



Director's Bulletin – 2008 04 23

**To: Principals, Managers, Staff,
Union and Federation Presidents**

Trustees at the Algoma District School Board's Regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday, November 20th, reviewed and approved a number of reports presented to them by Administrative Council.

1. SECONDARY ORGANIZATION

At the regular Board Meeting held on Tuesday April 22nd, Algoma District School Board (ADSB) Superintendents of Education Asima Vezina and Bob Cole addressed Secondary Organization.

The proposed organization for secondary schools for 2008/2009 is developed in consultation with principals and is based on (a) the projected enrolment for each school, (b) the number of option sheets received from each school and (c) the course selection made by students. Total projected enrolment for September 30, 2008 is 4,734 (including all ADSB secondary schools, Late Schools, Indian Friendship Centre and Co-Op School). The actual enrolment for September 30, 2007 was 4,939. Option sheets for September 2008 as of March 2008 were 4,777.

Charts were provided that compared the projected enrolment and the approved number of sections for program delivery to the regular day school students for the 2007/2008 school year to the projected enrolment and the proposed number of sections for program delivery to the regular day school students for September 2008/2009 school year for the secondary schools. Projected enrolment for regular programs (Classroom, COOP, Guidance, Library and Band) for September 2008 is 4,362 (compared to 4,624 from Sept. 2007). Proposed number of sections for September 2008 is 1,821 (compared to 1,892 from September 2007).

This translates to a reduction of 262 students in day school or 71 sections which is equivalent to 11.9 teachers. However, based on reorganization during the year to account for reduction of students, confirmed retirements, leaves and expected additional retirements to be received by May 1st, it is expected that there will be minimal to no lay offs in secondary.

2. PUPIL/SCHOOL ACCOMMODATIONS REVIEW – ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

In the fall, local Accommodation Review Committees (ARC) were established at each of four schools that were placed "under review status" (FH Clergue, Rosedale, Bawating and Sir James Dunn). Each of the four ARCs have met and produced a final report based on public input received during each of four meetings as set out in Ministry guidelines.

2. PUPIL/SCHOOL ACCOMMODATIONS REVIEW – ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT (Continued)

The following summarizes the local ARC's recommendations from their reports:

FH Clergue Public School

The ARC recommends that they support the consolidation of FH Clergue P.S. with Rosedale P.S. into a new facility. They support the ADSB preferred site of FH Clergue and strongly recommend a JK to Grade 8 model. They support the continuation of existing programs.

Rosedale Public School

The Rosedale ARC recommends that they support the consolidation of Rosedale P.S. with FH Clergue into a new facility. They support the ADSB preferred site of FH Clergue and strongly recommend a JK to Grade 8 model. They support the continuation of existing programs.

Bawating Collegiate & Vocational School

The Bawating ARC recommends that they support the consolidation of Bawating with Sir James Dunn into a new facility. They support the new ADSB preferred site of Bawating and support the Grade 7 to Grade 12 voluntary model. They support the continuation of existing programs.

Sir James Dunn Collegiate & Vocational School

The Sir James Dunn ARC recommends that they support the consolidation of Bawating with Sir James Dunn into a new facility. They support the Bawating site subject to review that minimizes impact on both the existing school building operations and the adjacent neighbourhood. They also encourage the Board to evaluate any other suggested sites. They support the Grade 7 to Grade 12 voluntary model and the continuation of existing programs.

ADSB Senior Administration has prepared administrative recommendations after following the deliberations of the ARC public meetings and the recommendations in the ARC Final Reports. They recommended that the Board approve that FH Clergue and Rosedale be closed and consolidated into one new elementary French Immersion school and that both schools be closed when the new school is ready for occupancy. They also recommended that the new French Immersion Elementary School be built on the FH Clergue site. The FH Clergue site was recommended as the preferred new building site because the Rosedale site would not be as suitable for new construction due to several ongoing safety issues such as bussing, site drainage, and an existing easement on the property.

Senior Administration recommended that the Board approve that Bawating and Sir James Dunn be closed and consolidated into one new secondary school and that both schools be closed when the new school is ready for occupancy. They also recommended that the new secondary school be built on the Bawating site. The Bawating location was recommended as the preferred new building site because it is centrally located within the city and is suitably positioned to partner with community agencies, resources for future student programs. Two major subdivisions are being developed within close proximity of this site. An addition to either Korah or White Pines is not feasible due to location at the east and west ends of the city.

The Board approved the receipt of the Pupil/School Accommodation Review Administrative Recommendations Report for consideration and approval on June 24, 2008.

Complete Accommodation Review Committee reports and the Administrative Recommendations Report will be available on the ADSB website at www.adsb.on.ca within the next few days.