



BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

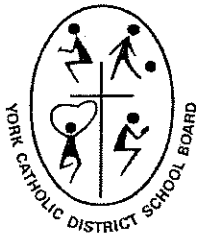
From the Regular Board Meeting of Tuesday, October 7th, 2008

Thornhill (Markham)

Accommodation Review

Trustees approved a recommendation to initiate an Accommodation Review process for the Thornhill (Markham) area, involving the following elementary schools: St. Anthony, St. Rene Goupil-St. Luke and St. Michael Catholic Academy. The identification of a Review Area does not imply that the schools are necessarily being considered for closure or consolidation. Various options will be considered in order to ensure an ongoing suitable and equitable range of learning opportunities for students in the Review area. The process will invite public participation and take at least one year to complete, in accordance with Ministry guidelines and Board Policy. It is anticipated that any accommodation changes resulting from the ARC (Accommodation Review Committee) would begin to be implemented in the 2010-11 school year – to allow adequate time to complete the process, including extensive consultation and any transitional planning that may be required. ARC information materials, along with any pertinent updates, will be posted on the Board website at www.ycdsb.ca

October 17, 2008



York Catholic District School Board

Notice of the Establishment of an Accommodation Review For the Thornhill Area

The York Catholic District School Board has approved a motion to begin an Accommodation Review for the Thornhill area that will involve the following elementary schools: St. Anthony, St. Michael Catholic Academy and St. Rene Goupil-St. Luke.

The Ministry of Education's Pupil Accommodation Review Guidelines indicate that when a group of area schools may be in need of significant repairs and/or face enrolment or programming challenges -- that these schools may be considered for an Accommodation Review. This Review may include consideration of a variety of options, including possible boundary changes and/or school facility consolidations.

The School Board is currently establishing a local Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) to include Catholic School Council members, area trustee, parents/guardians, teachers, school and school board staff and administrators, parish and community members. This Committee will be asked to recommend practical accommodation solutions for Catholic elementary students in this Review area.

The process is expected to take at least one year to complete. It is anticipated that any accommodation changes would begin to be implemented in the 2010-11 school year -- to allow time to complete the process, including extensive consultation and any transitional planning that may be required.

Please be assured that the School Board is committed to maintaining the integrity of all educational programming. In addition, the Board has not yet made any accommodation decisions and all decisions will be made with the full involvement of the school communities.

We will keep you fully informed as we move through this process. We anticipate that you will be receiving a further update from us prior to the Christmas break. In addition, once available, all ARC meeting minutes, as well as any ARC information materials, will be posted on the Board website at www.ycdsb.ca.

This Accommodation Review is designed to be an extremely collaborative process and we appreciate your partnership as we move forward.



Thornhill Elementary Schools
Accommodation Review Committee

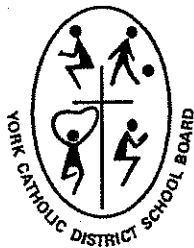
**NOTICE OF
FIRST PUBLIC MEETING**
Thurs., Feb. 5, 2009 • 7-9 pm
St. Michael Catholic Academy
41 Simonston Blvd. Thornhill

This is the first of four public meetings scheduled for an accommodation review of Thornhill Catholic Elementary schools, specifically:

St. Anthony CES, St. Michael CA, St. Rene Goupil-St. Luke CES.

The review will recommend practical accommodation solutions for Catholic elementary students in this area that may include possible boundary changes, facility repairs or construction, and/or school consolidations.

Further information is available on the Board website at www.ycdsb.ca



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