



# Pupil Accommodation Reviews

Date: March 11, 2015

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: J.L. Mitchener Elementary School

*Achievement*

*Environment*

*Engagement*

# Purpose of Accommodation Reviews

- To establish viable school organization units that support program delivery and student achievement.
- To find and develop efficiencies in the use of our school buildings.
- To provide the appropriate accommodation for our students.
- To receive input from the community.
- To provide recommendations to Grand Erie regarding school organization and related pupil accommodation matters.



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# Stages of the Review

**Preparation Stage** – The Board appoints the ARC Committee. Committee is chaired by a Trustee.

**Community Review Stage** - An ARC committee must meet a minimum of four times. Agendas are published in-advance on the Board website. Meetings include a time for “questions for clarification”. The ARC committee may designate a meeting to hear delegations. One meeting must be for the purpose of sharing the ARC’s recommendations with the community.

The community consultation period must be at least 90 days. This the period during which the committee meets and prepares its report.

**The Board Review Stage** includes:

1. Review of the ARC Report by the Senior Administration of Board
2. Recommendations from Administration to the Trustees
3. Review and decision by Trustees

- For each phase of the review there are specific requirements.



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# Accommodation Review Committee

- The Trustees appoint an Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) with membership from the schools and their communities.
- The Board's Administration must share its data and options regarding the Haldimand Elementary School review area with the ARC.
- Board staff will bring additional information during the review, as requested by the ARC to support their work. Individual members cannot request information without the support of the ARC.
- All meetings are open to the public.



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# School Profile Templates

The school profiles gives the ARC the opportunity to review:

1. The value of the school to the student
2. The value of the school to the community
3. The value of the school to the school system
4. The value of the school to the local economy



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# School Profile Templates

- The school profiles were developed by a committee of parents, community members, area councillors, Trustees and Principals.
- The ARC must review these profiles and customize as necessary.
- Administration will present a demographic profile for each school in the review area.
- The completed profiles will be shared with the public.



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# ARC Recommendations

- The recommendations will address every school in the review area.
- At the second meeting, Senior Administration will outline possible options as the starting point for the discussion. The final recommendations of the ARC often look different.
- The ARC report is submitted to the Director of Education. Administration will review the recommendations and prepare a report for the Trustees.
- Both the ARC report and the Administrative report will be made public and submitted the Board.



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# Board Review

- A Committee of the Whole Board will receive the school profiles, the ARC's report and recommendations from administration.
- The Board will make a decision no earlier than 60 days after receiving, at a Board meeting, the report of the ARC and the report from Administration.
- There will be an opportunity for input to the Board prior to its final decision.
- The Board will make decisions regarding the recommendations.



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# Administrative Review of ARC Process

- An administrative review may be requested if the Board's review process was not compliant with Board's Policy.
- Requires a petition signed by at least 30% of the supporters of the school.
- It is not a review of the Board's decision.



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# Keeping You Informed

- All information will be posted on the Grand Erie Website: [www.granderie.ca](http://www.granderie.ca)
- There is a banner on the left side of the homepage that reads: Haldimand East Elementary Accommodation Review Committee
- Questions should be emailed to [info@granderie.ca](mailto:info@granderie.ca)
- Public inquiries contact: Shawn McKillop, Manager of Communications and Community Relations, 519-756-6301 or 1-888-548-8878 ext. 281147



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