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ACCESSIBILITY OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS

As required by the Province of Ontario, Ontarians with Disabilities Act 2001, the York Catholic District School Board will provide an Annual Accessibility Plan ensuring that all persons experience an environment which is free of barriers. The York Catholic District School Board has established a committee to review and develop a plan to address the physical barrier in schools.

A copy of the 'draft' plan is attached as Appendix 31. A request to place the Board's Accessibility Plan on the board website has been done.

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Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students

A personal fm system or portable soundfield system is available to deaf and hard of hearing students upon request should they require additional amplification.

Elevators

The proposed plan for **Barrier Free Access** includes for the planned installation of elevators in schools.

Special Requests

On an ongoing basis, requests for door openers, change tables, lifting systems, special needs change rooms, barrier free washrooms, wheelchair ramps, etc. are received and placed into the School Improvement program. This work is performed on a priority basis, or as funding permits.

All new construction is designed for barrier free access.

For information concerning this program, the public may contact the communication officer, Chris Cable, (905) 713-1211 or (416) 221-5051 ext. 13003.