



**Notice of the Establishment of an
Accommodation Review and
Establishment of Accommodation Review Committee
Central Whitby**

At the May 20, 2008 Board Meeting, the Durham District School Board (DDSB) Trustees approved the establishment of a Pupil Accommodation Review, and the establishment of an Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) for the central Whitby area. The report titled *Accommodation Review and Establishment of Accommodation Review Committee – Central Whitby* is available on the Board's Website at www.durham.edu.on.ca, under the School Accommodation Updates link. Paper copies of the report can also be obtained in person at the Education Centre. 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 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 14 ARC working group meetings as observers. Available information may be accessed via the Board's Website, or through a link on your school's Website (where available). Paper copies of information will also be available upon request at the Education Centre. Additionally, with the commencement of the ARC process, questions can be forwarded to the ARC by way of email at arccentralwhitby@durham.edu.on.ca, or voicemail at 905 666-8080, extension 5280.

Consistent with Ministry of Education Guidelines and Board approved Policy and Procedure #7113; the ARC will be made up of various community members, potentially up to 34 individuals, including various representation from each school. Letters of invitation will be sent out over the next week to the Town of Whitby, the Whitby Chamber of Commerce, as well as the principals for each school named above. Each school will have a teacher representative, a non-teaching representative and up to two parent representatives. Each principal will liaise with their school to determine the ARC members to represent the school.

The process will consist of four public meetings and fourteen ARC working meetings, commencing in June 2008 with completion of this process scheduled for May 2009. In June 2008, an ARC working meeting will be held to provide ARC members with background information that may be read over the summer months. This information will be made available on the Board Website. The process will begin in September 2008. The ARC process at the Board level is scheduled to be completed by May 2009. 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