



## **B.6 DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO THE BOARD**

**DATE:** 2016 06 14

**SUBJECT:** **PUPIL/SCHOOL ACCOMMODATION REVIEW: RECOMMENDATION FOR ARTHUR HENDERSON PUBLIC SCHOOL TO BE PLACED ON "UNDER REVIEW STATUS" 2016-17**

### **6.1.0 Background**

6.1.1 The Pupil/School Accommodation Review Policy 5.01 defines the necessary steps for the Board's accommodation reviews in accordance with Ministry directives. The policy in sections 4.1 and 4.2 note the Director's preliminary analysis of pupil accommodation data to the Trustees, specifically the following excerpt from the policy:

*4.1 Periodically, the Director of Education shall conduct a preliminary accommodation analysis of all schools under the board's jurisdiction.*

*4.2 Upon completion of the analysis, the director shall present a report to the board which may include:*

- (a) The Ministry of Education capacity for each school;*
- (b) The level of actual occupancy as a percentage of the Ministry of Education capacity;*
- (b) The current and projected enrolments in each school;*
- (c) Recommendations to the board regarding which school(s) should be placed on "Under Review Status "*
- (d) Any other information which the Director considers relevant to the issue.*

See Attached: (B.6 #1 2015-2016 Accommodation Analysis Report)  
(B.4,5,6 #2 5.01 Pupil/School Accommodation Review Policy)

### **6.2.0 Information**

6.2.1 For the 2016-17 school year, it was determined that in order to improve programming for students, the Grade 4-6 students would be moved to the Central Algoma Elementary School (CAES) site. This avoided triple grades which would have existed if the students remained at Arthur Henderson PS for the 2016-17 school year. The move resulted in no triple grades at either Arthur Henderson PS or CAES.

6.2.2 After reviewing the enrolment, viability of quality programming and following the accommodation review process, staff recommends placing this school as "Under Review Status." Community consultation will occur over the next year to focus on the possibility of consolidating the remaining JK-3 classrooms at CAES.



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**6.2.0 Information (cont'd)**

This school, constructed in 1948, underwent a Facility Condition Assessment (FAC) in 2011 by the Ministry of Education. Following this assessment, the 5-year Facility Condition Index for Arthur Henderson Public School was identified at 118%, which is very significant and means the facility needs extensive capital renovations. Senior Administration believes it is necessary and prudent to place this facility on "Under Review Status" in 2016-2017.

6.2.2 With the Trustees' approval of the identification of the above schools as "Under Review Status" the following excerpt from the Pupil/School Accommodation Review Policy (5.01) defines the next steps that would need to be undertaken:

*5.1 When the board, approves a motion, that identifies a school or schools as being "Under Review", the following actions shall occur:*

*5.1.1 The Director of Education shall forthwith inform parents/guardians, staff, the school council(s), and the community(ies) of the identification and possible changes in accommodation status.*

*The Director of Education shall specify clearly if school closure is an option.*

*5.1.2 The Board of Education shall appoint a local Accommodation Review Committee (ARC), in accordance with the Pupil Accommodation Review Policy Guidelines (See Attachments B.4,5,6 #2)*



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**6.3.0 Recommendations**

6.3.1 It is recommended that Arthur Henderson Public School be placed on "Under Review Status." The review would focus on the possibility of school closure, accommodating the JK-3 program and students currently housed at Arthur Henderson Public School in nearby existing elementary schools.

**6.4.0 Proposed Resolutions**

6.4.1 That the Board approve that Arthur Henderson Public School be placed on "Under Review Status." The review would focus on the possibility of school closure, accommodating the JK-3 program and students currently housed at Arthur Henderson Public School in nearby existing elementary schools.

**Accommodation Analysis Report 2015-2016**

SCHOOL	Ministry of Education Rated Capacity (OTG)	Percentage Level of Actual Occupancy	Actual Enrolment (Head Count - as of October 31)									Projected Enrolment (Head Count)	Year of Facility Construction and Additions
			October 31, 2015	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015		
Arthur Henderson	161	39%	104	108	105	104	107	82	92	101	62	Construction - 1948 Additions - 1954,1968	
			JK-8 School				JK-6 School			JK-3 School			