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MEMORANDUM

TO: Trustees

FROM: Anna Marie Bitonti *AB*
Director of Education

DATE: Prepared - January 19, 2009
Presented - January 27, 2009

SUBJECT: SCHOOL ACCOMMODATION REVIEW – ST. JOSEPH & SACRED HEART SCHOOLS

The attached Final Report and Recommendations from the Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) for St. Joseph and Sacred Heart Schools was submitted to the Director of Education on December 9, 2008. The report contains documentation relating to the review process, which began last February 2008, following Board approval to begin.

The recommendations of the ARC are as follows:

1. Consolidate St. Joseph and Sacred Heart schools and build a new school on a new site;
OR
2. Consolidate St. Joseph and Sacred Heart schools and build a new school on one of the existing school sites.

The Accommodation Review Committee's Final Report and Recommendation has been received by the Senior Administration of the Board at Executive Council and we are pleased to advise the Board that we agree with the recommendations of the Committee.

Ministry guidelines indicate that from the time Administration receives the ARC report, there shall be a minimum of 60 days prior to the regular Board meeting where Trustees will make a decision regarding the review. Based on this requirement, a final decision of the Board would need to be made at its March 31, 2009 regular Board meeting. In order to meet the 60-day timeline and offer the community an opportunity to make presentations to the Board, we are proposing that the Board *receive* the final ARC Report and Recommendation this evening. Ratepayers and delegations may make presentations if they wish at a public meeting to be held on or after February 17, 2009 or at the next two regularly scheduled Board meetings of February 24, 2009 and March 31, 2009.

I extend my sincerest appreciation and thanks to the members of the Accommodation Review Committee for their commitment, genuine care and dedicated work on behalf of Catholic schools in Nipissing-Parry Sound.

RECOMMENDATION

That the January 27, 2009 report from the Director of Education and the Final Report and Recommendation of the Accommodation Review Committee regarding St. Joseph and Sacred Heart Schools be received; AND

That the Board make a decision on the outcome of this review at its regular Board meeting of March 31, 2009.

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Attach.