

Office of the Director of Education

June 21, 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians, Catholic School Parent Council, Principal, and School Staff at:

• Prince of Peace Catholic Elementary School

Further to an early June communication regarding a "call for volunteers" from the Prince of Peace School, following is further information regarding the initiation of a **Pupil Accommodation Review**.

In carrying out its mission to educate students to grow in grace and knowledge and to lead lives of faith, hope and charity, the Toronto Catholic District School Board is committed to its goal to support responsive and responsible stewardship and allocation of resources. The Ministry of Education's current Capital Priorities Funding focus is on projects that promote efficient use of space. In support of this initiative, the government has established a new, four-year, \$750 million School Consolidation Capital program. This funding program will be allocated on a business-case basis for new schools, retrofits and additions that support consolidations.

At its Corporate Services, Strategic Planning and Property Committee meeting held on May 12, 2016, the Board of Trustees approved the initiation of Pupil Accommodation Reviews involving **Prince of Peace, St. Rene Goupil and The Divine Infant** school communities in accordance with the Board's Pupil Accommodation Review Policy and Operational Procedure (S.09) https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/Policies/Documents/APPENDIX%20to%20PAR%20S.09.pdf.

This accommodation review is the first step in seizing the opportunities available to schools which are able to consolidate their enrolment and benefit directly from the government's offer of support and assistance.

Details about public involvement in the review process will be shared with the school communities as they become available. Details will also be posted on the Board website at: https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/PlanningandFacilities/SARC/Pages/default.aspx.

The first public meeting has been scheduled on October 19, 2016 at 7:00 pm at Prince of Peace Catholic School located at 255 Alton Towers Circle.

We look forward to working collaboratively with your school communities to find solutions to create equitable learning environments for all students that support student achievement and well-being, while remaining true to our Board's commitment to Catholic values.

Should you have any questions you may contact Superintendent of Education, Kevin Malcolm at 416-222-8282 Ext. 2263, <u>kevin.malcolm@tcdsb.org</u> or your local Trustee, Garry Tanuan at 416-512-3408, <u>garry.tanuan@tcdsb.org</u>.

Sincerely,

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