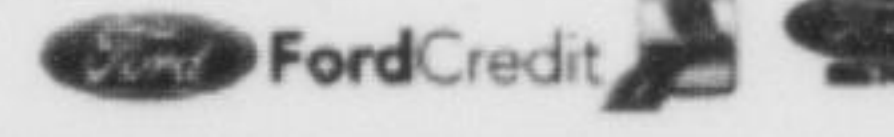
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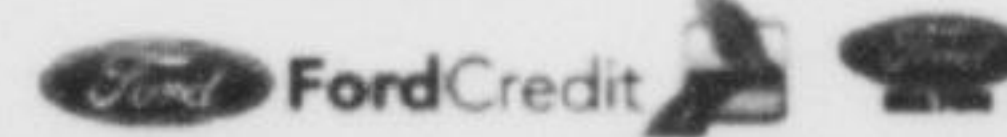
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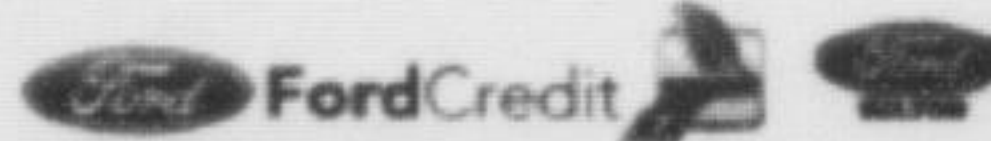
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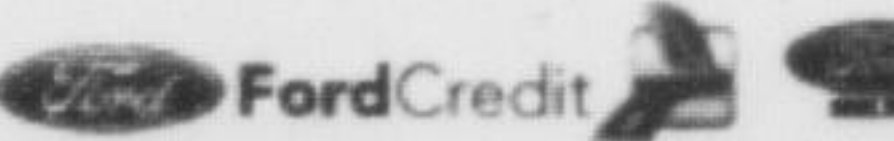
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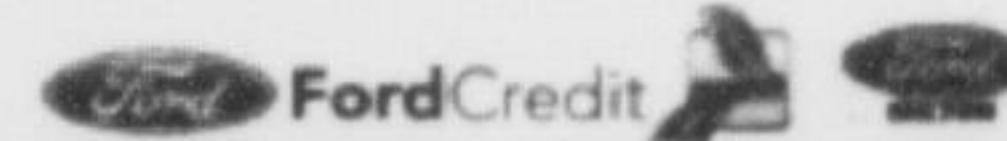
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