



Office of the Director of Education

September 15, 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians, Catholic School Parent Councils, Principals, and School Staff at:

- ***Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, Sacred Heart, St. Bede, St. Gabriel Lalemant***

Further to the previous letter of June 21, 2016 regarding the notification of the first public meeting for a pupil accommodation review, the purpose of this letter is to inform the school communities that the Public meeting has been scheduled at St. Gabriel Lalemant Catholic School on October 12th, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

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 your school communities in accordance with the Board's Pupil Accommodation Review Policy and Operational Procedure (S.09) <https://www.tcdsb.org/Board/Policies/Documents/S.09.pdf> and <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>.

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.

Sincerely,


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