

***Windsor Essex Catholic District
School Board
Annual Accessibility Plan
For 2009-2010***

The Accessibility Committee would like to provide an on-going opportunity for all staff, parents and community partners of the Windsor- Essex Catholic District School Board to communicate accessibility concerns to the Accessibility Committee. Your comments and suggestions will be discussed at an Accessibility Committee meeting. To share your suggestions and input, please use the following link: board_mail@wecdsb.on.ca

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Barrier	Objective	Means to prevent / Remove	Performance Criteria	Resources	Time Line	Responsibility
Accessible Washrooms	To provide access to washrooms [namely St. Mary's and St. Joseph, elementary].	Provide appropriate beams and lifts	Meets the needs as necessary	Appropriate materials required to modify the washrooms.	2009-2010 School Year	Facilities Services, The Learning Support Services Department, The Accessibility Committee and School Principal
Accommodations for the Visually Impaired as deemed appropriate	Submit request to the Superintendent of Learning Support Services	Provide appropriate accommodations	Meets the needs as necessary	As deemed appropriate	2009-2010 School Year	Facilities Services, The Learning Support Services Department, The Accessibility Committee and School Principal
Automatic Doors – graduated implementation	To provide access to schools for students, staff and visitors in wheelchairs and walkers	Continue annual system audit and prioritize. Install automatic doors, openers and frames.	Students, staff and visitors will have access.	Doors, openers, ramps, rails and curb-cuts	2009-2010 School Year	Facilities Services, The Learning Support Services Department, The Accessibility

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						Committee and School Principal
HVAC System – graduated implementation	To meet proven medical needs after submission to Superintendent of Learning Support Services	Provide appropriate system	Comfortable environment	Mechanical and electrical upgrades	2009-2010 School Year	Facilities Services, The Learning Support Services Department, The Accessibility Committee and School Principal
Updating Building Construction Standards as deemed necessary or when built into funded projects.	To ensure that older building where feasible are updated with accessible materials	As items are requested for repair or replacement, new and more accessible items are installed (ex. Door handles)	Buildings will be updated as required or students will be accommodated at the closest sight that is accessible	Facilities Services	2009-2010 School Year	Facilities Services, The Learning Support Services Department, The Accessibility Committee and School Principal
Elevators	Continuous upgrades as per Ministry Standards. A Vision Specialist has been consulted.	Retrofit control as deemed necessary	Greater independence and ease for usage	Windsor Elevator Company to retrofit elevator control panels as needed	2009-2010 School Year	Facilities Services, The Learning Support Services Department, The Accessibility Committee and Principal

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The Accessibility Committee met on September 10, 2008 and put a plan in place for the 2009-2010 school year. In addition to this year's plan, the Accessibility Committee will be focusing on the following items as we strive to identify, remove and prevent barriers to accessibility:

- Ongoing review of basic building accessibility in consultation with school administration to be completed.
- The Accessibility Committee will continue to collect information from the various stakeholders in order to identify, remove and prevent barriers.
- The Accessibility link on the school board website will be updated yearly to indicate the progress being made by the school board.
- The Accessibility Committee will provide a link on the school board website inviting suggestions and input for barrier identification and reduction.
- A member of the Accessibility Committee will now be invited to new construction planning meetings to provide input into new building initiatives.
- The Accessibility committee will continue to seek additional funding for initiatives that will remove and/or prevent barriers.
- A Contingency Fund will be created to respond to emergency situations.
- All accessibility requests will go to the Accessibility Committee for consultation and review by the Board

The Accessibility Committee has planned meetings for December 17, 2009 and May 20, 2010 to review the status of the designated projects and to prioritize needs for the next school year. If you wish to provide suggestions and input to the Accessibility Committee, please click on the given links to send us your message via email. These messages will be presented to the members of the committee at the designated meetings.

Tish Hedderson, Chair of the Accessibility Committee