



Wednesday, April 4, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As part of our open and transparent process, this letter is to inform you that the Denis Morris, Holy Cross and Saint Francis Catholic Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools' Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee of the Board will begin its discussions to review the attendance boundaries of the identified schools. The Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee will make a recommendation at the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 7th, 2018.

At the May 24th, 2016 Board Meeting, the Niagara Catholic District School Board approved the Long Term Accommodation Plan 2016-2021 which outlines strategies to address accommodations throughout the Board. This plan is posted on our Board website at www.niagaracatholic.ca.

At the March 20th, 2018 Board Meeting, the Niagara Catholic District School Board approved the following motion:

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board approve the following Terms of Reference for the Denis Morris, Holy Cross and Saint Francis Catholic Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools' Ad Hoc Attendance Area Review Committee:

Align the secondary attendance boundary for Saint Francis Catholic Secondary School to include the entire St. James Catholic Elementary School boundary.

As a result of an Attendance Area Review for St. Catharines in 2013, an area was relocated from Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Elementary School to St. James Catholic Elementary School boundary. The Catholic secondary school boundaries were not altered; consequently, students from St. James Catholic Elementary School who live in the area are required to attend Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School.

The proposed boundary change from Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School to Saint Francis Catholic Secondary School can be described as:

- *Linwell Road, -North Side-East of Walker Avenue to Vine Street-inclusive street address number between 309 Linwell Road and 341 Linwell Road*
- *All of Rogers Street-both sides*
- *All of Sharon Street-both sides*
- *Vine Street-East Side-North of Linwell Road to opposite of Rosemount Avenue-inclusive street address numbers between 501 Vine Street and 519 Vine Street*

This Attendance Area Review Committee will address the area described above so that such students are designated to attend Saint Francis Catholic Secondary School. **Currently, there are no students who will be affected by the proposed boundary change.**

The Attendance Area Review Committee meeting will take place at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10th, 2018 at the Catholic Education Centre, 427 Rice Road, Welland, ON, L3C 7C1 in the Holy Cross Community Room. At this meeting, a Chair of the Committee will be elected, Terms of Reference will be confirmed and the proposed draft secondary attendance boundary will be discussed, to be confirmed through a public consultation with the Catholic communities identified in the Board motion. All meetings are open to members of our Catholic school community.

We welcome your participation in this important process. To provide input, please use the online form available on www.niagaracatholic.ca or call Kathy Levinski, Administrator of Facilities Services at 905.735.0210 Ext. 273 before 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 27th, 2018. Input received will be provided to the committee.

Thank you for your continued support of Catholic Education in the Niagara Catholic District School Board.

Sincerely,



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