

TO: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION
OCTOBER 20, 2015

FROM: ARC – Senhor Santo Cristo & St. Luke 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).

Senhor Santo Cristo and St. Luke 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 Senhor Santo Cristo and St. Luke be amalgamated on the St. Luke site and that St. Luke be retrofitted 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. Following the guidelines of Policy (S.09) the Senhor Santo Cristo and St. Luke SAR committees met in public on February 26th, March 24th, April 14th, June 10th, and September 28th, 2015. There were opportunities for questions and responses in regards to purpose, and possible outcome at each of the four public meetings.

4. The criteria used in this analysis include the following:
 - a) School capacity
 - b) Projected school enrolment
 - c) Current and projected facility utilization rate
 - d) Site size
 - e) Facility condition
5. As required in S.09 Policy Senhor Santo Cristo and St. Luke were identified as candidates for review and were grouped to form a cycle one “School Cluster”.
6. The Senhor Santo Cristo/St Luke 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.
7. 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 consolidating into one.
8. 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.
9. Both school committee members have endorsed the recommendations in this report.
10. That the Director consider the following:
 - i. That the Director request that the Transportation Department review the bussing routes for students who will need to be relocated to St. Luke without impacting the existing level of services.
 - ii. That the Director consider the following in the amalgamation of Senhor Santo Cristo and St. Luke:
 - a) Designated pick up and drop off area
 - b) Good sight lines
 - c) Exterior security cameras
 - d) French Immersion/Extended French
 - e) Day Care in school
 - f) Before and After school programs
 - g) Niagara University partnership
 - h) SAL and STEP be part of school
 - i) Gifted withdrawal - Congregated
 - j) Consultation of new school name with the two school communities
 - k) Honour the histories of the two school communities
 - l) Maintain International Languages

- m) Designated ISP/M. E. suite with appropriate equipment and Snoezelen room
 - n) Space for reflection
 - o) Air conditioning
 - p) ECO focused
 - q) Natural lighting
 - r) Multipurpose room for flexible programs i.e. Drama/visual arts/animation/music
 - s) School yard design/marketing for cooperative games
 - t) Continue the morning meal program
 - u) Dedicated lunch space
 - v) Keep the relationship with Friends of Roxton Road Parks
 - w) Signage
 - x) Attractive design of exterior retrofit
 - y) Fencing that ensures students' safety
 - z) More staff parking
 - aa) Memory wall
- iii. TCDSB provide barrier free accessibility for all students with needs in the amalgamation of Senhor Santo Cristo and St. Luke.
- iv. That the Director consider the following features in the amalgamation of the two schools with respect to the creation of a retrofit school building:
- a) An enrolment between 350-400 students
 - b) Interior 21st Century design with breakout spaces and flexible seating arrangements
- v. That 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. Luke with a retrofit
 - b) Amalgamation at Senhor Santo Cristo with a retrofit
 - c) New school on the St. Luke site
 - d) New school on the Senhor Santo Cristo

Recommendation:

1. The Senhor Santo Cristo/St. Luke SAR committee submits the following final recommendations to the Director of Education for consideration:
 - That the current St. Luke site be retrofitted.
 - That the recommendations in section 7 be considered. (*Staff note – the recommendations are referenced in **comment #10** not 7*)
 - That the new retrofitted school be known by a new name yet to be determined.