



Bill Tucker, Director of Education and Secretary

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MAYOR

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Dear Mayor Fontana:

At the Board of Trustees meeting of the Thames Valley District School Board on February 5, 2013 trustees confirmed the approval of the establishment of an Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) to study the following South-Central London Elementary schools: Aberdeen Public School, Ealing Public School and Trafalgar Public School.

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 evaluation, 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.

→ It would be appreciated if you would identify the Council representative to serve on the ARC as described and forward the name to the attention of B. Williams, Supervisor of Corporate Services, by noon on Thursday, March 28, 2013 by email at [bonnie.williams@tvdsb.on.ca](mailto:bonnie.williams@tvdsb.on.ca) or by fax at 519-452-2256.

Sincerely,

  
Joyce Bennett  
Chair, Board of Trustees

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