



Thornhill Elementary Schools Accommodation Review Committee

January 15, 2009

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

SUBJECT: Accommodation Review for the Thornhill Elementary Schools

We are pleased to update you on this process that is considering accommodation options for students attending our Thornhill area Catholic elementary schools, including: St. Anthony, St. Michael Catholic Academy and St. Rene Goupil-St. Luke.

An Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) has now been established, comprised of parents, Catholic School Council Chairs, parish representatives, and school and Board staff. In all, there will be approximately 13 working ARC meetings and 4 public meetings held during this review process. The ARC will submit its final report in June, and a decision by the Board is expected in the fall, 2009.

On the reverse side of this letter, please find a summary of the upcoming meeting dates and report process. Our first public meeting is scheduled to take place on February 5, 2009, at St. Michael Catholic Academy (41 Simonston Blvd., Thornhill) at 7:00 p.m. Members of the public are invited to participate in the 4 public meetings, or you may also contribute your input via e-mail (arcthornhill@ycdsb.ca) or by voice mail (905-713-2711, ext. 7567).

Please be assured that the School Board and the ARC are committed to maintaining the integrity of all educational programming for our Thornhill elementary students. **The Board has not yet made any accommodation decisions and all decisions will be made with the full involvement of the school communities.**

ARC updates, including minutes and agendas along with questions asked and responses given, can be viewed on the Board website at www.ycdsb.ca.

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**York Catholic District School Board
Thornhill Accommodation Review Committee (ARC)**

The purpose of an ARC is to ensure that in keeping with its obligation, Board staff and members of our Catholic Learning Community consistently be aware of best educational practices, assess the effectiveness of current situations and make appropriate decisions to ensure suitable and equitable learning environments for all students.



Public Meeting #1
(February 5, 2009, St. Michael Catholic Academy, 7:00 p.m.)
Present the reasons for creating an ARC, to present the ARC's mandate, ARC process, issues to be addressed and opportunity for community input on the ARC's Customized School Valuation Framework.

ARC Working Group Meetings
(December 2008/ January 2009)



Public Meeting #2
(March 26, 2009, St. René Goupil-St. Luke Catholic Elementary School, 7:00 p.m.)
Opportunity for community input on the Draft School Valuation for each school as completed by the members of the ARC.

ARC Working Group Meetings
(February/ March 2009)



Public Meeting #3
(April 30, 2009, St. Anthony Catholic Elementary School, 7:00 p.m.)
Opportunity for community input on the Alternative accommodation options proposed by the ARC.

ARC Working Group Meetings
(April 2009)



Public Meeting #4
(May 28, 2009, St. Michael Catholic Academy, 7:00 p.m.)
Opportunity for community input on the Draft School Valuation Report and Recommendations to the Director of Education.

ARC Working Group Meetings
(May 2009)



ARC Working Group Meetings
(June 2009)



School Valuation Report & ARC Recommendations Submitted to the Director of Education.
(ARC Disbanded)

Staff report on School Valuation Report and ARC recommendations presented to the Board of Trustees.
(Regular Board Meeting)



Public Meeting (Fall 2009)
Opportunity for community input on both the ARC and staff reports and recommendations. *The public meeting may be scheduled as part of one of the Board's regularly scheduled meetings.*

Date of meeting determined in accordance with YCDSB schedule of Board Meetings. Date of meeting will be shared by Community letter and posted to YCDSB website.



"Follow-Up" report to the Board of Trustees considering the community feedback (report also includes all presentations made by the community).
**(Regular Board Meeting)
(Fall 2009)**

Date of meeting determined in accordance with YCDSB schedule of Board Meetings. Date of meeting will be shared by Community letter and posted to YCDSB website.



Board of Trustees to make final decision on the accommodation recommendation(s) based on ARC, staff and follow-up reports
(Regular Board Meeting – Fall 2009)

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