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## 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](http://www.ycdsb.ca).

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