

Armour Heights PS Program Area Review Team

Committee Meeting #2

March 23, 2021

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge we are hosted on the lands of the Mississaugas of the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Wendat. We also recognize the enduring presence of all First Nations, Métis and the Inuit peoples

Agenda

6:30-8:00pm

1. Welcome Back
2. Overview of Next Steps
3. Meeting Norms and Procedures
4. Review of the feedback
 - a) Survey
 - b) Public Meeting
5. Determining the Recommendations
6. Next Steps - The Report
7. Adjournment

Overview of the Next Steps

- Review of the feedback from the public meetings
- Determining the recommendations from the PART
- Writing the PART Report and finalizing it
- The Staff Report
- Planning and Priorities Committee – April 6, 2021
- Board Meeting – April 21, 2021
- Notification of the Board’s Decision
- If approved, planning for implementation begins for implementation in September 2021

Program Area Review Process

Role of the PART:

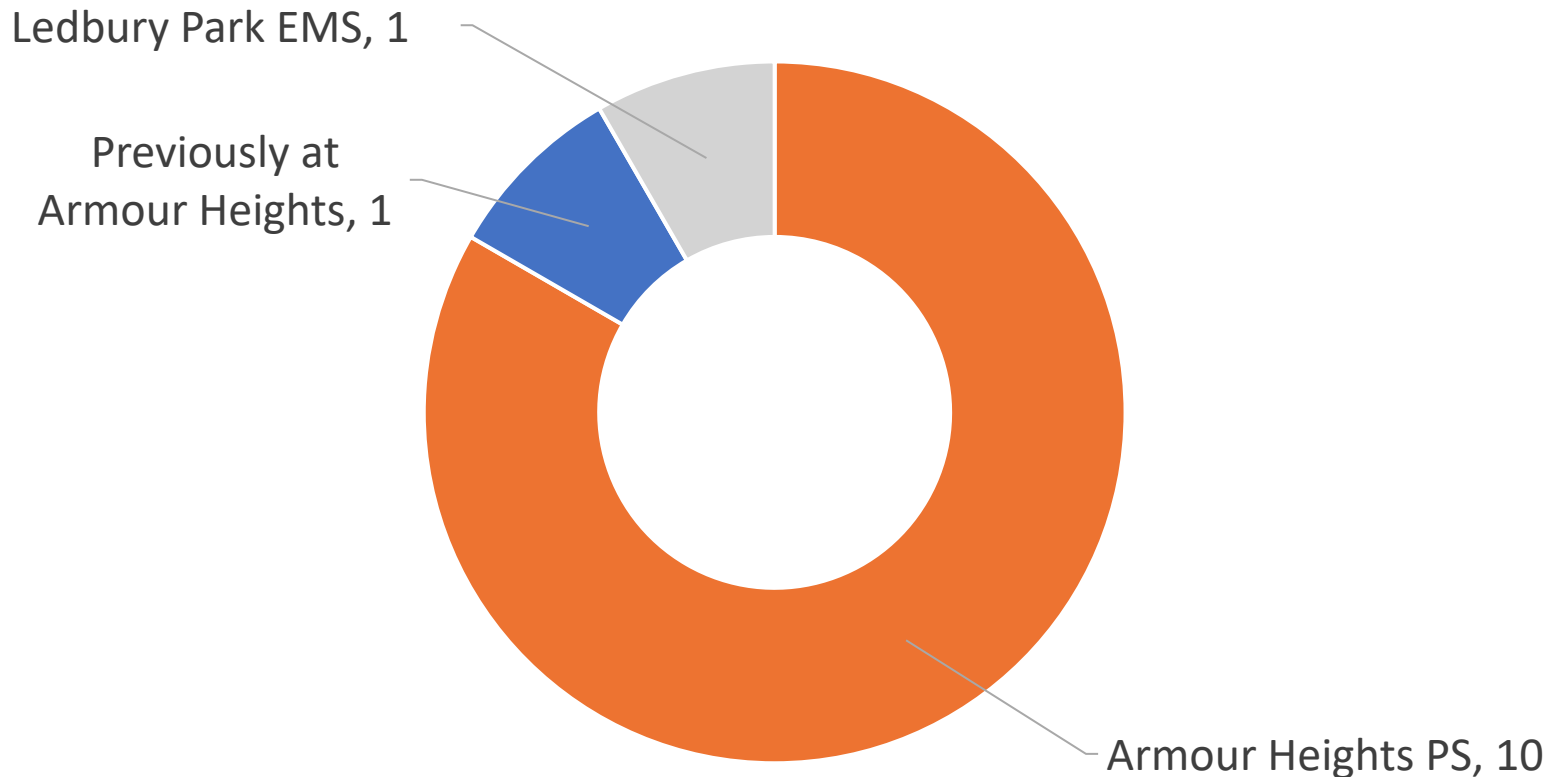
- Advisory role
- The PART holds working meetings to review the proposed accommodation changes, receive and share information, and discuss the impacts
- The PART makes recommendations regarding the proposed accommodation changes

