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Community Meetings to be Held in Petrolia

In June, the Board decided to hold public meetings with the Petrolia community during the fall of 2010 in conjunction with the French Immersion District Review to seek input on two options:

- i) a boundary change to convert Hillcrest Public School to a JK-8 regular program facility and Queen Elizabeth II Public School a dual track JK-8 regular program and French Immersion school
- ii) a reorganization of program delivery to offer JK-8 French Immersion in a single track model at Hillcrest Public School with Queen Elizabeth II offering regular JK-8 program.

The meetings are planned for November 25 at Hillcrest Public School in Petrolia and December 9 2010 at Queen Elizabeth II School in Petrolia. The meetings will run from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. It is anticipated that the French Immersion Review will be received by Board prior to these dates.

Transition Committee to be Formed in Ridgetown

A Transition Committee is in the process of being established to ensure a smooth implementation of the Board's decision to close Ridgetown Public School in June 2011 and consolidate students with Ridgeview Moravian Elementary School and to re-organize the two remaining schools into a JK-6 school at the current Ridgeview Moravian Elementary School site and a Grade 7 and 8 school within the Ridgetown District High School.

All three Ridgetown Schools will have representatives on the Transition Committee. Members of the Transition Committee will include the following:

- Director Costello
- Area Superintendent Doey
- School Principals
- School Council Chairs
- A First Nation Representative
- ETFO, CUPE and OSSTF Executive Representatives
- Two Teachers from each School
- One EA from each School
- One CUPE member from each School
- Two Students from each School
- One Community Representative from each School

These meeting will be open to the public.

Representatives from the Avon Maitland District School Board and Goderich Public School have been invited to come to Ridgetown for an evening question and answer session. Members of the Renaming and Transition Committees as well as members of the Ridgetown community, school staff and Trustees will be invited to attend this session. Date to be determined.

**Ad Hoc Committee to Rename the Consolidated Ridgeview Moravian
Elementary/Ridgetown Public School**

Trustees approved the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee to rename the consolidated Ridgeview Moravian Elementary/Ridgetown Public School. In accordance with Board Regulations when two schools are consolidated into one school, the renaming of Board facilities process will be followed. Trustees Bruce Stonefish and Scott McKinlay were appointed to the Committee to develop a new name for the consolidated Ridgeview Moravian Elementary/Ridgetown Public School. Representatives from both elementary schools will be members on the Committee as well.

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