



REPORT TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES September 13, 2010

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SUBJECT: Student Accommodation and Boundary Review – St. Michael Catholic School, Turnerville

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BACKGROUND:

This report is submitted for consideration by the Board of Trustees as required under St. Clair Catholic District School Board Policy 7.4 – *Student Accommodation and Boundary Review* and related Ministry of Education guidelines.

An examination of the elementary schools of the St. Clair Catholic District School Board indicates that St. Michael, Turnerville is operating at 34% capacity, effective September 2010. The school is built to accommodate 158 students; however, there are only 54 currently enrolled there. The school is staffed in excess of the ministry requirement, yet it still has a triple grade (1, 2 and 3) class. In terms of class configurations the school is organized as follows:

Grade 1-2-3 (2+3+3) – 8
 Grade 4-5 (6+6) – 12
 Grade 6-7 (7+13) – 20
 Grade 7-8 – 14

It is also important to note that there are no junior or senior kindergarten classes.

System-wide, classes are organized as closely as possible in accordance with Ministry guidelines, which direct that primary classes be capped at 23 students, and at least 90 percent of primary classes have 20 or fewer students. The target for junior-intermediate classes is an average of 24.8 students.

St. Michael Catholic School, Turnerville meets a number of the criteria listed in Policy 7.4 – *Student Accommodation and Boundary Review* under Procedures 7.4.1 at Section 2.0, which would qualify it as a school that should undergo the process of accommodation review.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Motion: That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board receive the report: *Student Accommodation and Boundary Review – St. Michael Catholic School, Turnerville*, for information.

Motion: That the St. Clair Catholic District School Board approve the establishment of an Accommodation Review Committee for St. Michael Catholic School, Turnerville, per Policy 7.4 – *Student Accommodation and Boundary Review*