Meeting Norms

- Members will arrive on time and we will ensure that the meeting ends at the scheduled time
- The chair will follow the meeting agenda
- Members will treat each other, and the opinions of each other, with respect
- Meaningful information sharing comes through dialogue and collaboration

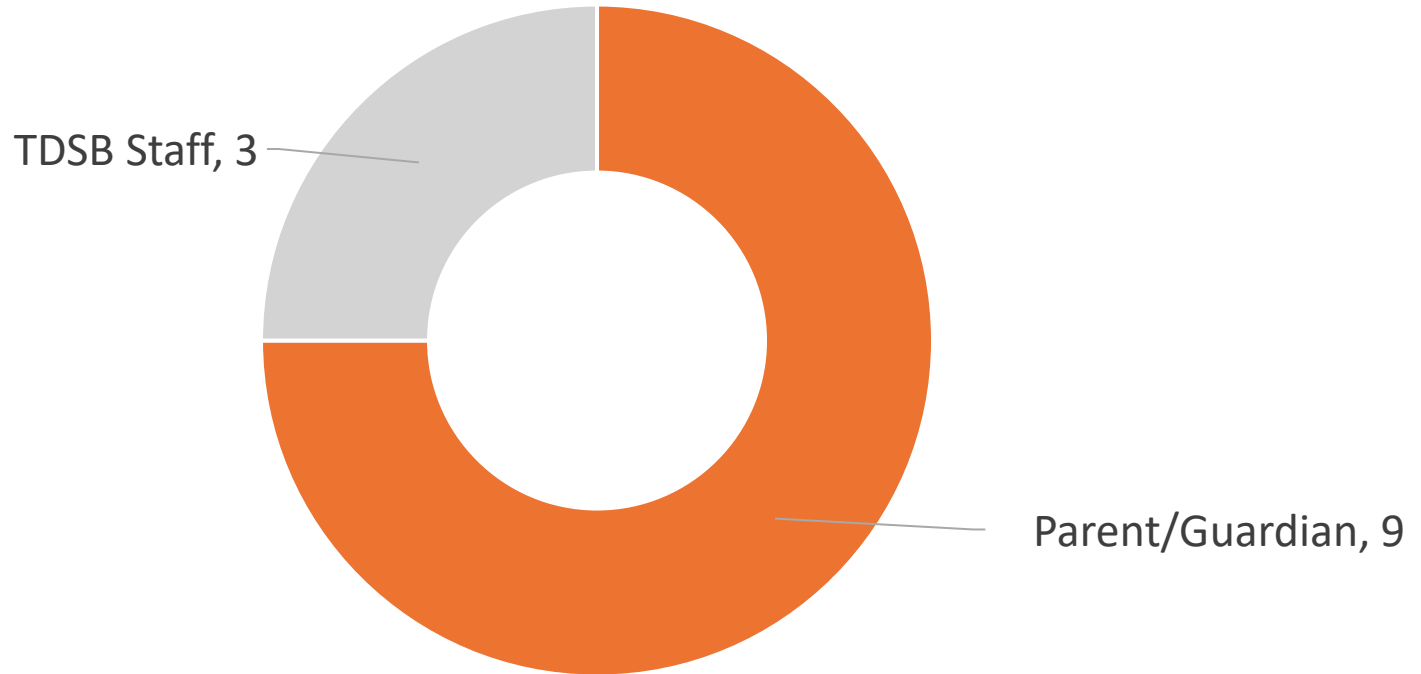
Survey Feedback

Armour Heights PS accounts for the majority of 'Which school community do you belong to?'



