



# BRANDON SCHOOL DIVISION

*Office of the Secretary-Treasurer*

Mr. Denis Labossiere, Secretary-Treasurer

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July 16, 2018

City of Brandon  
Planning, Property & Buildings Department  
638 Princess Avenue  
Brandon, MB R7A 0P3

To whom it may concern:

**Re: Maryland Park School – Community Participation Report**

Name of Applicant: Guy Hewlko, MCM Architects c/o registered owner(s)

The Brandon School Division used the following methods of notification regarding the New School Public Information Session held on Wednesday, July 4, 2018 at the Riverview Curling Club:

- A Public Notice regarding the New School Public Information Session was sent out to local Media on June 21, 2018 (attached)
- A letter was mailed to all the property owners within 100m of the new school site on June 22, 2018 (attached is a list provided by City of Brandon).
- The public notice was published on our website and on school sites:  
<https://www.bsd.ca/OurSchools/newschool2020/GeneralInformationandUpdates/Pages/Public-Information-Session---July-4.-2018.aspx>
- An email and/or voice message was sent through our Synervoice system to all families with students in our schools that may be impacted by the new school.
- The Brandon Sun and local radio stations (CKLQ & Star FM) have announced the event through their media/news articles.

Of the 86 people that attended the event, the following comments/concerns were received by the public:

- I am very concerned about:
  - Bussing – my kids are too young to walk that far. We're on Laurel Bay;
  - YMCA Before & After: we stood in line all night for our spot at Riverheights. I hope it would carry over to the school;
  - Would catchment be a choice or forced?

*“Accepting the Challenge”*

- I'm totally in favour of the new school. Only concerns are around how the kids are handled in other schools. Also how the Before & After Program runs/transitions.
- Thank you to Brandon School Division for offering this evening to all those interested in learning more. Looking Good!! Very exciting – looking forward to see it being built.
- Students at K-8 school will need to be educated on how to get across the traffic circle. A solution might be to have a school patrol there.
- When will the catchment be determined?
- Need to determine the catchment so families can plan.

Overall the responses were positive from the public, with the majority of the questions surrounding catchments for the new school and impact on students from the area currently attending other schools. The catchment for the new school is currently under review and will be determined in the upcoming year to give parents sufficient notice regarding any changes affecting their children prior to Maryland Park School opening in September 2020.

Please contact me, should you have any questions regarding the above.

Sincerely,



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Denis Labossiere, CPA, CGA  
Secretary-Treasurer

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cc: Guy Hewlko, MCM Architects Inc.