



June 15, 2011

Dear Members of the St. Michael Catholic School Community,

I am writing today to remind you that, at their regular meeting on Wednesday, June 29, 2011, members of the Board of Trustees will make their final decisions regarding St. Michael Catholic School. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Catholic Education Centre, 420 Creek Street in Wallaceburg.

As you know, the Board met at the school on March 29, 2011 following the last meeting of the Accommodation Review Committee (ARC). At that time, trustees received both the ARC report, and my report on behalf of senior administration. Although there were some differences, the reports were essentially the same in scope. Both reports recommended that the school be closed, effective June 30, 2011. Both reports also attempted to accommodate parents and families, based on school choices we thought parents might make.

Now, two-and-a-half months later, parents and families have made their decisions. Those who will be attending Catholic schools are as follows: Twenty-one children will be attending Good Shepherd; seven will attend St. Vincent; and two will attend Holy Family. As a result, some of the original recommendations in both of the previous reports no longer apply.

Therefore, I have drafted a new summative report, which I presented to trustees last night. All of the recommendations with regard to student accommodation have been reduced to just a few lines, which mean simply this: If your children attended St. Michael during this current school year, you will have the privilege of attending, with transportation provided, any of the five schools listed in the new attendance boundaries, even if you are outside the boundary for that school. Attendance privileges and transportation are also grandfathered for future siblings of your family.

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There are a couple of caveats – you must have registered at the new school by June 29, 2011 (we need the summer to plan) and these privileges apply only from your current address. Should you move in the future, the change of address may render the grandfather clause null and void.

The full report is available by visiting our web page at www.st-clair.net Look for *Accommodation Reviews* and click on the *St. Michael, Turnerville* link on the right hand side of the main page. Then click on *Report on the Closure of St. Michael Catholic School, Turnerville* at the bottom of the Accommodation Review page.

I am pleased that we have been able to offer our St. Michael families this wide range of choice and I know that, whatever your decisions, you have made them in the best interests of your children and your families.

I also want to congratulate you on your recent successful celebration at the school. I am told by your principal, Shirley Churchill and Carol Bryden, our Chair of the Board, who also attended, that it was indeed a fitting tribute to 50 years of Catholic education in Turnerville.

Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Wubben', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Paul Wubben
Director of Education