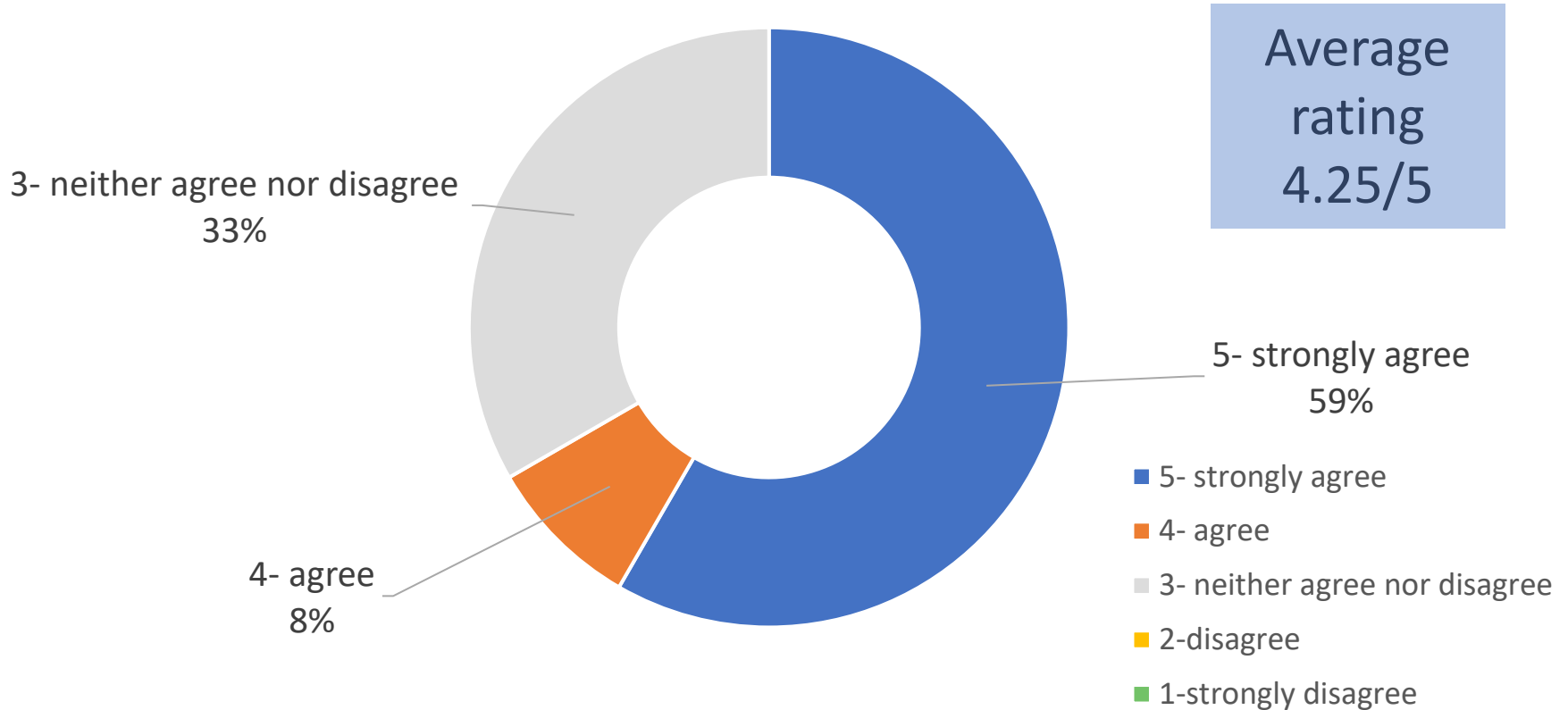
Survey Feedback

Parent/Guardian accounts for the majority of 'Please describe your connection to this school'



Survey Feedback

Majority **strongly agree** with the proposal for Armour Heights PS to expand its grades from JK-6 to JK-8



