



# **SUDBURY CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

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**To:** All Sudbury Catholic Schools Principals, Vice-Principals, Secretaries,  
(Elementary and Secondary Schools), RPIC, Bishop Plouffe, Trustees,  
Board Office Staff

**From:** Regan Corelli,  
Communications Officer,  
Sudbury Catholic Schools

**Re:** Sudbury Catholic Schools Accommodation Review, East Planning Area

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In accordance with its Pupil/School Accommodation Review Regulation BR 10, the Sudbury Catholic District School Board is in the process of conducting an Accommodation Review for its family of schools situated in the East Planning Area.

The Sudbury Catholic District School Board is committed to providing a full range of educational opportunities equitably distributed across a broad and diverse geographical area. Due to ever-changing factors such as mobile population, changes in funding, new legislation, changing in educational objectives, community aspirations and physical limitations of buildings, the Board is obligated to monitor and evaluate all schools on a regular basis.

Given the present state of its priorities, the Board will be focussing its attention on the East Planning Area for the purpose of this Accommodation Review which will include the following schools;

**Elementary:**

Pius XII Catholic School  
St. Andrew Catholic School  
St. Bernadette Catholic School  
St. John Catholic School  
St. Mark Catholic School  
St. Paul the Apostle Catholic School  
St. Raphael Catholic School

**Secondary:**

St. Charles College  
St. Albert Adult Learning Centre

The School Accommodation Review may result in such changes as boundary adjustments, major additions, renovations and alterations to school buildings, blending or twinning arrangements for school organization and/or programs or school consolidations.

The Board is in the process of informing parents, staff, school councils, and school communities of the logistics and time lines regarding its Accommodation Review. The Sudbury Catholic District School Board hired the firm of Waston and Associates Economists Ltd. (one of Canada's leading economic firms) to prepare population, household, employment and student enrollment forecasts in the City of Greater Sudbury and more specifically in the planning area of the schools under review. This information will greatly assist the Sudbury Catholic District School Board in assessing opportunities for long term growth and development and help guide the Board in the implementation of accommodation strategies that will serve to enhance student learning.



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An Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) will be created to provide the Sudbury Catholic District School Board with information re School Valuation Framework and applying this framework to the schools under review, giving consideration to the value of the students, community, school board and the local economy.

The members of the ARC will include representative membership from the Sudbury Catholic District School Board, each school, each school community, a municipal representative, a diocesan representative and a representative from the Regional Parent Involvement Committee (RPIC).

Jody Cameron, Chair of Sudbury Catholic Schools welcomes the Accommodation Review. "The Accommodation Review is a process that all Boards in Ontario undertake in order to continually update their long term capital plans," states Cameron. "It provides our board with the opportunity to update student enrollment projections and assess long term capital expenditures to provide optimum programs and facilities for our students. This is the start of a year long process and decisions will be made only after an extensive review is conducted through consultation with all our stakeholders."

Director of Education for the Sudbury Catholic District School Board, Catherine McCullough, will be recommending an action plan to Trustees at a meeting in May 2010.

The following time lines will be an integral part of the Accommodation Review;

<b>Accommodation Review Action Plan</b>	
<b>Meeting schedule for the East Planning Area and St. Albert Adult Learning Centre.</b>	
<b>2009</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>February</b>	Annual Pupil/School Accommodation Report to Board
<b>March</b>	School Community Advised of School Review
<b>April/May</b>	Accommodation Review Committee Established
<b>September</b>	Customizing of Generic School Evaluation Framework
<b>October</b>	<b>First Public Meeting:</b> Presentation, ARC Mandate, Background Information and Explanation of the Customized School Valuation Framework
<b>December</b>	<b>Second Public Meeting:</b> Presentation of the Valuation Framework Report for Public Input
<b>2010</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>January</b>	<b>Third Public Meeting:</b> Presentation of Alternative Accommodation Options for Public Input
<b>February</b>	<b>Fourth Public Meeting:</b> Presentation of Draft ARC Report to School Board Administration for Public Input
<b>April</b>	Public Input/Presentation of Alternate Recommendations to Board of Trustees
<b>May</b>	Board Members to Vote on Recommendations

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**The membership of the Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) will consist of the following;**

- **Four representatives from each school**  
(Principal, Staff, Catholic School Council Chair, Community)
- **One representative from the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie**
- **One representative from the City of Greater Sudbury**
- **One representative from the Regional Parent Involvement Committee (RPIC)**
- **Four representatives from the Sudbury Catholic District School Board**  
(ARC Chair, ARC Secretary, Senior Board Official, Coordinator)

## **Responsibilities and Mandate of ARC:**

The local ARC will customize, as appropriate, the Board's generic School Valuation Framework, and apply the local ARC customized framework to the school(s) under review, giving consideration to the value of the students, community, school board, and the local economy.

A minimum of sixty (60 days) shall elapse between the date at which the Director of Education informs parents, staff, the Regional Parent Involvement Committee (RPIC) and the community of the intention to conduct an accommodation review of the school(s) and possible changes in accommodation status and the local ARC's first public meeting. The date of this first meeting shall be established by the Board.

A minimum of four public meetings are to be held by the ARC as part of the consultation process with the option of calling additional meetings at the discretion of the ARC.

## **ARC School Valuation Report, Staff Recommendations, Board Decisions and Implementation:**

The ARC's report will address the valuation results for each school in the group of schools under review in the relevant planning area, the proposed changes, reactions to the proposed changes, and other relevant findings and data.

The Director of Education will make this report accessible to trustees and the public, and will have the report reviewed and analyzed by board staff.

The Director of Education will present the ARC report to the board along with staff findings and recommendations to trustees, prior to the decision of the board.

## **Key points to remember:**

This will be a labour intensive process

No decision has been made other than to review the schools

Schools will remain status quo for the 2009-2010 school year

Please direct questions and/or requests for interviews from the media to the Sudbury Catholic Schools Communications Officer