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ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL IN TURNERVILLE TO BE STUDIED BY ACCOMMODATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

St. Michael Catholic School in Turnerville has been named for study by an Accommodation Review Committee (ARC). The school was named for review by the Board of Trustees, following a report from the Director of Education at tonight's Regular Board Meeting.

The current enrolment at St. Michael is just 34% of the school's capacity. The school is built to accommodate 158 students; however, there are only 54 currently enrolled there, organized in four classes as follows:

- Grade 1-2-3 – 8 students
- Grade 4-5 – 12 students
- Grade 6-7 – 20 students
- Grade 8 – 14 students

Under the current provincial funding formula, vacant classroom space is not fully funded.

“Education funding is determined by enrolment,” says Paul Wubben, Director of Education. “As the student population declines, so does the amount of money the Board receives to operate our schools. We cannot afford to continually pay the costs which are generated by unused inventory, as it draws funds away from other important areas.”

The mandate of the ARC will be to lead the public review and report directly to the Board of Trustees. Four meetings of the ARC will be scheduled, all of which will be held in public.

The first Accommodation Review Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 28, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. St. Michael Catholic School in Turnerville.