

**REPORT TITLE:** ORILLIA AREA ELEMENTARY PUPIL ACCOMMODATION REVIEW  
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### **Background:**

The September 3, 2008 Board Report on Pupil Accommodation Committee (PAC) Reviews outlined the general plans for the implementation of the Orillia Area Elementary review process. This report details the next steps in the Orillia Area Elementary PAC Review activities.

### **Developments:**

The Board Policy LE-14 Pupil Accommodation Review stipulates the comprehensive process that the Board must follow in implementing an accommodation review. To commence this formal process, Board Staff will present a preliminary report to the Board identifying a school or group of schools in which challenges may be faced in providing a suitable and equitable range of learning opportunities for students, and in respect of which there may be a need to consider the possible consolidation, closure or major program relocation in respect of one or more schools.

There are several reasons why an elementary school accommodation review is being initiated in the Orillia area. These include:

- a. a group of schools that has or will experience an adverse impact on learning opportunities for students due to declining enrolment;
- b. reorganization involving a group of schools could enhance program and learning opportunities for students;
- c. teaching/learning spaces are not suitable to provide the programs needed to serve the community and retrofitting may be cost prohibitive;
- d. under normal staffing allocation practices, it would be necessary to assign three grades to one class in one or more of the schools;
- e. one or more of the schools is experiencing significantly higher building maintenance expenses than the average for the system and is in need of major capital improvements;
- f. in one or more of the schools there are safety concerns attached to the building and the school site; and
- g. the consolidation of schools is in the best interests of the overall school system.

The following schools should be considered as part of this Orillia area elementary review process:

- a. Notre Dame
- b. Monsignor Lee
- c. Guardian Angels
- d. St Bernard's
- e. Foley

**Next Steps:**

The next steps in this process are to develop the Generic Valuation Framework with representatives from the Community School Councils Chairs, establish the PAC, and then have the Board appoint the Chair of the PAC. The roll out of the PAC will follow the Board Policy.

**Recommendation:**

That the Board approve the formation of a Pupil Accommodation Committee for the Orillia Area Elementary Schools which include Notre Dame, Monsignor Lee, Guardian Angels, St Bernard's and Foley.