SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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Regular Board Meeting 2018/09

A G E N D A

Monday, August 20, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.

Designated Site: Marathon Board Office, 12 Hemlo Drive, Marathon, ON

Videoconference Site Locations

Superior-Greenstone District School Board	(SGDSB)	12 Hemlo Drive, Marathon, ON
Manitouwadge High School	(MNHS)	200 Manitou Road W., Manitouwadge, ON
Lake Superior High School	(LSHS)	Hudson Drive, Terrace Bay, ON
SGDSB Learning Centre	(SGDSBLC)	46 Salls Street, Red Rock, ON
Geraldton Composite High School	(GCHS)	500 Second Street West, Geraldton, ON

Board Chair: *Pinky McRae* ***Director:*** *David Tamblyn*

VC Sites: Board Office / LSHS / GCHS / MNHS *Recorder: G. Christianson*

PART I: Regular Board Meeting *Section (A): – (open to public): 6:30 p.m.*
PART II: Committee of the Whole Board *Section (B) In-Camera: – (closed to public) TBA*

1.0 Roll Call

Trustees	*Attendance: On-site (OS); Teleconference (TC); Videoconference (VC); Absent (A); Regrets (R)*										
	OS	*TC*	*VC*	*A*	*R*		*OS*	*TC*	*VC*	*A*	*R*
Furoy, Logan (Student)						McIntyre, Margaret					
Melissa Lanovaz						McRae, Pauline (Pinky)					
Groulx, Michael						Pelletier, Allison					
MacGregor, Aaron						Sabourin, Stanley					
Mannisto, Mark						Vallance, Greg					

Board Administrators	*Attendance: On-site (OS); Teleconference (TC); Videoconference (VC); Absent (A); Regrets (R)*				
	OS	*TC*	*VC*	*A*	*R*
Tamblyn, David: *Director of Education*					
Tsubouchi, Cathy: *Superintendent of Business*					
Morden Cormier: Nicole: *Superintendent of Education*					
Charles Bishop: *Superintendent of Education*					
Williams, Dianne: *Manager of Accounting Services*					
Paris, Marc: *Manager of Plant Services/Transportation*					
Demers, Linda: *Coordinator of Business Services*					
Lucas, Jay: *Coordinator of Information Technology Services*					
Christianson, GerriLynn: *Administrative Assistant to Director*					

PART I: *Regular Board Meeting* — *Section (A): – (open to public): 6:30 p.m.*

2.0 Regular Meeting Call to Order

✓***That,*** *the Superior-Greenstone DSB Regular Board Meeting on Monday, August 20, 2018 be called to order at _____ p.m.*

3.0 Approval of Agenda

✓***That,*** *the agenda for the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2018/09 Regular Board Meeting, August 20, 2018 be accepted and approved.*

4.0 Disclosures of Interest re: Open Session

5.0 Minutes: Board Meetings and Board Committee Meetings

5.1 Board Meetings

✓***That,*** *the minutes of the following Board meeting be adopted:*

1. *Regular Board Meeting 2018/08: July 16, 2018* *(Attached)*

6.0 Business Arising Out of the Minutes

7.0 Delegations and/or Presentations

Nil

8.0 Reports and Matters for Decision

8.1 Board Committee Reports: (Statutory / Standing / Ad Hoc)

8.1.1	Board Audit Committee	*(M. Mannisto/ C. Tsubouchi)*
8.1.2	Board Policy Review Committee	*(M. McIntyre/ D. Tamblyn)*
8.1.3	Native Education Advisory Committee	*(S. Sabourin/ D. Tamblyn)*
8.1.4	Occupational Health & Safety Committee	*(M. Groulx/ M. Paris)*
8.1.5	Parental Involvement Committee	*(N. Morden Cormier)*
8.1.6	Special Education Advisory Committee	*(D. Tamblyn)*

9.0 Reports of the Business / Negotiations Committee

Superintendent of Business: C. Tsubouchi
Business /Negotiations Chair: Michael Groulx

9.1 Report No. 34
2017-2018 Interim Report No. 3 *(Attached – C. Tsubouchi)*

9.2 Borrowing Bylaw 143 *(Attached – C. Tsubouchi)*

✓ ***That,*** *the Superior-Greenstone DSB approves Bylaw No. 143 being a bylaw to authorize the borrowing of up to seven million dollars ($7,000,000.00)*

9.3 Report No. 35:
Elementary Staffing Adjustment for 2018-2019 *(Attached – C. Tsubouchi)*

✓ ***That,*** *having received Report No. 35: Elementary Staffing Adjustment for 2018-2019, the Superior-Greenstone DSB authorize Senior Administration to add up to 2.0 FTE to elementary staffing in September for 2018-2019, if the addition is required to comply with Primary Class Size requirements.*

10.0 Reports of the Director of Education *Director of Education: David Tamblyn*

10.1 Director's Monthly Report *(D. Tamblyn)*

11.0 Reports of the Education Committee *Superintendent of Education: N. Morden Cormier*
Superintendent of Education: C. Bishop

Nil *Education Chair: Margaret McIntyre*

12.0 New Business *Board Chair: P. McRae*

12.1 Board Chair
12.1.1 a) ETFO Letter re 2015 Health and Physical Education Curriculum *(Attached)*

12.2 Trustee Associations and Other Boards

12.3 Future Board Meeting Agenda Items

13.0 Notice of Motion

14.0 Observer Comments *(Members of the public limited to 2-minute address)*

PART II: Committee of the Whole Board *Section (B) In-Camera: – (closed to public) TBA.*

15.0 Committee of the Whole Board *(In-Camera Closed)* *(Attached)*

15.1 Agenda: Committee of the Whole Board – Closed

✓***That,*** *the Superior-Greenstone DSB go into a Committee of the Whole Board Section B (Closed Session) at _____ p.m. and that this portion be closed to the public.*

