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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <b>Agree/Yes ( x 9 )</b></li> <li>– No – students need more time to adjust – teachers shouldn’t be relocated when they have such a good bond with students</li> <li>– Great for sports!</li> <li>– We should have done this earlier –we should keep the high school as a 4-year school</li> <li>– No – statistics say Gr 9s in 9-12 do not do as well as Gr 9s in 7-9 schools. The Gr 9s in 7-9 are leaders, but 9’s in 9-12 are bottom feeders and have not reached mental maturity. The atmosphere of 9-12 is not as supportive.</li> <li>– Yes – only if both transitions (Gr 9s to AYJ and Gr 6s to Zion/Highland) are done simultaneously</li> <li>– No – we as students build more leadership skills in a junior high. If we were to relocate, the transition would be rough and everyone would be affected.</li> <li>– This doesn’t seem like a very bad idea. However, I feel like a year of warning in advance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <b>Agree/Yes ( x 9 )</b></li> <li>– No</li> <li>– Childcare for gr 6’s ?</li> <li>– Younger siblings?</li> <li>– What if the grade 6s and grade 9s are not ready to suddenly change to high school or middle school? There are a lot of differences between the schools like transportation, ESL, French Immersion. And how about some grade 8s and 7s changing schools?</li> <li>– The gr 6s will have a hard time to adapt to this change with the lockers. In my opinion, they will mature too soon.</li> <li>– Many of these students would not be mentally prepared for the sudden transition from elementary school to middle school</li> <li>– Zion Hts and Highland is good the way it is. What is the point of changing something that we all love?</li> <li>– 6’s are not mature enough to handle such a big change (shock and change in personality)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <b>Agree/Yes ( x 17 )</b></li> <li>– Leave it please – why?</li> <li>– Autistic students need as little change as possible!!!</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <b>Agree/Yes ( x 18 )</b></li> <li>– Much clearer</li> <li>– Good – students can stay close to home for gifted – less commuting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <b>Agree/Yes ( x 15 )</b></li> <li>– No – I would say ‘no’ to this option</li> <li>– No, people should have choices</li> <li>– No – The kids will have to change too often. Gr 6 to Cresthaven, then 7-8 to Highland and then move to AY Jackson again. Not good for learning environment.</li> <li>– In Cliffwood, we want to guarantee that the English program doesn’t get affected from the capacity by moving the French programs because this is our neighbourhood and we have seen every day in the morning 2 or 3 school busses coming in the school which means it’s no from our area.</li> <li>– School programs should not be isolated</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <b>Agree/Yes ( x 18 )</b></li> <li>– Eliminate it to reduce the confusion</li> <li>– Less choices for students</li> </ul>

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<p>would help. Not to mention extra year in Junior High would give more special help, leadership and independence programs that AY wouldn't be able to provide.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– School is already pretty full coming from a student that goes to AYJ. The gr 9s will also feel more stressed because of the strict education.</li> <li>– As an AY Jackson student, I can tell that the hallways and classes are already very busy. I would prefer they create more programs for the students there, rather than bring in more students.</li> <li>– AY Jackson is not as big as you think – it's pretty full. Bringing in more students will lower the potential that the school can offer. It is not a good idea.</li> <li>– Grade 9s need support in a moment of big change – AYJ won't give as much of this support</li> <li>– Not yet – Transition to Grade 9 requires a lot of help/support. It will be hard</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Gr 6s need time to be leaders and they are not going to be ready in a new school and Gr 5s will not be ready to be leaders.</li> <li>– I don't think this is a good solution – it will have a big impact on children in gr 6 – I also think bullying will increase</li> <li>– To move grade 6s to middle schools is a bad idea.</li> </ul>				

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<p>for AY Jackson to accommodate Grade 9 and Grade 10 double cohorts together. Our students want to stay at current school for Grade 9.</p> <p>– No reduction in transitions with this model – driven by balancing enrolments based on forecasts – was McNicoll JS closed based on forecasts? So much for forecasts. I see no input that speaks to the value of the JHS model – Are there none? I’ve never seen such a cohesive student mix. AY is under enrolled to take Gr 9 from Highland/Zion? Who cares about the JHS model?</p>					
<p><b>General Comments –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There’s too much change at once</li> <li>- Please take step by step. Do not have all the changes done at the same time. Take program moves first – then move grades.</li> <li>- Please phase in the changes – move programs first – then move grades in 2-3 years. Please provide time for parent/students to prepare for the changes physically and mentally.</li> <li>- AY is under enrolled – there are 2 portables – if money going to portables at elementary schools is a factor based on cost saving and to push 5.2 through?</li> <li>- The projection for 2024 is 140 students between Hillmount &amp; Cliffwood – You will never get addition built for this number. However, if the number is greater, which you speak as though it will be, then open McNicoll – Build programs to fit with McNicoll back in the Family of Schools.</li> </ul>					