Survey Themes: Grade Range Expansion



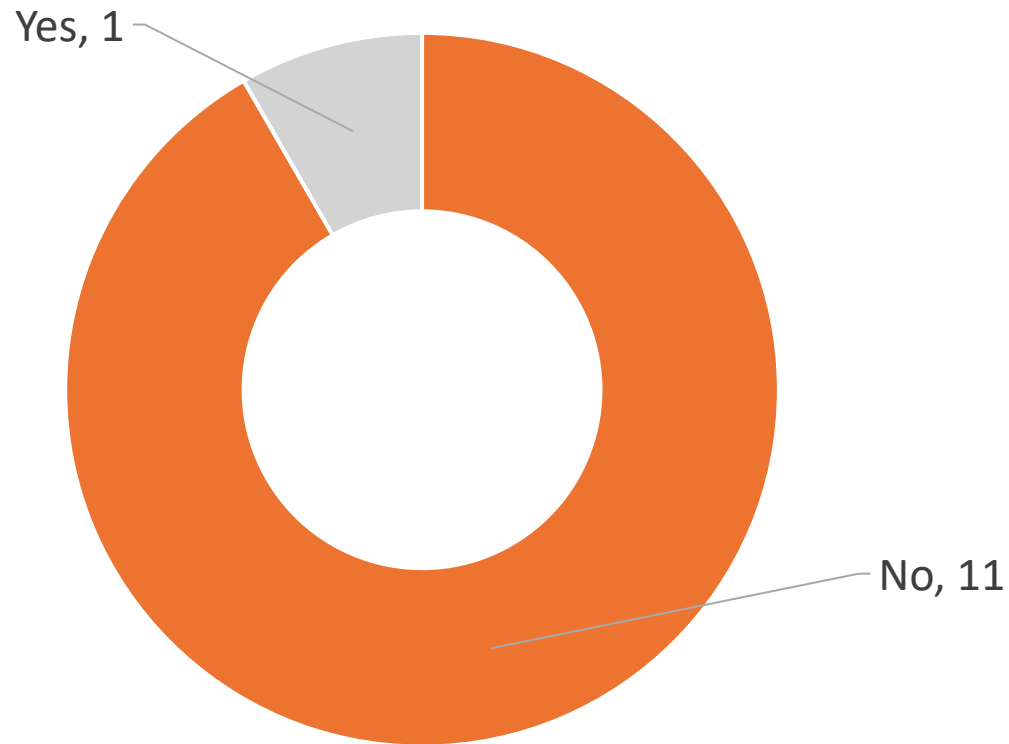
- Smoother transitions
- Believe the K-8 experience will provide a more nurturing and supportive environment for students
- Avoids long commutes/TTC
- Helps increase the size of the school



- Not sure how the middle school experience will be provided with no capital investment
- Worried about transition to Secondary School from a K-8
- Concerned about small grade 7 and 8 cohorts

