



Office of the Director of Education

February 3, 2010

Dear Parents/Guardians/Staff/Students:

We have received a number of messages regarding the involvement of Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School in the Accommodation Review (ARC) process in your area.

As you know, Notre Dame is one of five secondary schools involved in a School Accommodation Review (ARC) that began in the fall of 2009. The ARC process was initiated because four of the schools in the area, including Notre Dame, are oversubscribed, near capacity, while one is undersubscribed. To date three public meetings have taken place.

At the third such meeting, held in January each of the local Accommodation Review Committees comprised of parents, staff, trustees and students from each of the secondary schools: Cardinal Newman, Jean Vanier, Neil McNeil, Notre Dame and St. Patrick Catholic Secondary Schools had an opportunity to present their options for consideration.

The intent of the school accommodation review process is to allow the school communities, represented by the Accommodation Review Committee (ARC), to develop reasonable and viable programming and accommodation solutions to primarily address the current imbalance between student enrolment and facility capacity.

You are encouraged to participate in the process by attending the next public meeting on February 8th at St. Patrick Catholic Secondary School, 45-49 Felstead Avenue. This meeting will focus on the combined recommendations of the ARC representing the five secondary schools.

No final decisions have been made regarding programming or accommodation options for the schools under review. Potential alternatives for consideration developed by the ARC could include a combination of both programming and facility based options.

The Board's website continues to be updated with the latest information relating to the ARC process at <http://www.tcdsb.org/facilities%20issues/SARC/secondary.htm>.

We look forward to your continued involvement in this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ann Perron".

Ann Perron
Director of Education

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