

TO: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION
OCTOBER 19, 2015

FROM: ARC – St. Bruno & St. Raymond Elementary Schools

SUBJECT: **Accommodation Review Priority Ranking**

Executive Summary

In accordance with School Accommodation Reviews (SAR) report tabled January 22, 2015 stating that, “Ministry funding for new construction is tied to a school board’s success in maximizing the efficiency and utilization of existing space in its schools.” Further, “increase efficiencies through amalgamation create capital funding opportunities for new schools, additions and other capital improvements at schools receiving students as a result of amalgamation”. To this end the Board approved three completion cycles of School Accommodation Reviews in accordance with School Accommodation Review Policy (S.09).

St Bruno and St Raymond fall within cycle one, have fully adhered to School Accommodation Review (S.09) policy and are able to make the following recommendation to the Director of Education.

With this report the writer has submitted a binder with all backup public and working committee meets, agendas, presentations, minutes for each meeting and the final vote.

Recommendation: That St. Bruno and St. Raymond be amalgamated on the St. Raymond site and that a new school be considered for the two school communities with a new name yet to be determined.

Comments:

1. The Ministry of Education’s current Capital Priorities Funding focus is on projects that promote efficient use of space.
2. This information report is submitted to the Director of education for consideration in accordance with School accommodation Review Policy (S.09).
3. As required in S.09 Policy St. Bruno and St. Raymond were identified as candidates for review and were grouped to form a cycle one “School Cluster”.
4. The St. Bruno/St. Raymond School Communities were represented by a duly formed committee as directed by Policy S.09. Four public meetings and an equal number of working meetings ensured that the committee had the information and the confidence to arrive to the recommendations in this report.

5. Following the guidelines of policy (S.09) the St. Bruno and St. Raymond SAR committees met in public on February 25th, March 31st, April 29th, and June 29th, 2015. There were opportunities for questions and responses in regards to purpose, and possible outcome at each of the four public meetings.
6. Central staff from Facilities, Transportation, Curriculum and Accountability, Safe Schools, Special Education and Human Resources presented at the public meetings and provided detailed information to the SAR committee and the general public on the pros and cons of remaining as two separate Catholic schools or to consolidate into one.
7. In addition four working committee meetings were added to assist the SAR committee members to fully review Toronto Catholic District School Board documents and seek clarification where necessary.
8. Both school committee members have endorsed the recommendations in this report.
9. The criteria used in this analysis include the following:
 - a) School capacity
 - b) Projected school enrolment
 - c) Current and projected facility utilization rate
 - d) Current and projected portable count
 - e) Site size
 - f) Facility condition
10. The recommendations acknowledge:
 - i. That the Director review the bussing routes for students who will need to be relocated to St. Raymond without impacting the existing level of services.
 - ii. That the Director consider the following programs in the amalgamation of St. Bruno and St. Raymond:
 - a) Family Studies
 - b) Design and Technology
 - c) French Immersion
 - d) Gifted program
 - e) Physical Education Program in partnership with the City of Toronto/Christie Pits Park
 - f) Full Day K-8 school
 - g) Single gender boys school (9-12)
 - h) Running rack
 - i) Chapel
 - j) Day Care Centre
 - k) Art program

- iii. Than the Director review and consider the following features in the amalgamation of the two schools with respect to the creation of a new school building:
 - a) An enrolment between 350-500 students
 - b) Three story building with underground parking
 - c) Energy efficient and double height entrance
 - d) 21st Century design with breakout spaces and flexible seating arrangements
 - e) Natural light and green spaces
 - f) FDK in one zone, access to parents for pickup and dedicated play area
 - g) Barrier free total accessibility for everyone
- iv. Than the Director be informed that the SAR committee had the following four options that were agreed and voted upon in the final public meeting:
 - a) Amalgamation at St. Raymond with a retrofit
 - b) Amalgamation at St. Bruno with a retrofit
 - c) New school on the St. Raymond site
 - d) New school on the St. Bruno site

Recommendation:

- 1. The St. Bruno/St. Raymond SAR committee submits the following final recommendations to the Director of Education for consideration:
 - That a new school facility be built on the present St. Raymond site.
 - That the new school will be an amalgamation of St. Bruno and St. Raymond School communities.
 - That the recommendations in section 7 be considered.
 - That the new school be known by a new name, yet to be determined.