



**Accommodation Review Committee**  
**Central Whitby**  
**Newsletter #2**

At the May 21, 2008 Regular Board Meeting, the Durham District School Board (DDSB) established an Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) for the central Whitby area. Families from the affected schools were advised of this process through a newsletter dated May 21, 2008. This is an update of the ARC process which is now underway.

The following six schools have been identified in consideration of this review.

Three of the schools, in need of significant repair, have been identified as potential closure/consolidation candidates and are as follows:

- Florence M. Heard Public School
- Leslie McFarlane Public School
- Palmerston Avenue Public School

Three schools are included for consideration as enrolment and program moves. These schools are not under consideration for closure. The schools are as follows:

- Captain Michael VandenBos Public School
- Jack Miner Public School
- Pringle Creek Public School

The ARC process is designed to be an extremely collaborative and open process. The ARC is made up of more than 30 community members and includes representatives from each of the schools under review.

The public is welcome to attend the four public meetings to obtain information, and to provide and receive feedback. The public is invited to attend the fourteen ARC working group meetings as observers.

The first ARC working meeting was held on Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>. The next scheduled ARC working meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 3 – 5 pm at the Education Centre. The first ARC Public Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> from 7 – 9 pm at Pringle Creek Public School (80 Ribblesdale Drive). Please refer to the Board's Website for other meeting dates and times. The ARC process at the Board level is scheduled to be completed by May 2009.

Available information may be accessed via the Board's Website or through a link on your school's Website (where available). Students and parents at the six schools under review can also expect regular updates in their school newsletter. Paper copies of information will also be available upon request at the Education Centre.

Additionally, questions can be forwarded to the ARC by way of email at [arccentralwhitby@durham.edu.on.ca](mailto:arccentralwhitby@durham.edu.on.ca), or voicemail at 905 666-8080, extension 5280.

The ARC will develop options to improve the education opportunities for the students in central Whitby as well as examine options already developed by the Board as it prepares its school valuation report and recommendations on school accommodation for the Board.

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For more information on the Accommodation Review Committee for central Whitby, please visit the Board's Website at  
[www.durham.edu.on.ca](http://www.durham.edu.on.ca)