

For Immediate Release

Tuesday, May 15, 2007

**Accommodation Review Committee for Sudbury West Area Schools
Hosts Public Meetings Beginning on May 24, 2007**

Rainbow District School Board has established an Accommodation Review Committee for Sudbury West Area Schools, including Copper Cliff Public School, George Vanier Public School, Jessie Hamilton Public School, R.H. Murray Public School and Lively District Secondary School. The Committee includes parents/guardians from each School Council.

Parents/guardians and the community at large will have an opportunity to provide input as the consultative process unfolds. "A series of four public meetings will be held and we encourage parents/guardians and the public at large to attend," said Board Chair Dena Morrison. "The first public meeting will be an information sharing session. This will be an opportunity for everyone to learn more about the accommodation review process, obtain data and ask questions."

**Schedule of Public Meetings
Sudbury West Area Schools**

Thursday, May 24, 2007

Sharing the data

Wednesday, June 20, 2007

What is.... What could be

Wednesday, September 19, 2007

Presentation of options developed by the Committee

Wednesday, October 17, 2007

Public input on options developed by the Committee

**All meetings will take place in the gymnasium
at Lively District Secondary School from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.**

The Accommodation Review Committee will develop options for student accommodation which will maximize student learning within the resources available to the Board and will present their findings and recommendations to the Board's Administrative Council. **Any changes that may be approved would take effect in September 2008.**

In keeping with two guiding principles - *to ensure that all students continue to have access to the best programming possible in quality school facilities and to reduce surplus space* - the Accommodation Review Committee will be responsible for conducting a public accommodation review using a School Valuation Framework that assesses the value of each school to the student, the community, the school board, and the local economy.

The Accommodation Review Committee will share information at the public meetings related to the accommodation review process, data, school valuation information and options. The Committee will also consider community feedback on options for accommodating students in the school area, prepare a School Valuation Report including findings and recommendations, submit the School Valuation Report to Rainbow District School Board's Administrative Council and make the School Valuation Report accessible to the public.

The Administrative Council will present the School Valuation Report to the Board. The Administrative Council will present their recommendations to the Board.

Requests for presentations at a public meeting must be made in writing prior to the meeting by emailing accommodation@rainbowschools.ca or calling 705.674.3171, ext. 7213. Presentations will be limited to 10 minutes. Written copies must be made prior to the meeting and submitted to the Accommodation Review Committee for the minutes.

For those unable to attend public meetings, written input will be accepted within the timelines specified in the Schedule of Public Meetings. Please send written submissions, clearly identifying the accommodation area as Sudbury West Area Schools, to:

Rainbow District School Board
Corporate Communications and Strategic Planning
69 Young Street
Sudbury ON P3E 3G5
Email: accommodation@rainbowschools.ca
Fax: 705.674.3167

For more information about the Accommodation Review, log on to rainbowschools.ca and click on accommodation under "highlights". Information is also available at Sudbury West area schools.

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