



**SIMCOE MUSKOKA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

**Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board
Accessibility Planning Committee
Annual Status Report 2015-16**

Type of Barrier	Location	Action	Effective Date	Responsibility	Status
Systemic	Board-wide	Review status of accessibility awareness training to ensure new staff have been trained. Evacuscape Chair installed and in use in 4 high school locations.	Ongoing June 2016	HR Program and Services	Currently there are 4 chairs installed and the protocol is almost done. Chairs can be obtained through SEA funding which is new and needs to be incorporated into our protocol. We are currently liaising with OT services around possible recommendations through SEA. There were training sessions occurring on the May 6 PD day and 8 more chairs are being ordered. All secondary schools will have at least one evacuscape chair.
Information and Communication	School Libraries	Review status of capacity of school libraries to provide accessible or conversion-ready formats of digital or multimedia resources upon request in anticipation of 2020 deadline Launch new Elementary and Secondary School websites to meet WCAG, 2.0, Level AA standards Training around AERO/communication Posters demonstrating the capability to provide accessible formats	Ongoing preparation for 2020 deadline Ongoing preparation for 2021	Communications Program and Services	Libraries are able to provide alternative formats upon request through AERO. Libraries are able to access built in features of technology (iPads, laptops, photocopiers) to create many types of accessible versions of documents. We are currently ensuring that all photocopiers are set to OCR so that they can be used to create readable PDF's. Braille versions need to be accessed through vision resource and AERO. There will be inservices on AERO for secondary staff on the rotating PD days in October. The board and school websites have been launched.

			deadline June 2016		
Attitudinal		Becoming better advocates for students with disabilities Build an accessibility checklist that accompanies the Health and Safety walk through each month		Joint Health and Safety Program and Services	A meeting has been requested with Mark Littlewood to develop an accessibility checklist that can be incorporated into our regular health and safety inspections.
Physical		Installation of accessibility features Installation of evacuscapes chairs (as above) Survey for principals to review accessibility issues Communicate feature on web; Communication of process for school initiated projects and possible accessible playground implications- AODA legislation will impact new builds AODA highlighted in SIP proposal Communication of AODA links to employees	Ongoing 2015-2016	Program and Services Plant Services Communications	Survey to the principals with respect to accessibility needs has been completed. The results of the survey are being reviewed by Plant Services and Program and Services. Accessibility features were completed at Jean Vanier Catholic High School with an extensive retrofit of the Special Needs area including washroom, withdrawal room and program area. Accessibility features were also included in the new addition / retrofit at St Marie of the Incarnation Catholic Elementary School, and included a wheelchair lift to the stage, new special needs washroom and shower and withdrawal room. This process is on-going, with receipt of the O&M project lists submitted by the school principals in January 2016. Principals have been made aware that all new playground projects need to be made AODA compliant.
Student Transportation		Ongoing load zone reviews (requested by school) Evacuation Plans – occurs during school bus safety week Improvement of the ISTP process			ISTP process continues to be streamlined. Evacuation sites have been communicated to the SCSTC so that this can be an automated feature. SCSTC conducting audits of ISTP's. Evacuation drills occur yearly.