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<u>Pupil Accommodation Reviews to Commence for South Sarnia Secondary</u> <u>Schools and Wyoming Area Public Schools</u>

At the November 24, 2015 Regular Board Meeting, the Board approved the following Motions:

"That the Board approve the establishment of an Accommodation Review Committee for Sarnia Collegiate Institute and Technical School and St. Clair Secondary School to study the Initial Staff Report recommendation for consolidation of Sarnia Collegiate Institute and Technical School and St. Clair Secondary School into one school on the SCSS site."

"That the Board approve the establishment of an Accommodation Review Committee for South Plympton Public School and Wyoming Public School to study the Initial Staff Report recommendation for consolidation of South Plympton Public School and Wyoming Public School into one school at the Wyoming Public School Site."

These Motions were contained in the LKDSB Pupil Accommodation Report 2015/2016, the Initial Staff Report on the Consolidation of St. Clair Secondary School (SCSS) and Sarnia Collegiate Institute & Technical School (SCITS), and the Initial Staff Report on the Consolidation of South Plympton and Wyoming Public Schools which were presented to Trustees at the Board Meeting.

The entire LKDSB Pupil Accommodation Report 2015/2016 and Initial Staff Report on the Consolidation of St. Clair Secondary School (SCSS) and Sarnia Collegiate Institute & Technical School (SCITS), and Initial Staff Report on the Consolidation of South Plympton and Wyoming Public Schools can be found on the LKDSB website www.lkdsb.net. under the Accommodation Review link. The Report includes a proposed multi-year Pupil Accommodation Review Plan by phases. The first Accommodation Review Phase consists of the Sarnia South Secondary Schools and the Wyoming Area Public Schools.

Two Accommodation Review Committees (ARC) will be established to represent the schools under review and act as the official conduit for information shared between the LKDSB and the school communities. The Accommodation Review Committees (ARC) membership includes the following from each affected school: one to three students and an equal number of parents/guardians, a school administrator, and a community representative as well as a First Nations representative if appropriate. Gary Girardi, Superintendent of Capital Planning and Accommodation, will chair the ARC meetings.

The final decision rests with the Board of Trustees. Trustees are responsible for deciding the most appropriate pupil accommodation arrangements for the delivery of their elementary and secondary programs.

The first Accommodation Review Committee Meetings will be held in January 2016. Further information will be posted on the LKDSB website.

Elementary Administrative Changes

Effective January 4, 2016, Lance Balkwill will be the Elementary Principal at Tilbury Area Public School and Harmony Queen will be the Elementary Principal at Gregory Drive Public School in Chatham.

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