



ALGONQUIN AND LAKESHORE CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

January 31, 2008

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board, at their meeting of Monday, January 28, 2008, resolved that an Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) be established to study accommodation issues affecting Sacred Heart Catholic School (Batawa), St. Mary Catholic School (Trenton), St. Peter Catholic School (Trenton) and St. Paul Catholic Secondary School (Trenton). The issues for study include aging school facilities, program demands and declining enrolment.

The Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board recognizes that the school facilities at St. Peter Catholic School and Sacred Heart Catholic School (Batawa) in particular, are in need of significant renewal and updating. Our planning to address these needs is an opportunity to engage school communities in the Quinte West area in an ARC process to evaluate options and ensure that any investment will best meet the needs of students in the area.

The Accommodation Review Committee (ARC), to be convened in accordance with the Board's Pupil Accommodation Review Policy and Administrative Procedures, will include representatives from each affected school. The School Principal and the School Council Chair will oversee the appointment of representatives from each school community. The ARC must assess each of the schools involved, and seek public input to study the value of each school to students, the community, the Board and the local economy. Based on the data collected during this valuation, the ARC must then make a recommendation to the Board on how students within the area would be best accommodated. The work of the ARC is a public process that will enable Trustees to make fair and well informed decisions regarding our school facilities. Please be assured that a school's involvement in an ARC does not mean it is a candidate for closure. School closure is only one of several options that an ARC may consider, as are renovations to existing schools and new school construction.

A notice of the first public meeting of the ARC is attached.

For additional information regarding the Board's capital planning process, including the ARC process, upcoming meetings, meeting minutes and other documents, please visit the Board's Pupil Accommodation website linked from the main Board home page at www.alcdsb.on.ca.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Schmitt', is written over a horizontal line.

Michael Schmitt
Director of Education

Attach.

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