

**ATTACHMENT "I"
Accommodation Review Committee
Presenters' Package**

The Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board values public input from students, parents, and stakeholders during Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) meetings. Your assistance in providing the following information as part of your request to present to the ARC is appreciated. Your written application should be brief and should adhere to the following format.

1. PURPOSE

To provide support for P.C.V.S. from a parent's point of view.

2 RATIONALE

Our daughter is currently attending P.C.V.S. and is in Grade 11.
Our son will be attending P.C.V.S. next year in Grade 9.

3 PRESENTATION CONTENT

Please see attached letter.

4. AUTHORIZATION

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In accordance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, I understand that this completed document may be printed with the public meeting agenda, posted to the Board's website and made available to the media.

Please note that the signature of the parent/guardian is required for all presenters under the age of

18.

Signature: Cathy Boothby
Title: Parent

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I am speaking as an individual _____

OR

I am speaking on behalf of : _____

Name of Organization

5. APPENDICES

Please provide any attachment to which you have referred in your report and which you would like the ARC to consider. These may include charts, tables, forms, lists or supporting documents. Please return your completed Presenters' Package to:

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Group Pupil Accommodation and Review Committee
City of Peterborough

March 30, 2011

Re: Peterborough Collegiate and Vocational School

Dear Committee Members,

We would like to express our support for P.C.V.S..

Our daughter, Megan, is currently in Grade 11 at P.C.V.S. in the Integrated Arts program. She attended King George Public School until Grade 6 and then moved to the congregated Gifted class at Westmount Public School for Grades 7 and 8. She applied and was accepted for both the International Baccalaureate program at Kenner and the Integrated Arts program at P.C.V.S.. She chose to go to the Integrated Arts program and has had a fantastic three years at P.C.V.S. so far. Megan's start up in Grade 9 was dynamic and included many team-building activities to connect the Integrated Arts students. P.C.V.S. has provided Megan with a balanced mix of art education as well as challenging academics. This year, she is Co-editor for the school yearbook, and is in the Musical Theatre program as well. She has also been involved with choir and fencing. She has maintained an over 90% average and won 5 course awards for the highest overall average. P.C.V.S. has taken Megan and gently pushed her out of her comfort zone. Last year, in Grade 10, Megan made the commitment to return to P.C.V.S. for a fifth year so that she could continue to take all of the art courses she wanted as well as all of the math and science courses that she will need for university. She loves her school and she is thriving!

Our son, Tyler, is currently attending Armour Heights Public School. He recently applied for and was accepted to P.C.V.S. in the Integrated Arts program for Grade 9 next year. Tyler has been bullied and socially excluded this year and is looking forward to a fresh new start. As parents, we are thrilled that Tyler will be going to P.C.V.S. next year, as we know the school is a warm, welcoming and inclusive place where he can just be himself and he will be accepted.

P.C.V.S. is more than just a building. It has a positive atmosphere that you can feel as soon as you walk in the doors. You can see it in the students. The Integrated Arts program is more than just a collection of classes; it's a family. The students truly come together as a cohesive unit and are nurtured by a caring and supportive staff. You will not be able to just "cut and paste" the Integrated Arts program into another building. It would not be the same, and we believe that our children's overall educational experiences would not be nearly as rewarding. .

We hope that the committee will consider all of the characteristics that define P.C.V.S.. This includes not only its historical significance, but also its academic and arts programs, and its school community, which is tolerant and respectful. It truly is a gem and we just can't see our two children going anywhere else. In our opinion, Peterborough would suffer an irreplaceable loss if P.C.V.S. were closed.

Sincerely,

Jim & Cathy

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