



Thornhill Elementary Schools
Accommodation Review Committee

June 22, 2009

Dear St. Anthony, St. Michael, and St. René Goupil-St. Luke School Communities:

Update on the Thornhill Elementary Schools Accommodation Review

After 14 working meetings, an evening bus tour, and 4 public meetings, the Thornhill Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) has completed its task.

The Board has not yet made any accommodation decisions.

On Friday, June 19, 2009, the ARC submitted two reports to the Director of Education which outline recommended accommodation option(s). Both reports can be viewed on the ARC website on www.ycdsb.ca.

A majority report supports the building of a new school for the Arts on the St. Michael site and an 8 classroom addition at St. René Goupil/St. Luke Catholic Elementary School to accommodate "regular track" students from St. Anthony and St. René Goupil/St. Luke schools. It recommends the closing of St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School.

A minority report submitted by the ARC members representing the St. Anthony community, recommends the building of a new school for the Arts on the St. Michael site and renovations to St. Anthony, with program enhancements, to maintain students at its current school location.

In the Fall, the two reports as well as a staff report will be presented to the Board of Trustees for deliberations. Parents will be informed by community newsletter of the Board meetings when the accommodation options will be discussed by trustees. Board meetings are open to the public and there is an opportunity for presentation by community groups or individuals to the Board of Trustees.

We wish to thank the parents, teaching staff, non-teaching staff, parish representatives and school trustee of the ARC for their dedication and diligence in the process. We commend them for their efforts, their strong advocacy for their communities, and their professionalism and respectful conduct in the midst of difficult dialogue.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Sincerely,

Patricia Preston
ARC Chair

Andy Di Sebastiano
ARC Secretary