



GRAND ERIE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

TO: John Forbeck, Director of Education & Secretary

FROM: Jamie Gunn, Superintendent of Business & Treasurer

RE: **Haldimand East Elementary – Accommodation Update**

DATE: March 17, 2014

Recommended Action: It was moved by _____, seconded by _____ THAT the Grand Erie District School Board establish an Accommodation Review of Haldimand East Elementary Schools including Anna Melick Memorial, Grandview Central, Fairview Avenue, Thompson Creek, Rainham Central and J.L. Mitchener Schools to commence Spring 2015.

Background:

The Board completed a review of elementary pupil accommodation for the Haldimand East review area in June 2011 resulting in the closure of Dunnville Central Public School effective September 1, 2012. At that time the Board also approved the following motion

“THAT the Quality Accommodations Committee provides a report to the Board regarding accommodations in Haldimand East within three years.”

Updated enrolment and utilization data was provided at the board meeting August 26, 2013. At that meeting, discussions included the suggestion that Rainham Central and J.L. Mitchener be added to the review area for consideration of an accommodation review. The data presented below with two additional schools has been updated with October 2014 actual enrolment.

Enrolment and Utilization Update:

This information shows that Rainham Central is expected to operate at or near capacity into the future. The school is approved for a one classroom FDK addition in the summer of 2014. This will permit the removal of the portable classroom that is presently on site.

J.L. Mitchener is operating at 65.9% utilization this school year and is expected to remain in the low 60%'s in the future.

A map of the expanded review areas is attached to highlight the concentration of the students in attendance at the six schools and to provide a visual of the review area. The Grand River as shown on the map presents challenges for any re-shaping of school boundaries that may be considered in the future to address surplus capacity.

REVISED for expanded review area and October 2014 Actual Enrolment

Haldimand East Enrolment and Capacity Utilization									
School	School Capacity	2012-13 (Actual)		2013-14 (Oct 2013 Actual)		2016-17		2021-22	
		Enrolment	Utilization	Enrolment	Utilization	Enrolment	Utilization	Enrolment	Utilization
Anna Melick	210	99	47.1%	104	49.5%	116	55.2%	120	57.1%
Grandview Central	205	167	81.5%	157	76.6%	151	73.7%	141	68.8%
Fairview Avenue	341	244	71.6%	249	73.0%	255	74.8%	260	76.2%
Thompson Creek	452	377	83.4%	362	80.1%	385	85.2%	390	86.3%
Rainham Central	239	246	102.9%	217	90.6%	237	99.2%	238	99.6%
J.L. Mitchener	408	274	67.2%	268	65.7%	251	61.5%	258	63.2%
Total for Review Area	1,855	1,407	75.8%	1,357	73.1%	1,395	75.2%	1,407	75.8%
Surplus Capacity			448		499		460		448

Note: Shaded Enrolment reflects schools where full day kindergarten programs have not been implemented.

This data was reviewed by the Quality Accommodations Committee at its meeting held on February 28th. The committee discussed population and enrolment trends experienced in the review area and the possible inclusion of Seneca Central in the review area. With the understanding that the previous accommodation review concluded in June 2011, the committee approved a recommendation that the Board consider establishing an accommodation review of the schools listed above to commence in the spring of 2015.

Respectfully submitted

Jamie Gunn,
Superintendent of Business
& Treasurer

Potential Haldimand East Elementary Review Area

