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NOTIFICATION

As part of the Accommodation Review process, the final report for Blind River Public School was posted on May 18th, 2017 and includes the following recommendation:

Consistent with the Initial Staff Report and based on the School Information Profile feedback, it is the Senior Administration recommendation that the JK-8 school population, staff and program currently housed at Blind River Public school be relocated to a JK-12 facility:

- *Option One: In recognition of the community's preference, Senior Administration supports making a request through the Capital Priority process for funding to construct a new JK-12 facility, with the understanding that the process recognizes there are funding parameters that need to be met and one such parameter is the recognition for existing school assets to be utilized and renovated as a viable option to ensure that Public Assets are not wasted throughout the Province.*
- *Option Two: Recognizing that the Option One request will open the door for discussions with the Ministry of Education Capital Branch to determine what could be funded, in the event that the Ministry did not approve new construction, Senior Administration recommends the closing of Blind River Public School and relocation of students into a JK-12 facility on the site of W.C. Eaket. Capital funding would still be required to retro-fit the facility as a JK-12 site. Discussions with the municipality would need to take place in the interest of establishing a mutually beneficial partnership for further use of outdoor space.*

In the event that sufficient funding was not approved, students would remain at their current sites pending further consultation in regard to future options at some time in the future.

The complete report, along with minutes of the two public meetings and the school profile are posted at <http://www.adsb.on.ca> under the Accommodation Review link on the main page.

As outlined in Algoma District School Board Policy 5.01: Pupil and Accommodation Review Policy, the Board must allow an opportunity for members of the public to provide feedback through a public delegation to the Board of Trustees no fewer than 10 business days after the final staff report is posted. The Board has set aside Monday, June 5th, at

6:00pm as a special Board meeting to provide such opportunity. The meeting will be held at the Education Centre which is located at 644 Albert Street East, Sault Ste. Marie. Stakeholders interested in making a presentation (maximum 20 minutes) to the Board of Trustees must indicate their intent to present by contacting (705) 945-7297 and submitting the request form by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 29th.

Should you have any questions about the accommodation review process, please contact Superintendent Brent Vallee at (705) 945-7297.