



NIAGARA CATHOLIC
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

March 1st, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INITIATION - MODIFIED PUPIL ACCOMMODATION REVIEW

At the February 28th, 2017 meeting, the Niagara Catholic District School Board approved the initiation of a Modified Pupil Accommodation Review process for the Catholic elementary schools in Thorold, namely Monsignor Clancy Catholic Elementary School and St. Charles Catholic Elementary School.

Both schools have been experiencing declining enrolment for several years. The Modified Accommodation Review process has been established (1) to explore solutions to reduce the number of excess pupil spaces and (2) to improve programming and learning opportunities for students.

Parents and guardians are invited and encouraged to read the Initial Staff Report, which includes the recommended option of Board staff to address with the under-utilization of both schools. This report has been posted on the Board website, www.niagaracatholic.ca. This report is also available upon request at the school from Principal Trainor or Principal Walsh.

As part of the Board's open and transparent process, the Initial Staff Report contains a recommended option to deal with the current under-utilization. The final decision will be made after a full public consultation process has been completed by the Board of Trustees.

Board Staff will be making an initial presentation to outline the upcoming process at a combined Catholic School Council Meeting on Tuesday, March 28th, 2017 at 6 p.m. at Monsignor Clancy Catholic Elementary School. A Public Meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, April 20th, 2017 at 7 p.m. at Monsignor Clancy Catholic Elementary School.

As we work through the Modified Pupil Accommodation Review Process, if you have any questions, please contact Kathy Levinski, Administrator of Facilities Services at 905-735-0240 ext. 273 or email thoroldmpar@ncdsb.com.

Sincerely,

Ted Farrell
Superintendent of Education