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ST. ANNE (SARNIA) AND ST. MICHAEL (BRIGHT'S GROVE) CATHOLIC SCHOOL COMMUNITIES TO UNDERGO BOUNDARY REVIEW

Trustees for the St. Clair Catholic District School Board have approved a recommendation from Director of Education Paul Wubben that the school communities of St. Anne (Sarnia) and St. Michael (Bright's Grove) undergo a boundary review.

"The student population at St. Michael is declining and, as a result, the school has empty classrooms. Even with the future addition of full day kindergarten the space will not be fully occupied," says Director of Education Paul Wubben.

"Conversely, St. Anne, which is already at capacity, continues to grow due to on-going housing development in the area. Every class at St. Anne is above the recommended cap size for primary and exceeds the average class size recommended for junior and intermediate," says Mr. Wubben.

A Boundary Review Committee (BRC) will be established. It will be comprised of three members of the St. Anne Catholic School Community Council and three members of the St. Michael Catholic School Community Council, as selected by the school principals. The committee will be chaired by Superintendent of Education Dr. Frank Leddy and the two principals will act as resources to the committee.

"It is important to note that former Gregory A. Hogan Catholic School students, who now attend St. Anne Catholic School, and who are grandfathered per the Board's undertaking with GAH parents in March 2010 will be exempted from this process," says Mr. Wubben.

Up to four meetings of the BRC may be required. The following dates and meeting locations have been scheduled:

- November 15, 2011 at St. Michael
- January 17, 2012 at St. Anne
- March 6, 2012 at St. Michael
- April 10, 2012 at St. Anne

All BRC meetings will be held in public, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Meeting notes will be posted to the Board's website at www.st-clair.net within ten working days of the meeting date.

Following the final meeting, the BRC will prepare a report to the Board of Trustees. The Director of Education will also prepare a report and Trustees will consider both before making any decisions with respect to any changes to boundaries.