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NEWS RELEASE

NCDSB Prepares for Upcoming Pupil Accommodation Review Process For Timmins Schools and Facilities

Tuesday, January 19, 2016:

The Northeastern Catholic District School Board of Trustees approved a motion at their Board of Trustee Meeting on November 25, 2015 to move forward with a Pupil Accommodation Review (PAR) of O'Gorman High School, O'Gorman Intermediate Catholic School, Sacred Heart School, St. Paul School, the ACCESS Centre and the Catholic Education Centre. This PAR process is limited to all of the English Catholic Schools and Board facilities located in the Timmins area (with the exception of St. Joseph School, located in South Porcupine).

Richard Brassard, Board Chair commented, "We feel at this time it is prudent for us to review our schools and facilities in Timmins. We look forward to working with the Accommodation Review Committee and will take its recommendations into consideration when making our final decision about our future plans. We will ensure that the educational experience for our students is our primary focus. We will also take into account the value of our schools to the school board. Everyone will have an opportunity to share their views and opinions. As School Board Trustees, we look forward to a robust and healthy discussion on the future of our Catholic schools in Timmins."



The Pupil Accommodation Review will officially begin Monday, January 25, 2016 with its first meeting taking place at St. Paul School starting at 6:30 pm and will follow the timeline and process outlined by the Ministry of Education and NCDSB Policy F-3. Each school/facility will be reviewed as to current enrolment and future enrolment projections and its current physical condition. Long-term capital planning and an open public consultation will take place with all community stakeholders. The Accommodation Review Committee will have representatives from each of the schools to be reviewed and will include parents/guardians, educators, board officials, and staff members.

An upcoming schedule for public consultation meetings and ARC timeline is available for review and all information relating to this ARC process can be found on the NCDSB website www.ncdsb.on.ca.

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