Mr. [Redacted]

Thank you for your concerns as outlined in your email correspondence of Tuesday, May 31, 2016, 5:49 pm.

As you know, the issues relating to pupil accommodation are very difficult for Boards given the current challenges, particularly with respect to demographics. Nevertheless, the Administration and the Trustees remain dedicated to providing the best possible Catholic education for all of our students. This commitment guides all of our decisions with respect to pupil accommodations.

We are providing the following summary to assist you in understanding the process and the information assimilated and provided to Trustees for the purpose of making appropriate decisions. While your email indicates that you have had a significant involvement in this matter, there may be steps and information that you may not have been aware of. As a result, we felt that the review below might assist.

The East Credit Mississauga Pupil Accommodation Review (PAR) Process was a thorough and detailed review of the schools that make up the East Credit Mississauga area to determine the best solution for present and future students of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board.

On September 21, 2015, the Board of Trustees held a Trustee In-Service Session on the East Credit Review Area Pupil Accommodation Committee.

On November 24, 2015, staff presented the Initial Staff Report, Pupil Accommodation Review 2015 – East Credit Mississauga, requesting approval to commence a Pupil Accommodation Review in the East Credit review area in the City of Mississauga. At that meeting, Trustees requested additional information on French Immersion Students, a list of community partners, a summary of the DPCDSB schools currently at or below 50% capacity and the location of Peel District School Board schools within the review area. At the meeting of November 24, 2015, the Board of Trustees approved the commencement of the East Credit Mississauga PAR process.

Since November 24, 2015, the Board received regular updates and reports on the PAR process, including:

- December 7, 2015 - Administration and Finance Committee Meeting – PAR Update – Supplementary Information and Update – East Credit, Mississauga;

- January 4, 2016 – Administration and Finance Committee Meeting, PAR Update provided verbally by Superintendent of Planning and Operations. Trustees asked questions of clarification and discussion followed. Trustees provided their input on the format of the public meetings. Trustees were advised that all related reports and materials were available on the Board website for public viewing;

- January 26, 2016 – Trustee In-Service Session and Verbal updates at Regular Board Meeting;

- February 1, 2016 – Administration and Finance Committee Meeting – PAR Update provided verbally by Superintendent of Planning and Operations including being advised that all
information, meeting minutes, alternative options and any additional information requested by the ARC was available on the Board website;

- February 29, 2016 – Administration and Finance Committee Meeting – PAR Update provided verbally by Superintendent of Planning and Operations;
- March 29, 2016 – Regular Board Meeting – PAR Update – provided verbal information update by Superintendent of Planning and Operations and provided an overview of what has transpired since the last update at the Administration & Finance Committee Meeting of February 29, 2016;
- April 4, 2016 – Administration and Finance Committee Meeting – PAR Update – provided verbally by Superintendent of Planning and Operations including information on the public meeting (March 30) and future working group meetings. Trustees inquired about the process and options of the ARC;
- April 12, 2016 Trustee in-service session;
- April 26, 2016 – Interim Staff Report to the Board;
- May 9, 2016 – Delegation Night – Special Board Meeting – 24 Delegations to the Board;
- May 10, 2016 – Delegation Night – Special Board Meeting – 24 Delegations to the Board;
- May 11, 2016 – Delegation Night – Special Board Meeting – 19 Delegations to the Board; and

In addition to the above, the Board of Trustees had access to a Trustee Portal where all correspondence, meeting minutes, presentation and related documentation compiled throughout the ARC process was available for review and consideration.

Throughout the six-month PAR process, the Board of Trustees acted in accordance with Ministry Guidelines and the Board's PAR Policy, and was an engaged partner in this difficult process. In making its decision, the Board of Trustees considered all of the information obtained throughout the PAR process, the ARC Established Rationale and the rationale originally developed by staff; all relevant documentation, verbal and written submissions, including more than 67 delegations, and made a decision that is in the best interest of the present and future students of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board.

The closure of any school is one of the most difficult decisions for a Trustee, and is one the Board of Trustees takes very seriously. Maintaining excellence in educational programming and services for our present and future students is always our goal at Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board.

As you know, the Board of Trustees is required to balance student well-being across the system as well as the financial viability and sustainability of our educational programming and services. The Board of Trustees is required to maintain these guiding principles at a time when resources are being strained by many factors, including demographics.

Nevertheless, we have confidence in our Catholic community, and we look forward to working with representatives of that community.
We trust that this summary responds to some of your concerns. In particular, you will note that the Board of Trustees was involved throughout the process.

We will continue to work with the community to maximize the excellence of our programs and services for our students. We trust that you will continue to contribute to the community and to the work of the Board.

Sincerely,
DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Mario Pascucci
Chair, Board of Trustees