



ST. CLAIR CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am writing today to update you on the dates and locations for the public meetings related to the Pupil Accommodation Review of our Catholic elementary schools in Chatham.

Public consultation is key to the success of this Pupil Accommodation Review. Under provincial rules, the Board is required to put forward options, including a preferred option, to solve the two important issues identified as the reasons for the review – under enrolment and facility condition. However, it is important that parents and community partners provide feedback, which helps the Board to achieve its goals. The public meetings are your opportunity to provide that feedback.

Two public meetings are scheduled – Wednesday, November 9th at St. Joseph Catholic School; and Wednesday, January 25th at St. Ursula Catholic School. Please note that pre-registration to attend these meetings is required. You can pre-register by visiting the Board website at www.st-clair.net Click on the *Pupil Accommodation Review – Chatham Elementary Schools* link on the rotator at the top of the main page. Child care is available.

In the meantime, the Pupil Accommodation Review Committee (PARC) will also meet to provide input and feedback on the options, which are outlined in the *Initial Staff Report*. The membership of the PARC includes representatives from the Catholic School Community Councils for each of the seven Chatham elementary schools, as well as community representatives. The committee is chaired by Superintendent of Education Deb Crawford. Although these meetings are also open to the public, it is only at the public meetings that you would have an opportunity to provide input.

Again, I want to say what a tremendous opportunity I believe we have to do something historic in Chatham, which will improve the learning environments for Catholic students for generations to come. Please visit our Board website regularly for updates on the pupil accommodation review and have your say by registering to attend one or both of the public meetings. I look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

Dan Parr
Director of Education