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Great News for Haldimand East Elementary Families

Ministry of Education Approves Grand Erie's Accommodation Review Recommendation

Brantford ON: Elementary students in Dunnville will receive new accommodations based on decisions made from the Haldimand East Elementary Pupil Accommodation Review process that was completed in April, 2016.

The Ministry of Education accepted Grand Erie's applications and announced the approval of a new elementary school for 423 students to accommodate the consolidation of Fairview Avenue Public School and Grandview Central Public School. In addition, 95 students from Anna Melick Memorial School will be accommodated at Thompson Creek Elementary School.

"This is good news for the Dunnville community," said David Dean, Chair of the Board. "We are delighted that the Ministry of Education has approved the recommendation from the Accommodation Review process. It will benefit families in the East Haldimand area."

Details of the accommodation announcement include:

- Fairview Avenue Public School will be replaced with a new school on the existing school site. It will accommodate all students from Grandview Central Public School, which will be closed following completion of the new school on the Fairview Avenue site.
- The proposed opening of the new school is scheduled for the 2018-19 school year. Components of this plan include space to accommodate the Ontario Early Years Centre/Hub supported by Haldimand Norfolk REACH.
- Four classrooms will be added to Thompson Creek Elementary School. They will accommodate all students from Anna Melick Memorial School which will be closed.
- Anna Melick Memorial School students will be welcomed into Thompson Creek Elementary School for the start of September, 2017.

"Public consultation is at the heart of all accommodation reviews," said Jamie Gunn, Superintendent of Business. "The process is difficult but through engagement we can find solutions that strengthen accommodation options for students and families. We look forward to continuing our investments in our communities to ensure that our students have the resources they need to succeed."

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