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Dear Parents/Guardians;

I am writing to share with you some important information about the upcoming review of some of our schools over the next few years. We have been in a slow but steady enrolment decline in Trillium Lakelands District School Board for a number of years. We have now reached a point where we must take a critical look at the empty spaces in our schools. Not only are we mandated to do this by the Ministry of Education, but it is also fiscally responsible to do so.

A five-year Pupil Accommodation Long Term Plan has been presented to our trustees and will act as our roadmap-indicating areas in the board where there is accommodation pressure, where schools are underutilized, and where school consolidation is suggested.

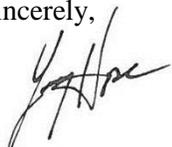
The next step will be an invitation to our community partners and municipalities in the area to identify facility-sharing opportunities. This will occur sometime in March of this year. We will then begin a process of studying various options where school consolidation has been suggested. These are schools that are facing significantly low enrolments that will soon affect educational programming (eg. triple grades in elementary schools or courses not offered in secondary schools) or they are schools within close proximity of schools facing low enrolment.

A report from staff will come to the Board of Trustees once the study of an area has been completed. The report will provide all of the information from the study of the schools in the area, as well as a recommended solution. At this point the Board of Trustees may approve a Pupil Accommodation Review to take place for those schools. From there a full school and community consultation will take place. The Board of Trustees will make a final decision taking into consideration the initial recommendation as well as the results of the Pupil Accommodation Review.

At this time **no final decision has been made about any of our schools**. The school community will be provided with information and the opportunity for input if the time comes for a school to be considered for a Pupil Accommodation Review. Any decisions will be made based on the best educational needs of our students.

You will find more information at www.tlidsb.ca/accommodation-review.

Sincerely,



Larry Hope
Director of Education