



Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

This letter is to advise the public that the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board will be convening a first public meeting for the Pupil Accommodation Review process. This is a process which undertakes the necessary steps to enable the Board to determine whether it should close schools in the future. The process is in accordance with the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board Pupil Accommodation Review Regulation and complies with the Ministry of Education Pupil Accommodation Review Guidelines.

The Board's Planning Department has undertaken an analysis of capacity and enrolment for all elementary and secondary schools in Dufferin-Peel. The **Central Erin Mills** Accommodation Review Area consisting of **Blessed Trinity, Divine Mercy, Our Lady of Mercy, St. Joseph and St. Rose of Lima** elementary schools has been identified as an area with enrolments below 250 students, enrolments lower than 50% of capacity and/or an area experiencing an overall declining enrolment.

An Accommodation Review Committee has been established to compile and consider data and options for each school in the Accommodation Review Area. Schools in the Accommodation Review Areas may be considered for one or more of the following: consolidation and/or closure; as a receiving school; reorganization by way of a boundary adjustment or redirection of specialty programs; or simply be included in the geographical area.

The Accommodation Review Committee, made up of Board staff, school principals, school council chairpersons, teacher representatives, parish representatives, and municipal representatives will be considering long term accommodation options and will also be conducting a public consultation process to obtain input from the local community. In this regard, the Accommodation Review Committee will be convening four public meetings to provide the public with an opportunity to ask questions, obtain additional information and express their comments on matters.

This first public meeting has been scheduled as follows:

Date: February 7, 2008*

Location: St. Aloysius Gonzaga Secondary School
2800 Erin Centre Boulevard
Mississauga

Time: 7:00 p.m.

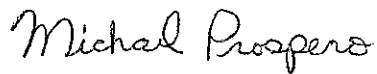
*In the event that schools are closed due to poor weather conditions, the alternate date for the public meeting will convened on: February 19, 2008

All information being considered by the Accommodation Review Committee will be posted on the Board's website at www.dpedsb.org, under the Planning Section, School Closures Review, Central Erin Mills Review Area. Further information on the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board Pupil Accommodation Review Policy, Regulation and School Valuation Framework and the Ministry of Education Pupil Accommodation Review guidelines are also posted on the Board's website.

It should be noted that considerable time is allocated in the Pupil Accommodation Review process for securing public input prior to any decisions being adopted by the Board of Trustees. Please further note that your Area Trustee is not a member on the Accommodation Review Committee which is currently conducting the initial phase of the review process which is an information collection and analyses stage. As noted above, the Accommodation Review Committee will conduct three additional public meetings; you will be notified of these meetings. Subsequent to the completion of the four public meetings, all of the data and community input collected by the Accommodation Review Committee, the Committee recommendations as well as staff analyses, will be submitted to the Board of Trustees for consideration. The Board of Trustees will conduct further public meetings to secure input from the community prior to making decisions. You will receive notice of these meetings.

For further information regarding this notice please contact Joanne Rogers, Planner at the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board Planning Department during normal business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at (905) 890-1221 extension 24299.

Yours truly,



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Superintendent of Schools
Mississauga North Family of Schools