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At its October 25, 2011 Regular Board meeting, the Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board approved a resolution to construct a new school in the City of Windsor that will consolidate St. Bernard (Windsor) Catholic Elementary School and Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Elementary School. The opening of the new consolidated school is projected for September 1, 2013.

At its November 22, 2011 Regular Board meeting, the Board identified that the new facility may be suitable for co-building partnership opportunities. Also identified were potential facility partnership opportunities that may arise out of the current accommodation review committee processes being undertaken in three areas: East Windsor (St. Alexander and W. J. Langlois Catholic Elementary Schools), Lakeshore (St. John the Evangelist and Our Lady of the Annunciation Catholic Elementary Schools) and Amherstburg (St. Bernard – Amherstburg, Stella Maris and St. Theresa Catholic Elementary Schools). There were no other schools with available and appropriate space to rent identified.

The Board encourages facility partnerships that can benefit both students and the community by reducing facility operating costs, improving services and supports available to students, strengthening relationships between school boards and community partners and the public, and maximizing the use of public infrastructure through increased flexibility and utilization.

All expressions of interest for this potential facility partnership should be submitted no later than **December 22, 2011 by way of a letter to the Director of Education**. The Board will evaluate each capital construction opportunity on a case by case basis to determine whether a partnership may be appropriate.

Additional information on *Board Policy B:08 Facility Partnerships* concerning potential facility partnerships can be obtained from the policy section of the Board's website at: [www.catholicboard.ca](http://www.catholicboard.ca) click on link [Facility Partnerships](#) or by contacting Annamaria Easby, Outreach Coordinator / Accounting Supervisor, Facilities Services either by telephone at (519) 253-2481, extension 1516 or by e-mail at [annamaria\\_easby@wecdsb.on.ca](mailto:annamaria_easby@wecdsb.on.ca).