

## ACCOMMODATION REVIEW – LAKESHORE STUDY AREA

The following alternate accommodation plans are presented by Administration as options that address the objectives and reference criteria outlined in the ARC terms of reference:

### ALTERNATE ACCOMMODATION PLANS

#### Construction of New School in Comber

1. **Accommodation:** Consolidate St. John the Evangelist and Our Lady of Annunciation in a new school building to be constructed near the new, Visitation Church in Comber on property to be determined pursuant to a comprehensive site search, if funding can be obtained from the Ministry of Education.

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 bused to their respective locations. The church in Comber is not located in a densely populated area and if the new school community is located nearby it is likely that the student population in the new school community would be bused.

Funding: The Board would apply to the Ministry of Education for capital funding for construction. If Ministry funding was not realized, the Board would look to one of the other accommodation options listed.

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

2. **Accommodation:** St. John the Evangelist is currently operating at sixty-seven percent capacity (67%), and this underutilization results in a decrease in Ministry funding. If the school were closed, the student population could be accommodated at St. John the Baptist (also underutilized at 78%), St. William and Holy Name (Essex).

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

Transportation: Students would be bused 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 Ministry funding.

### **Maintain Both Schools**

- 3. Accommodation:** Maintain both schools and undertake a boundary review for the Woodslee/Essex/Belle River area 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 Annunciation.

Transportation: Students would be bused 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:      Numbering of the options is provided for reference only and does not reflect any ranking of alternatives.**

**These are preliminary recommendations presented by administration 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.**

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