

February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I wanted to take the opportunity to follow up on the letter sent home a few weeks ago regarding the recommendations that came out of our Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) - South. There are several points that I believe require clarification prior to the public meeting on February 15, 2011 at Hill Park Secondary School.

As you may recall, one of the recommendations was to close Barton and construct a new facility. We recognize the value a school has within its community and there are no plans to move the potential new school outside the boundaries of Ward 6. While this recommendation depends on Ministry approval and funding for a new school, this facility would provide accommodation for students both north and south of the Lincoln Alexander Parkway.

Please remember, the accommodation review is a year-long process that involves input from parents, community members, principals, students, teachers and staff. The ARC will now be looking at developing its own recommendations to be presented to trustees over the weeks and months ahead. You can find more information about the ARC by visiting the website at [www.hwdsb.on.ca/arc](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/arc).

Public consultation is at the heart of the accommodation review process and we encourage you to attend the first public meeting. The public meetings provide a way for the community to share their thoughts about the proposed recommendation and ask for clarification on any of the information presented to the ARC. The first public meeting of the South ARC is scheduled to take place on February 15, 2011 at Hill Park Secondary School from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you on February 15, 2011 at Hill Park.

Sincerely,



Ken Bain

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