



# The Blackboard

Grand Erie District School Board's Highlights from the Boardroom

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING | OCTOBER 17, 2016

## South East Norfolk Elementary Accommodation Review

Trustees received more information to inform their decision related to the South East Norfolk Elementary Accommodation Review. The final report on the South East Norfolk Accommodation Review was presented at the Committee of the Whole Board Meeting on September 12, 2016.

- Delegations were received by: M. Cosco, K. Begin, J. Bradfield, Y. Martin, and L. Kitchen and can be access here: <http://bit.ly/2emPVsH>
- Read the full report with the additional information here: <http://bit.ly/2diTBiQ>

Accommodation  
Review Committee

South East Norfolk  
Elementary

## Data Report – EQAO Board Report

The Elementary and Secondary program Superintendents presented the Education Quality Accountability Office (EQAO) data related to the primary and junior reading, writing, and mathematics results, as well as Grade 9 mathematics and results from the Grade 10 Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT).

- Primary/Junior: <http://bit.ly/2e2cW9J>
- Grade 9 Math: <http://bit.ly/2eh6rQa>
- OSSLT: <http://bit.ly/2eaF1sb>

Education Quality and  
Accountability Office



## OSSLT Online Assessment

The Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) is modernizing its administration of the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test (OSSLT) by offering the test online. The OSSLT is an assessment that measures whether or not students are meeting the minimum standard for literacy up to the end of Grade 9. Successful completion of the literacy credential is one of the requirements to earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma.



On Thursday, October 20, 2016, some students throughout the board will attempt this first online opportunity of the OSSLT. This date is a chance for EQAO to conduct a province-wide pilot trial of the online assessment. Student participation has been considered by the school, in consultation with the student and parents. Students who do not participate in the online test in October will be able to write the traditional paper format test or the online version during the regularly scheduled OSSLT assessment in March 2017.

Commencements and Award Assemblies this week:

#### Pauline Johnson Collegiate Awards Assembly

- Wednesday, October 19, 2016 | 5:30 p.m.

#### Tollgate Technological Skills Centre Commencement

- Wednesday, October 19, 2016 | 7 p.m.

#### Tollgate Technological Skills Centre Awards Assembly

- Thursday, October 20, 2016 | 9:10 a.m.

#### Valley Heights Secondary School Commencement

- Friday, October 21, 2016 | 8 p.m.

#### Brantford Collegiate Institute Commencement

- Sat., October 22, 2016 | 7 p.m. | Sanderson Centre



### Primary Class Size Report

Since 2007-08, the Ministry of Education has required Boards to be fully compliant with the primary class size cap: 90 per cent of primary classes will have 20 or fewer students and up to 10 per cent of primary classes may have up to 23 students. It is also a requirement that the Board achieve compliance while ensuring that the average class size in Grades (4 to 8) 24.15 or less.

- For 2016-17, 100% of our Primary Classes are under 23 students. 91.7% are at 20 and under
- To view the primary class size report, click here: <http://bit.ly/2dn69AY>

### Public Consultation Plan for Special Education Plan Annual Review

As part of the annual review of the Grand Erie District School Board Special Education plan, historically three public meetings have been held to provide members of the community with an opportunity for public input into the plan. After consideration, the Special Education team will solicit feedback through the website and a survey to inform the plan.

- For more information, click here: <http://bit.ly/2dWHiXs>

### Compensatory Education Plan 2016-2017

Trustees recommended the approval of the Higher Improvement in Performance Schools Strategy for 2016-2017. In June 2016 a draft strategy was presented to the Board of Trustees with the request to accept the draft with the knowledge that the plan would be presented to the Compensatory Education Committee and administrators in schools identified as compensatory in the fall of 2016. A request was made to bring the report back to the Board of Trustees with updated information after the strategy was presented to both groups.

- To view the report, click here: <http://bit.ly/2dWH2rk>

### Communications Ad Hoc Committee – Terms of Reference

In June, 2016, Trustees approved to establish an Ad Hoc Committee to create a Strategic Communications Plan. The purpose of a Strategic Communication Plan is to align key messages and communication activities to support Grand Erie's Multi-Year Plan, 2016-2020. The Grand Erie District School Board recommended the approval of the Communications Ad Hoc Committee Terms of Reference.

- Click here to view the report: <http://bit.ly/2efucDD>

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### Additional Information

- Data Report- Voluntary Aboriginal Self-Identification: <http://bit.ly/2diYatP>
- Enrolment Update: <http://bit.ly/2edRQ4r>

## Bylaws, Policies, and Procedures

The following Bylaws, Policies, Procedures were recommended for approval:

- BL8 Committees of the Board (Compensatory Education Steering Committee) Terms of Reference: <http://bit.ly/2edUR4L> (A motion was approved to send the Terms of Reference back to the Compensatory Education Committee for review.)
- BL8 Committees of the Board (Grand Erie Parent Involvement Committee) Terms of Reference: <http://bit.ly/2dn6h3z>
- BL8 Committee of the Board – Removal of Communications and Engagement Committee as a Standing Committee as a Standing Committee: <http://bit.ly/2emQYca>
- BL19 Use of Board Logo, Grand Erie Name, and Grand Erie Design Banner: <http://bit.ly/2e0aoXd>
- BL26 Chairs' Committee: <http://bit.ly/2ebXKVw>
- BL29 Student Trustees: <http://bit.ly/2e0cne8>
- FT10 Green School Construction and Renovation: <http://bit.ly/2dJwM47>
- FT11 Community Planning and Facility Partnerships: <http://bit.ly/2dWIHgS>
- SO2 School Councils: <http://bit.ly/2emRkQ2>
- SO4 Advertising: <http://bit.ly/2eKrFF6>

The following Policies and Procedures will be shared to all appropriate stakeholders for comment to be received by January 13, 2017:

- F7 Disclosure of Wrongdoing (Whistleblower) Policy: <http://bit.ly/2edTmDu>
- HR3 Staff Development: <http://bit.ly/2dWGMv>
- P1 Special Education Guiding Principles: <http://bit.ly/2eh8QtU>

The following Bylaws, Policies, Procedures were recommended to be rescinded:

- FT117 Green School Construction and Renovation: <http://bit.ly/2ealoUe>

## Days of Significance

- Local Government Week: Monday, October 17 – 21, 2016
- International Day for the Eradication of Poverty: Monday, October 17, 2016
- School Bus Safety Week: Monday October 17 - Friday October 21, 2016
- Waste Reduction Week: Monday October 17 - Sunday October 23, 2016
- National School Safety Week: Monday October 17 - Sunday October 23, 2016
- Global Dignity Day: Wednesday, October 19, 2016
- Go Purple Day (Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies) to support vulnerable children and youth: Wednesday, October 19, 2016