



## **B.5 DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO THE BOARD**

**DATE:** 2016 06 14

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

### **5.1.0 Background**

5.1.1 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.5 #1 2015-2016 Accommodation Analysis Report)  
(B.4,5,6 #2 5.01 Pupil/School Accommodation Review Policy)

### **5.2.0 Information**

5.2.1 After reviewing enrolment, the ability to provide quality programming and following the accommodation review process, staff recommends placing this school for "Under Review Status." Community consultation will occur over the next year to consider options to consolidate the programs currently housed at Blind River PS. One option for consideration is to relocate into a JK-12 facility on the W.C. Eaket site.



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**5.2.0 Information (cont'd)**

This school, constructed in 1928, underwent a Facility Condition Assessment (FAC) in 2011 by the Ministry of Education. Following this assessment, the 5-year Facility Condition Index for Blind River Public School was identified at 80%, 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".

5.2.2 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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**5.3.0 Recommendations**

5.3.1 It is recommended that Blind River Public School be placed on "Under Review Status." The review would focus on the possibility of school closure, accommodating the JK-8 program and students currently housed at Blind River Public School as a JK-12 facility on the W.C. Eaket High School Site.

**5.4.0 Proposed Resolutions**

5.4.1 That the Board approve that Blind River Public School be placed on "Under Review Status." The review would focus on the possibility of school closure, accommodating the JK-8 program and students currently housed at Blind River Public School as a JK-12 facility on the W.C. Eaket High School Site.

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		
Blind River Public School	482	34%	167	175	169	180	208	198	201	187	163	Construction - 1928 Additions - 1963,1973,1988