



May 5, 2008

Dear Parents/Guardians of the
St. Anne and St. Mary Catholic School Communities,

As you are aware, the Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) for the St. Anne and St. Mary Catholic School communities held its final meeting on Tuesday, April 15, 2008. At that meeting the ARC completed its work and will recommend to the Board of Trustees that St. Anne and St. Mary Catholic Schools be consolidated on the St. Anne site, with a small addition to the building, and that the St. Mary site be closed.

There are also a number of secondary recommendations, which include air conditioning for St. Anne, relocation of the St. Mary Best Start facility to St. Anne, relocation of playground equipment, etc. The final report can be viewed in its entirety by visiting the Board's website at www.st-clair.net and clicking on the Accommodation Review links in the upper right corner of your screen.

I believe the ARC has reached a decision which is supported by the entire Catholic school community of Blenheim. Indeed, at our four public meetings, support for bringing our two Catholic schools together was expressed again and again. The recommendation of the ARC also has the full support of the senior administration of the St. Clair Catholic District School Board.

At the outset of this process, a special meeting of the Board of Trustees was scheduled for Tuesday, June 17, 2008 to allow for public comment on the recommendations of the ARC and the senior administration. However, it is now our belief, that due to the overwhelming support for the ARC's recommendations, it is unlikely that any community presentations would be forthcoming.

To this end, I would invite anyone who wishes to make a presentation the Board of Trustees at the special Tuesday, June 17, 2008 meeting to contact the office of the Director of Education, in writing, by **Friday, May 30, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.** Please address correspondence to:

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It is our intention that if there are to be no community presentations, the June 17, 2008 special meeting will be cancelled and Trustees will make their final decision on the recommendations of the ARC at the Regular Meeting of the Board scheduled for Tuesday, June 24, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Thank you again for your support throughout the accommodation review process.

Sincerely,

Dr. Frank Leddy
Superintendent of Education and
Chair, Accommodation Review Committee – Blenheim Schools