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October 2009 Pupil Accommodation Report

At the October 13, 2009 Board Meeting, Trustees approved the commencement of the Accommodation Review process and the establishment of three Accommodation Review Committees (ARC) covering the Petrolia Family of Schools, Dresden Family of Schools and the Ridgetown Family of Schools. Four public meetings will be held for each ARC.

“The Lambton Kent District School Board is committed to providing educational excellence and equity across the district,” stated Chair Scott McKinlay. “The primary reason for studying accommodation issues is to ensure that each and every student has access to quality programs and services. Through an open and collaborative ARC process of community consultation creative alternatives will be considered and solutions that will improve learning opportunities for students will be explored.”

The schools involved in the Petrolia Family of Schools ARC are Hillcrest Public School, Queen Elizabeth II Public School, Lambton Centennial Public School and Lambton Central Collegiate Vocational Institute.

The schools involved in the Dresden Family of Schools ARC are Lambton-Kent Composite School, Dresden Area Central School, Dawn-Euphemia School, Thamesville Area Central School and Zone Township Central School.

The schools involved in the Ridgetown Family of Schools ARC are Ridgetown District High School, Ridgetown Public School and Ridgeview Moravian Elementary School.

Membership on the ARCs will consist of the following representatives from each school a parent, a school administrator, a community representative, a municipal partner and a First Nations representative if appropriate. The Director and/or area Superintendent of Education will facilitate and Chair the ARC meetings. The Board’s Planning and Reporting Officer will attend as a resource person. Trustees will attend as observers.

“The Board approved the establishment of the ARCs to look at future opportunities for schools under the jurisdiction of the Lambton Kent District School Board,” advised Director Gayle Stucke. The ARCs will ensure the engagement of students, parents, staff and the community as we look for opportunities and possibilities to improve the quality of the learning experience for our student.”

The dates for the first public meetings are as follows:

Petrolia Family of Schools ARC – November 12 @ Hillcrest Public School, Petrolia
Dresden Family of Schools ARC – November 16 @ Lambton-Kent Composite School, Dresden
Ridgetown Family of Schools ARC – November 23 @ Ridgetown District High School

All meetings will run from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Members from the school communities are encouraged to attend.

Lambton Kent District School Board

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