

ACCOMMODATION REVIEW – LAKESHORE STUDY AREA

The following alternate accommodation plans are proposed by the Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) and by board administration for consideration in the ARC study:

ALTERNATE ACCOMMODATION PLANS – January 30, 2012

1 - Construction of New School

Accommodation: Consolidate St. John the Evangelist and Our Lady of the Annunciation in a new school building to be constructed near the new Visitation Church in Comber or at an alternate site on property to be determined pursuant to a comprehensive site search, if funding can be obtained from the Ministry of Education. The Board would undertake a boundary review for the new school and explore the possibilities for specialized programming, including the consideration of a dual track English/French Immersion program at the site. Pending the procurement of funds from the Ministry, both schools would remain open.

Programming: An integration Committee composed of representatives from both school communities would be established to facilitate the merger and maintenance of optimal programming for the new school community.

Transportation: Currently, both school populations are being bussed to their respective locations. Depending on the new location of the building, it is likely that the student population in the new school community would be bussed.

Funding: The Board would apply to the Ministry of Education for capital funding for construction.

2 - Close St. John the Evangelist and Maintain Our Lady of the Annunciation

Accommodation: Close St. John the Evangelist and maintain Our Lady of the Annunciation.

Programming: Students would benefit from the established programming at St. John the Baptist, St. William and Holy Name.

Transportation: Students would be bussed in accordance with Board transportation policy.

Funding: Students could be accommodated at the other schools. The increased capacity at St. John the Baptist and the cost savings from the closure of St. John the Evangelist would result in increased available Ministry funding.

3 - Close Our Lady of Annunciation and Maintain St. John the Evangelist

Accommodation: Close Our Lady of the Annunciation and maintain St. John the Evangelist.

Programming: Students would benefit from the established programming at St. John the Evangelist and St. John the Baptist.

Transportation: Students would be bussed in accordance with Board transportation policy.

Funding: Students could be accommodated at the other schools. The increased capacity at St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, together with the cost savings from the closure of Our Lady of the Annunciation would result in increased available Ministry funding.

4 - Maintain Both Schools

Accommodation: Maintain both schools and undertake a boundary review for the Woodslee/Essex/Belle River areas including St. John the Evangelist, Holy Name Essex, St. William and St. John the Baptist to increase utilization for St. John the Evangelist.

Programming: Programming would continue at St. John the Evangelist and Our Lady of the Annunciation.

Transportation: Students would be bussed in accordance with Board transportation policy.

Funding: There is surplus capacity at St. John the Evangelist and any increase in student population could be accommodated with minor renovations.

Note: Number of the options is provided for reference only and does not reflect any ranking of alternatives.

These are preliminary options presented by administration and the ARC for consultation by the ARC and the public. The ARC and/or Board administration may create alternative options as a result of the public consultation process.