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Dear Parents/Guardians & Staff:

At the January 23<sup>rd</sup> Board meeting, the Board of Trustees approved an amendment to the “School Accommodation Review: Phase A - School Cluster List”. There are five city zones encompassing nineteen schools as indicated on the phase ‘A’ list. One of the school clusters previously identified was review area **CE16 – North York**, which includes **Annunciation, St. Catherine, St. Isaac Jogues** and **Precious Blood** Catholic schools. **Our Lady of Wisdom** was added to this review area due to its close proximity and shared community access to these four schools. As part of my commitment to parent involvement and community news sharing, I wanted to provide you a brief introduction of how this might affect you.

The purpose of a School Accommodation Review is to proceed with a formal process where by consulting with school communities takes place to identify accommodation issues and discuss the feasibility of program changes or school consolidation in a particular cluster.

A school accommodation review looks at all of the following:

- Current and future operating/capital costs
- Enhanced student learning environment opportunities
- Long term viability within the school board
- Overall community/public use

What it is	What it is not
A formalized process to discuss accommodation issues in the localized city/board zone	A dedicated school closure strategy
Review consistency with the Board’s long term accommodation plan	A board-wide program or facility review
A forum for parents to hear from Board staff and other experts on school/Board issues & plans	
A forum for board staff to solicit views and opinions from community members, school stakeholders and other partners	
A process to identify program changes at a particular school	

The school accommodation review is a supplementary activity to proceed with the Board's Long Term Accommodation Plan. The Long-Term accommodation plan looks at the facilities, buildings, programs within the Board matched up against future enrolment projections based on demographics and growth. Our facilities and other senior staff have diligently worked over the past few years to revise and update this document to identify priorities and a plan of action.

The Board has a comprehensive policy and procedure surrounding school accommodation review. The full policy and associated documents are available on the Board's website ([www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org)) for those looking for more information.

**What does this mean to me?**

In the short-term, nothing will change. As the process moves forward, there will be more formal communication from the Board and school directly on community consultation and public meeting dates and details on where to get further information.

In the particular case of Our Lady of Wisdom, this process may identify further needs for enhanced French programming at other schools to offset the enrollment pressures on the school.

I thank you for your continued commitment to Catholic Education and your overall efforts in the best interest of your child(ren) and the school community as a whole.

Sincerely,



John Del Grande  
TCDSB Trustee – Ward 7

cc: John Stepanian, Principal  
Colleen Spilar, CSAC Chair