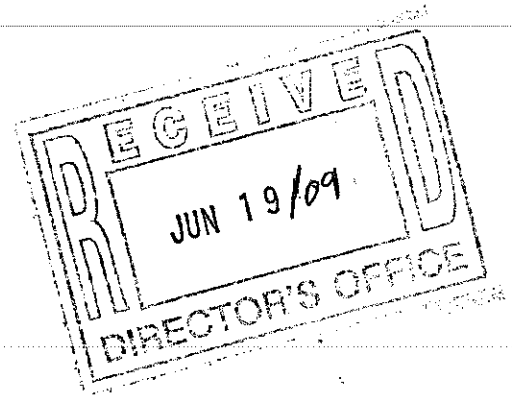




Thornhill Elementary Schools  
Accommodation Review

June 19, 2009



Susan LaRosa  
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Dear Mrs. LaRosa:

**Thornhill Elementary Schools - Accommodation Review Committee  
School Valuation Reports**

After 14 working meetings, an evening bus tour, and 4 public meetings, the Thornhill Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) has completed its task. The work that began 8 months ago in November, 2008, has resulted in 2 reports for submission.

In accordance with the *York Catholic District School Board Policy 713, Pupil Accommodation Review, Section 2.8, The ARC School Valuation Report*, please find enclosed a majority report and a minority report.

The majority report, representing a 2/3 majority vote by the ARC, 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.

The 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 this current school location.

We commend all members of the Committee - parents, teaching staff, non-teaching staff, parish representatives and school trustee of the ARC - for their commitment and dedication to the review process, and their insight in developing accommodation solutions to meet the needs of students. Each of the members in this group worked together admirably throughout the process, and are recognized for their professionalism and strong advocacy for their communities.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Patricia Preston in cursive.

Patricia Preston  
ARC Chair

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Andy Di Sebastiano  
ARC Secretary