



May 23, 2008

Dear Parents/Guardians of the
St. Benedict, St. Margaret, St. Peter and St. Therese Catholic School Communities,

As you are aware, the Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) for the St. Benedict, St. Margaret, St. Peter and St. Therese Catholic School communities held its final meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 2008. At that meeting the ARC completed its work and will recommend to the Board of Trustees that the four school communities be consolidated into two new school communities, with two new schools to be built at the St. Benedict and St. Therese sites, and that the St. Margaret and St. Peter sites be closed.

Recommendations concerning the new boundaries are also included in the final report to the Board of Trustees, which 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 arrived at a recommendation which is supported by the four Catholic school communities of south Sarnia and I commend the members of the ARC on their tremendous work. It is the intention of the Director of Education to support the recommendation of the ARC, with a report by senior staff, which will also be presented to the Board of Trustees.

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 evident 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 to the Board of Trustees at the special Tuesday, June 17, 2008 meeting to contact the office of the Director of Education, in writing, by **Tuesday, June 10, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.** per the Board's procedural by-laws as outlined in Policy 10.2. 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, October 28, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Philip McMillan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Philip McMillan
Superintendent of Education and
Chair, Accommodation Review Committee – South Sarnia Schools