



Office of the Director of Education

April 27, 2009

Dear Parent/Guardian:

You may be aware that negotiations with the owners of the current site of St. Joseph's Morrow Park Catholic Secondary School to acquire a long-term interest in the site have not been successful. Therefore, the Board is searching for a new location for St. Joseph's Morrow Park Catholic Secondary School, and anticipates having until 2013 to relocate the school. The Board has re-affirmed its intention to keep the school in its same geographical area as an all-girls' Catholic secondary school. The long-term outcome will be the construction of a new and modern facility for our secondary level girls, and that is a tremendously positive development for our students and their families.

Staff is exploring potential sites, including several elementary schools, and has prepared an analysis of the various options being explored. In February 2009, staff personally met with the Catholic School Advisory Council Chairs and Principals of the schools involved to explain this process. The schools involved include: Brebeuf College School, St. Agnes Catholic School, Blessed Trinity Catholic School, and St. Gabriel Catholic School. The Board is also considering the site of the former St. Leonard Catholic School, one block north of Finch and Leslie.

The detailed option analysis was presented to the Board at the March 25, 2009 Board meeting. At this meeting, the Board directed that the report be placed into abeyance until further consultation with the St. Joseph's Morrow Park community had taken place. This occurred on the 14th of April, and a supplementary report was prepared for the Board. Both the options analysis report and the report on the consultation will be going forward to the Board at its meeting of April 29, 2009, and are available for viewing on the board's website at:

<http://www.tcdsb.org/trustees/Agendas/Supervision%20Team,%202009-04-29/boardagenda,%202009-04-29.htm>

The Board is committed to consultation and will do so prior to a final decision being made. We encourage you to participate in this process, and we ask for your support.

Should you have any questions, we ask that you speak with your Principal or Catholic School Advisory Council Chair. We will keep you updated as more information becomes available.

Thank you for your continued support of Catholic education. We will continue to collaborate with all our partners in Catholic education as we work towards a viable solution for all, while ensuring that our students are provided with a safe, caring and enriched learning environment.

Sincerely,

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

Ann Perron
Director of Education

cc. Maria Rizzo, Trustee Ward 5
Michael McMorrow, Superintendent of Education