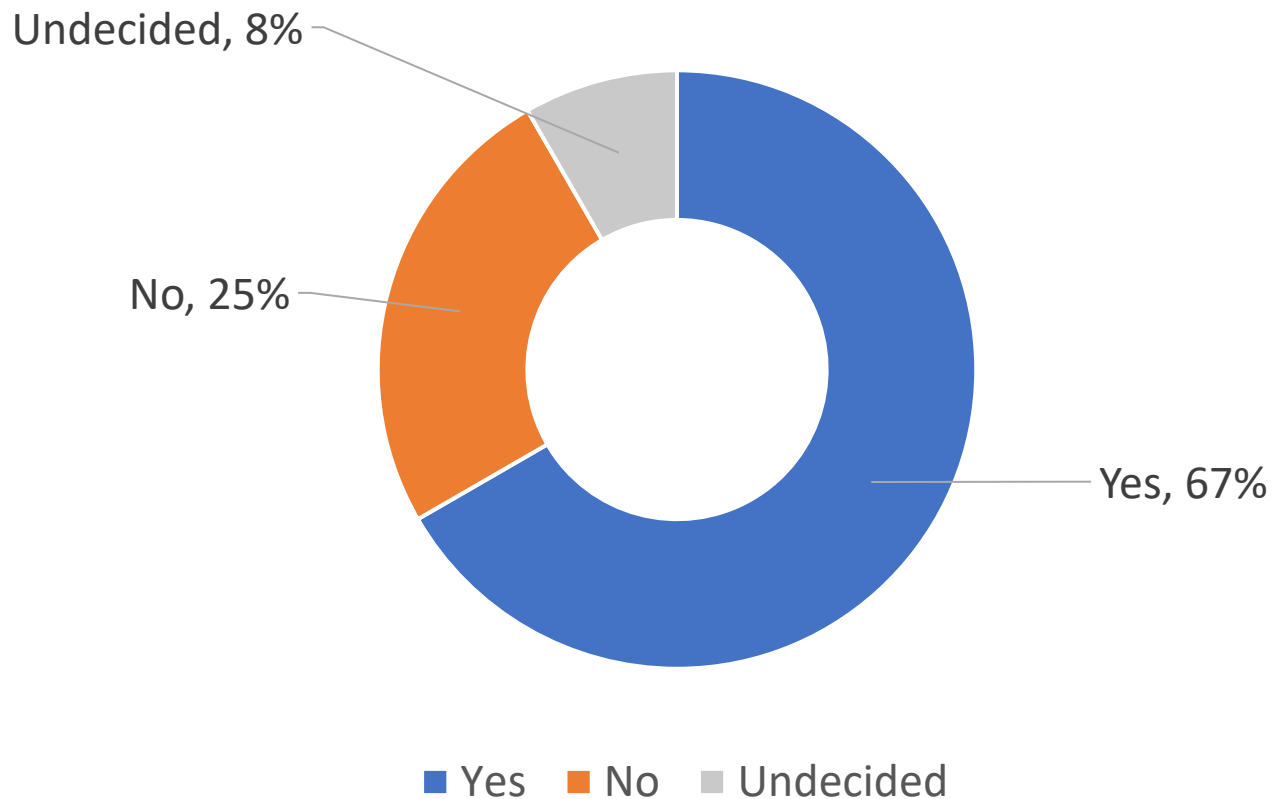
Survey Feedback

No accounts for majority of ‘Do you live within the shared junior boundary between Armour Heights PS and Ledbury Park EMS’



Survey Feedback

Yes accounts for majority of 'Do you support the proposed junior boundary change'



Survey Themes: Junior Boundary Change



- Plan makes sense since students are at Ledbury already
- Like the idea since it reduces transitions for the students within this boundary



- Prefers having the choice of two schools
- Does not like the 1 school/address TDSB policy goal
- Armour Heights would benefit from the additional students from this boundary

Survey Feedback

- Other feedback received:
 - Some respondents indicated an interest in a secondary boundary review
 - Suggestion to provide a portable at Armour Heights PS to provide additional specialty room space

Review of Feedback from Public Meeting

- Discussion of PART
 - What are the common themes?

Determining the PART Recommendations

- Our aim is for consensus
- If we have to vote, we decided at the first meeting:
 - One vote per parent and principal
 - Tie breaker – Superintendents to break the tie

Determining the PART Recommendations

1. That the grades at Armour Heights PS be expanded from JK-6 to JK-8 starting in September 2021. Armour Heights PS becomes a JK-7 school in 2021 and JK-8 school in 2022.
2. That the junior to intermediate pathway from Armour Heights PS to St. Andrew's MS be grandparented for the 2021/22 school year.
3. That the shared boundary between Ledbury Park EMS and Armour Heights PS, be directed entirely to Ledbury Park EMS.

Next Steps: The PART Report

- A draft PART report will be emailed to all PART members in the morning of Wednesday March 24
 - Suggestions for changes/additions/subtractions will be received until Thursday March 25
 - If there are minority reports, they have the same deadline
- The final PART Report will be emailed to PART members by Friday March 26
- If there are any minority reports, they will be attached to the final draft that is sent out to all members
- The Staff Report will be posted to the Board's web page with the agenda for the Planning and Priorities Committee on April 6th -
<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Leadership/Boardroom/Agenda-Minutes>

Next Steps: Board of Trustees

- PART members are encouraged to attend the Planning and Priorities Committee on April 6th, 2021 and the full Board Meeting on April 21st, 2021
- Planning and Priorities Committee – April 6, 2021
- Board Meeting – April 21, 2021
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Other Opportunities for Feedback

- Prior to the Board meeting, there will be an opportunity for public to delegate at the Planning & Priorities Committee – Target Date: April 6, 2021
 - To register to delegate visit:
<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/leadership/boardroom/delegations>

