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TRUSTEES VOTE TO CLOSE ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL, TURNERVILLE, EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2011

Trustees for the St. Clair Catholic District School Board have accepted the recommendations of senior administration and the Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) for St. Michael Catholic School in Turnerville, that the school be closed, effective June 30, 2011.

Both the ARC, made up of parents from the school community, and the Board's senior administration, recommended the school be closed in reports that were made public in March.

"Although it is sad to see this wonderful school close after 50 years of Catholic education in the Dresden area, it really was the only viable option," says Paul Wubben, Director of Education. "There were only 52 students in the school this year and next year that number would drop to 38."

The current St. Michael boundary has been divided among five existing Catholic schools – Holy Family and Christ The King in Wallaceburg; Sacred Heart in Port Lambton; Good Shepherd in Thamesville; and St. Vincent in Chatham. Current families have been given the option to attend whichever of these five schools they wish to attend, with transportation, provided they have registered by June 29, 2011. Attendance privileges and transportation are grandfathered for current students and future siblings, from the address at which they currently reside to the school they selected as at June 29, 2011.

"I am pleased that we are able to offer our families this wide range of choice," says Mr. Wubben. "We know that parents have made their school selections in the best interests of their children and their families."

The full reports of the Accommodation Review Committee, senior administration and a final summative report are available by visiting the Board's website at www.st-clair.net