



Office of the Director of Education

June 22, 2010

Parents/Guardians

Neil McNeil Catholic Secondary School
Notre Dame Catholic Secondary School
Jean Vanier Catholic Secondary School
Cardinal Newman Catholic Secondary School
St. Patrick Catholic Secondary School

Dear Parent/Guardian:

I am pleased to confirm that at the June 16th meeting of the Ministry Supervisor (THE BOARD) the recommendation to keep all five secondary schools at their present locations and to develop a strategy to support the creation of an Arts, Media and Technologies Centre at St. Patrick Catholic Secondary School was approved.

TCDSB will support the development of a grade 9-12 Arts, Media and Technologies Centre at St. Patrick School, with the investigation for a future grade 7-8 component, supported by a curriculum emphasizing academic excellence. The implementation strategy for this new focus will include a campaign to actively promote and market the new focus and consideration will be given for a name change for the school.

A working committee will be formed to further review and advise on the implementation of the recommended Arts, Media and Technologies programming at St. Patrick School with a report back to Board in September 2010. This committee will also explore possibilities of partnerships with community businesses and services in an effort to create community partnerships.

Over the next 3 years, a review will take place in regards to the placement of English Language Learning (ELL) and Special Needs programs in the Toronto Catholic District School Board with the intent of developing a more balanced and equitable program distribution across the system in all secondary schools.

The Long Term Accommodation Program Plan Committee will also consider the following recommendations:

- Limits on Grade 9 admission to “right size” all TCDSB secondary schools
- Consideration of system-wide fixed attendance boundaries as a long-term solution to balance enrolment
- An annual progress report on enrolment in Secondary Schools to be prepared and submitted to the Board.

I thank all the parents, students and staff who have devoted their time and energy to this lengthy review process and who helped to develop the recommendations that have been supported by the Board.

Much work lies ahead for the transition team, but I am confident that the approved changes will better serve our secondary school students in the south and east areas of the City.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ann Perron". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and a long, sweeping underline.

Ann Perron
Director of Education

Cc: Angela Kennedy, Trustee Ward 11