

October 15, 2013

Dear Parents/Guardians:

As you know, all Ontario district school boards are responsible for providing educational programs and services, while working to optimize the use of facilities, managing declining enrolment, planning for shifting population needs, and working within the changing Provincial legislation, policy and funding allocation.

It is the responsibility of the Nipissing-Parry Sound Catholic District School Board to provide the very best Catholic education to all 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.

At its Special Board Meeting of October 9, 2013, the Board of Trustees, in accordance with Ministry of Education guidelines, identified both **John XXIII** and **Corpus Christi schools** for review and approved the formation of an **Accommodation Review Committee (ARC)**.

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 ARC study process will be in accordance with the Board's Pupil Accommodation Review Policy (AS 28.2) and Ministry of Education guidelines. These documents are available on the Board's web site (www.npsc.ca) under Pupil Accommodation Review Information. If you do not have Internet access, kindly request a copy of the policy and procedure from the school office.

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 our school staff, our parent community including a Catholic School Council representative, 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.

If you are interested in serving on the Accommodation Review Committee, kindly submit the attached form to the school office by Wednesday, October 23, 2013.

We wish to assure you that the Accommodation Review process will be reflective of the Board's Principles and Values as articulated in its Mission & Vision Statement. The Board believes: *that our learning environments will be centres of excellence that are welcoming, safe, accessible, motivating and alive; that our programs and services will facilitate the multiple needs and abilities of our learners and the aspirations of our community; and in being accountable for the quality of our programs, the effective use of the resources provided to the Board and the outcomes achieved.*

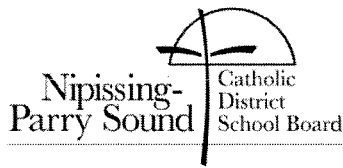
As always, please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charles Tancredi".

Charles Tancredi
Principal

c. Board of Trustees



**Pupil Accommodation Review Committee
Membership Form
John XXIII**

Please complete and return this form to your school Principal by **Wednesday, October 23, 2013.**

Name:	
Please indicate your role:	<input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Teaching Staff <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Mailing Address:	
Phone(s):	
Email (if available):	
Please give a very brief explanation of why you are interested in being a representative on the committee:	
Date:	
Signature:	