

Accommodation Review Committee

PUBLIC INPUT

An accommodation review is taking place for Honey Harbour Public School. Members of the Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) would like to invite you to give your input.

There will be two (2) public input meetings during the 2016-2017 school year.

Thursday, December 8, 2016	6:30 p.m.	Baxter Ward Community Centre
Tuesday, February 21, 2017	6:30 p.m.	Baxter Ward Community Centre

Individuals or groups wishing to speak at a public input meeting need to fill out an Input Form and send it to one of the schools or to the school board. The form is found on the TLDSB website at www.tldsb.ca or at Honey Harbour Public School or Glen Orchard Public School.

1. Presentation by an individual

Individuals may present to the ARC at one of the public input meetings listed above and are given up to 5 minutes to speak. Please bring with you a written summary of your presentation for the ARC.

2. Presentation by a group

One person representing a group or organization may speak for up to 10 minutes at one of the public input meetings listed above. Please bring with you a written summary of your presentation for the ARC.

3. Written Submissions

Individuals and organizations are welcome to submit input to the ARC in writing at any time. Input forms are available on the Board website and at each of the schools.

4. Questions at Public Meetings

There will be an opportunity to submit questions in writing at each public input meeting.

For more information please contact Karen Franke in the Director's Office at 1-888-526-5552 ext 22104.

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PUBLIC INPUT FORM

Please indicate how you would like to provide input:

I wish to present as individual

Individuals may present to the ARC at one of the public input meetings listed above and are allotted up to 5 minutes to speak. Please provide a written summary of your presentation for the ARC.

I wish to present as an individual representing a group

One person representing a group or organization may speak for up to 10 minutes at one of the public input meetings listed above. Please provide a written summary of your presentation for the ARC.

Name of group: _____

I wish to submit my input in writing (please attach submission)

Individuals and organizations are welcome to submit input to the ARC in writing at any time throughout the process.

Topic: _____

Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Email: _____

Please send this Input Form and your written submission to Honey Harbour Public School or Glen Orchard Public School, or to Karen Franke in the Director's Office:

Email: karen.franke@tlds.on.ca

Mail: Trillium Lakelands District School Board, P.O. Box 420, 300 County Road 36, K9V 4S4

Fax: 705-324-4323

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Hi, my name is Tracey Bourgoiin. I am from Honey Harbour and I have two children attending Honey Harbour Public School. One in grade 8 and the other child in grade 6. Being born and raised in the small community of Honey Harbour, I also attended Honey Harbour Public School and went on to endure two diplomas and graduated with honors.

Without a doubt the teachers and children have now are adequate in teaching a blended learning classroom. They do a tremendous job and should be commended for it. The only thing that changed is the fact that our children are not getting the funding in which they're entitled to for extra curricular activities. Being that HHPS is under an accommodation review I have seen how this process has tremendously impacted our children this year. TLDSB should be ashamed of themselves being that you quoted numerous times, "For the children's well being it would benefit them to attend a larger school at Glen Orchard." Your board has caused children at our school to have anxiety because they do not know what the future has to hold. You will not only devastate this community by taking away our school, you will create a domino effect by closing the library, stores, etc. because we need children to stay in our community in order to make it thrive. I do not want Honey Harbour to become a ghost town!

Being that no one on the TLDSB lives in this community, I would like you to take a few moments to put yourself in our situation. Would you place your child on a bus ride that is on a major highway for over an hour? I will not be sending my child on the bus to Glen Orchard because I could not fathom the fact of something horrible happening. Attending a larger school in a different community creates other issues. What if my child becomes sick, is my child being bullied by another student, what if two students on the same bus do not get along, is he/she going to fear getting onto the bus? I can go on, but if HHPS closes down I will take the time out of my work schedule and drive him/her to Victoria Harbour Public School in Tay Shore. I will have two boys attending a high school in Midland and I don't have the time to go out of my way in the opposite direction to get him/her if anything happens. Also, by not allowing the teachers to talk to the students you have now created a negative impact on the relationships with the teachers and students. I've attended all the ARC meetings and public meetings in our area and find it hard to keep quiet in the corner. First of all, the fact that we are being misled with an express bus. Please explain how some students in our community already take a bus to HHPS and it over an one and 20 minutes, and you can sit in front of us and outright mislead us and tell us that the express bus will pick up the students at their house and be driven to Glen Orchard in 55 minutes? Please teach our children right by not misleading the public and show through example. Give us the respect we desire. Please reconsider keeping HHPS open and collect more information before it's too late! Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Tracey Bourgoiin,

A concerned parent in the Honey Harbour/Port Severn Community