



Wednesday, October 12th, 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian:

At the May 24th, 2016 Board Meeting the Niagara Catholic District School Board approved the Long Term Accommodation Plan 2016-2021. The Plan is posted on our Board website, niagaracatholic.ca. The Long Term Accommodation Plan outlines strategies to deal with accommodation throughout the Board. The first year of the plan recommended that an Attendance Area Review be undertaken to deal with current enrolment challenges in Niagara Falls.

At the June 21st, 2016 Board Meeting, the Niagara Catholic District School Board approved the following motions:

“THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board that in September 2016 the Saint Michael Catholic and Saint Paul Catholic Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools Attendance Area Ad Hoc Committee commence an attendance area review of boundaries for Loretto Catholic Elementary School, Father Hennepin Catholic Elementary School and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary School in accordance with the Attendance Areas Policy (301.3) and submit recommendations to the January 17, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

THAT the Niagara Catholic District School Board the approval of the following Terms of Reference for the Saint Michael Catholic and Saint Paul Catholic Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools Attendance Area Ad Hoc Committee:

Align student enrolment to facility capacity at Loretto Catholic Elementary School. Align student enrolment to facility capacity at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary School, considering the possibility and the potential impact of moving the French Immersion Program from Notre Dame Catholic Elementary School.

Provide recommendations to address the increasing enrollment in the Imagine Estates subdivision.

Provide recommendations to support temporary overcapacity at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Elementary School for students from Imagine Estates until a new Catholic elementary school is built in Imagine Estates.

Review and recommend adjusted attendance area boundaries for Loretto Catholic Elementary School, Father Hennepin Catholic Elementary School and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Elementary School, within the Saint Michael Catholic High School – Family of Schools.”

As part of our open and transparent process, this letter is to inform you that the Saint Michael Catholic and Saint Paul Catholic Elementary and Secondary Family of Schools Attendance Area Ad Hoc Committee of the Board will begin its discussions to review the attendance boundaries of the schools identified above towards a recommendation to the January 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting. The meeting of the Attendance Area Review Committee will take place on Wednesday, October 19th, 2016 in the Father Burns csc Board Room at the Catholic Education Centre. This meeting will elect a Chair of the Committee, confirm the Terms of Reference, review draft potential attendance area options and confirm the public consultation process with the

Catholic communities identified in the Board motion. As a reminder, all meetings of the Attendance Area Ad Hoc Committee are open to members of our Catholic school community.

Throughout the Attendance Area Review process, the Committee will continue to engage members of our Catholic school communities for feedback and recommendations on draft attendance area options. This will be achieved by posting meeting schedules, agendas, and minutes on our Board website at niagaracatholic.ca. Prior to a final recommendation by the Attendance Area Review Committee to the January 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting a Public Consultation Meeting will take place at Saint Michael Catholic High School to share the recommendations and invite your feedback.

We look forward to your participation in this important process and we thank you for your continued support of Catholic education in the Niagara Catholic District School Board.

Sincerely,



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