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## Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board Begins Pupil Accommodation Review Process

**(North Bay, ON)** –The Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board will begin a Pupil Accommodation Review for John XXIII and Corpus Christi schools, and has approved the formation of an Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) for the review of these two schools.

The mandate of the ARC will be to study, report and make recommendations on accommodation options respecting both schools under review. Through the use of the School Information Profile, the ARC will make school valuation the center of the Board and community decision-making. The ARC will also be responsible for Public Information and Access, Community Consultation and Public Meetings, and providing a final Accommodation Report with recommendations.

The Accommodation Review process is designed to be fair and open and will provide timely access as well as relevant data to both school communities. The ARC will include representation from both school staffs, both parent communities, including a Catholic School Advisory Council representative, from each school, along with Board staff as resources. All meetings of the ARC will be open to the public and will be well publicized in advance via school newsletters, letters to the school community, the school and Board websites and advertisements in the newspaper. All public documents are available on the Board's website (www.npsc.ca) under Accommodations Review.

It is the responsibility of the Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board to provide the very best Catholic education to all of its students and to operate and maintain its schools as effectively and efficiently as possible to support student achievement. In keeping with this responsibility, the Board conducts annually an accommodation review of its school facilities in order to assess current accommodations in all of its schools, to examine current and future enrolment trends and to determine if any challenges are faced in providing a suitable range of learning opportunities for students. As part of this process, it may be necessary for a school or a group of schools to be identified for review in order to consider the possibility of consolidation, closure or major program relocation.

For more information on the review processes for John XXIII and Corpus Christi schools, please call 705-472-1201, ext. 2555, visit www.npsc.ca, or email: arc@npsc.ca.

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