

**ATTACHMENT "I"**

**Accommodation Review Committee  
Presenters' Package**

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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**

Please provide one or two statements outlining the topic of your presentation.

To support the continuation of PCVS  
as a Secondary School in the Kawartha  
Pine Ridge District School system.

**2. RATIONALE**

Provide background facts and information which will assist the ARC with understanding the issue.

See attached appendix  
I am a stakeholder.

**3. PRESENTATION CONTENT**

See attached appendix

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: Lois Davidson  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_

I am speaking as an individual a resident of this area for 70+ years  
a graduate of ACIS  
OR

I am speaking on behalf of : \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Organization

5. APPENDICES attached

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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May 1, 2011

Ms. Angela Lloyd,  
Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board,  
Education Centre,  
1994 Fisher Drive,  
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Peterborough, ON K9H 7A1

Dear Ms. Lloyd;

I am writing to you as a life-long resident of the downtown community of Peterborough, a graduate of P.C.V.S. (1952), who practiced law in Peterborough for over forty years. Yes, I have a vested interest in keeping P.C.V.S. open. As elected members of the Public School Board you have a difficult decision to make regarding the future of education in this City, and one which will vitally affect the future of the area and students within it. I believe that of all the schools under consideration for future closing, P.C.V.S. should be one to be kept and preserved. Why?

This School has many unique features which have in the past and will in the future provide a place of learning in this community. Its location in the centre of the City has provided a focus for the creative arts, both for the students and the public. The Auditorium, and other spaces within the School provide opportunities for both students and the public to gather, create and observe performances and occasions of all kinds. And this has been so for over one hundred years. The School provides a central location for the renowned Integrated Arts Program, a model in this Province, with ready access to the many and increasing facilities in the downtown core - Showplace, the Market Hall Theatre to name a few. This is an essential part of this program and one which no other school can provide.

As part of the architectural heritage of Peterborough, P.C.V.S. contains a number of significant features, the War Memorial by Frances

Wylie, one of Canada's renowned sculptors, being but one. The names commemorated on it were students of P.C.V.S. They are a reminder to each student who passes it of the ultimate sacrifice made by men and women not much older than them. The place of this School in the civic buildings surrounding it, the City Hall, the War Memorial, the Armouries, the Court House and the Parks, is a trust to be preserved. All of these help to instill in students a sense of civic responsibility and duty. This pride and awareness is further reflected in the alumni of P.C.V.S., in the establishment of the P.C.V.S. Foundation so that future students may benefit from education in this great School.

Because of its location in the downtown core P.C.V.S. has been available and convenient to accommodate a wide diversity of students. By learning together, students appreciate and respect diversity. For these students the close presence of supporting facilities such as the New Canadian Centre and the Native Community Centre are important and assist them in many ways. These facilities support and interact with the School in a positive and helpful way. Having the School in proximity to them is essential.

Finally, closing P.C.V.S., a school which serves a specific geographical area in the City, will only encourage parents in this area to seek an alternative. That alternative would most certainly be St, Peter's High School which is relatively centrally located. I would suggest that by closing P.C.V.S. the Public Board will not only lose a School with a great history and reputation, but will lose a significant number of students permanently.

P.C.V.S. is a heritage school, architecturally, academically and in a location vital to the life of the City. It should be preserved and cherished.

Yours sincerely,

Lois Davidson (signed)  
c.c. Cheryl Gzik, Donald Blair, KPRDSB Trustees, Members of ARC