

TCDSB Draft Long-Term Accommodation and Program Plan 2007-2017

May 2007

Invitation to Community Consultation Meeting



Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Board approved the Draft Long-Term Accommodation and Program Plan at a special meeting of the Administrative and Corporate Services Committee on March 27th. This plan will guide the Board in its decisions around school facilities and programming which will better serve the needs of all its students throughout the city for the next 10 years.

All are welcome to participate in consultation sessions regarding the draft plan. It is vital that we hear your input and ideas as we move forward to developing this blueprint for our future. This plan will help us to understand not only where schools should be located, and where adequate facilities may be required, but it will also help us to identify the program needs of students in our Catholic Schools.

We invite you to attend the community consultation meeting on:

Tuesday, May 29, 2007

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Bishop Marrocco/Thomas Merton Catholic Secondary School
1515 Bloor Street West, Toronto

Details of the draft plan as well as other scheduled consultation meetings for each Trustee Ward can be found on the board's website at www.tcdsb.org

Some of the underlying guiding principles of this draft plan include:

- providing a reasonable presence of Catholic Schools across the City
- retaining and strengthening religious ties and affiliations with the local parish
- being sympathetic to Catholic education, its goals and traditions

The draft plan also includes consideration of the following alternative strategies to address enrolment issues:

- expansion of innovative specialty program opportunities;
- review of admissions policy and consideration of school boundaries at strategic locations;
- development of strategies to promote the TCDSB in order to increase and retain enrolment.

We will continue to work with our coterminous School Boards, the City of Toronto and the Provincial Government to develop a 'made in Toronto' solution.

As we move forward with consultation, you will find additional information on the board's website, and we will keep you informed through regular bulletins sent to your schools. Other sources of information are the board's 24 hour information line at 416-222-8282, extension 2873 and the CSAC information line at extension 88000.

We look forward to seeing you at our consultation meeting. We ask that you spread the word and invite those in your community with an interest in their local Catholic school.

Sincerely,

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Barbara Poplawski
Catholic School Trustee Ward 10

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Kevin Kobus
Director of Education