

January 27, 2012

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Dear Mr. Anderson:

Thank you for your delegation to the Board at its Regular Meeting on January 24, 2012 regarding the proposed school closures in the Clarkson community.

I am writing to confirm that, at that meeting, the Board approved, as amended, the recommendations of the Clarkson/Erindale Accommodation Review. The final recommendations reflect the recommendations that were developed by the Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) and supported in the staff response to the ARC report that was presented to the Physical Planning & Building Committee on January 11. A copy of the report, including the amended recommendation #4, is attached for your information.

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In your delegation, you questioned the cancellation of the August 3rd meeting of the Park Royal Community Association and the distribution of the Association's survey. With respect to the August 3rd meeting, I would like to clarify that the meeting was cancelled by the Association, not the Trustee, which is the reason that invitations were not sent out. With regard to the survey, subsequent to your delegation, I received two emails from two individuals in attendance at the Board meeting, who indicated they received the survey. Furthermore, I have reviewed the Park Royal Community Association's submission to the Accommodation Review Committee, which references the survey in its recommendation, quoted below:

"Our membership survey results indicate that Hillside Public School has the highest preference to be kept open and retrofitted to accommodate increased students. It is important to have a school central to the community. If Hillside were to close and two schools remained open – Willow Glen and Elmcrest, there is an ongoing possibility that either school may eventually slip under 60% enrolment with the next 5 years and come again under ARC consideration. For that reason, it would be generally supported to have one school open at which resources for the entire community could be consolidated. The school to remain open would be Hillside Public School."

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