



Bill Tucker, Director of Education and Secretary

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Mayor Joe Fontana
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Dear Mayor Fontana:

At a special meeting of the Thames Valley District School Board held on November 29, 2011, trustees approved the establishment of two Accommodation Review Committees (ARC) to study the London Secondary Vocational and Technology Program and Central London Elementary schools. In accordance with the TVDSB Pupil Accommodation and Facility Organization procedure, developed to comply with provincial Ministry of Education guidelines, you are invited to appoint one representative of the City of London to serve as a voting member of the Central London Elementary ARC and up to two voting members for the London Secondary Vocational & Technology Program ARC. The ARCs will examine the following schools:

Central London Elementary

- Bishop Townshend PS; - St. George's PS.
- Lorne Avenue PS;

London Secondary Vocational & Technology Program

- Clarke Road SS; - Saunders SS;
- H B Beal SS; - Sir George Ross SS;
- Montcalm SS; - Thames SS.

Accommodation Review Committees bring together schools within areas with particular accommodation challenges, such as aging school facilities, new residential developments, growing program demands, and declining enrolment. The ARC process enables members of each school community, along with municipal and community representatives for the area, to consider alternative ways to accommodate the students who live in the area while maintaining – or enhancing – the quality of the students' educational experience. ARCs must assess each of the schools involved on the basis of the school's value to students, the school board, the community and the local economy, according to specific criteria that are applied equally to all schools involved in the ARC.

Based on the results of the valuation, ARCs must then make a recommendation to the Board on whether any changes should be made to the schools involved in the ARC to accommodate students, including such options as school closure, new school construction, and additions or renovations to existing schools. The work of the ARC and the comprehensive public input process it must undertake will enable trustees to make fair and appropriate accommodation decisions for our students.

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It would be most appreciated if you would identify City Council representatives to serve on the London Secondary Vocational and Technology Program and Central London Elementary Schools ARCs as described and forward the names to the attention of S. Christie, Supervisor of Corporate Services, by Friday, December 23, by email at s.christie@tvdsb.on.ca or by fax at 519-452-2256.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce Bennett".

Joyce Bennett
Chair of the Board