15.2 Rise and Report from Closed Session

✓***That,*** *the Superior-Greenstone DSB rise and report from the Committee of the Whole Board Section B (Closed Session) at _____ p.m. and that this portion be open to the public.*

16.0 Report of the Committee of the Whole Closed Section B

16.1 ✓***That,*** *the Superior-Greenstone DSB Committee of the Whole, In-Camera Section B (Closed) Reports be adopted including the confidential minutes from the meeting held as:*

1. *Regular Board 2018/08: July 16, 2018* *(Attached)*

16.2 Other Recommendations from Committee of the Whole Closed Session
(This section may be used as required coming out of closed session)

✓***That**, the Superior-Greenstone DSB adopt the following recommendations as related to the confidential reports, which include:*

- *(list motions here which may apply)*

17.0 Adjournment

✓***That,** the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2018/09 Regular Board Meeting, Monday, August 20, 2018 adjourn at _____, p.m.*

2018 - Board Meetings *Designate Site: Marathon Board Meeting Room / Time 6:30 p.m.*		
Monday, August 20, 2018		
Monday, September 24, 2018	Monday, October 22, 2018 **Designate Site: LSHS*	Monday, November 19, 2018
Monday, December 3, 2018 (1:00 p.m.)		

SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Regular Board Meeting 2018/08
Committee of the Whole Board: Closed Session.

Monday, August 20, 2018

Designated Site: Marathon Board Office, 12 Hemlo Drive, Marathon, ON

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Board Chair: *Pinky McRae*	***Director:*** *David Tamblyn*
VC Sites: *Board Office / LSHS / GCHS / MNHS*	*Recorder: G. Christianson*

PART II: Committee of Whole Board – Closed	*Section (B): In-Camera TBD.*

1.0	Disclosure of Interest: re Closed Session	*(P. McRae)*
2.0	Approve Agenda: Committee of the Whole In-Camera (Closed)	*(P. McRae)*
3.0	In-Camera (closed) Meeting Minutes 1. Regular Board Meeting 2018-08: July 16, 2018	*(Attached)*
4.0	Report IC-01-18	*(Attached - C. Tsubouchi)*
5.0	Personnel Item A	*(D. Tamblyn)*
6.0	Personnel Item B	*(Attached - D. Tamblyn)*
7.0	Personnel Item C	*(P. McRae)*

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PART I: Regular Board Meeting — *Section (A) : – (open to public): 6:30 p.m.*
PART II: Committee of the Whole Board — *Section (B) In-Camera: – (closed to public) 6:57 p.m.*

1.0 Roll Call

Trustees	*Attendance: On-site (OS); Teleconference (TC); Videoconference (VC); Absent (A); Regrets (R)*										
	OS	*TC*	*VC*	*A*	*R*		*OS*	*TC*	*VC*	*A*	*R*
Furoy, Logan (Student)			x			McIntyre, Margaret	x				
Melissa Lanovaz					x	McRae, Pauline (Pinky)	x				
Groulx, Michael		x				Pelletier, Allison		x			
MacGregor, Aaron		x			x	Sabourin, Stanley					x
Mannisto, Mark		x				Vallance, Greg					x

Board Administrators	*Attendance: On-site (OS); Teleconference (TC); Videoconference (VC); Absent (A); Regrets (R)*				
	OS	*TC*	*VC*	*A*	*R*
Tamblyn, David: *Director of Education*	x				
Tsubouchi, Cathy: *Superintendent of Business*	x				
Morden Cormier: Nicole: *Superintendent of Education*		x			
Charles Bishop: *Superintendent of Education*					x
Williams, Dianne: *Manager of Accounting Services*					x
Paris, Marc: *Manager of Plant Services/Transportation*					x
Demers, Linda: *Coordinator of Business Services*					x
Lucas, Jay: *Coordinator of Information Technology Services*	x				
Christianson, GerriLynn: *Administrative Assistant to Director*	x				

PART I: *Regular Board Meeting* — *Section (A): – (open to public): 6:35 p.m.*

2.0 Regular Meeting Call to Order

106/18
Moved by: Trustee M. McIntyre *Second: Trustee M. Groulx*
✓***That,*** *the Superior-Greenstone DSB Regular Board Meeting on Monday, July 16, 2018 be called to order at 6:35 p.m.*

Carried

3.0 Approval of Agenda

107/18
Moved by: Trustee M. Mannisto *Second: Trustee M. McIntyre*
✓***That,*** *the agenda for the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2018/08 Regular Board Meeting, July 16, 2018 be accepted and approved.*

Carried

4.0 Disclosures of Interest re: Open Session

Nil

5.0 Minutes: Board Meetings and Board Committee Meetings

5.1 Board Meetings

108/18
Moved by: Trustee M. McIntyre *Second: Trustee A. Pelletier*
✓***That,*** *the minutes of the following Board meeting be adopted:*
1. *Regular Board Meeting 2018/07: June 25, 2018*

Carried

6.0 Business Arising Out of the Minutes

Nil

7.0 Delegations and/or Presentations

Nil

8.0 Reports and Matters for Decision

8.1 Board Committee Reports: (Statutory / Standing / Ad Hoc)
Nil

9.0 Reports of the Business / Negotiations Committee

Superintendent of Business: C. Tsubouchi
Business /Negotiations Chair: Michael Groulx

9.1 Report No. 33: Board Estimates 2018-2019

Superintendent of Business, Cathy Tsubouchi provided a comprehensive overview of this report. The 2017 /2018 Estimates have a $290,802.00 deficit for compliance purposes. This deficit is within the limits allowed under the Education Act, thus the budget is compliant. The 2018/2019 Estimates are based on a projected total enrolment of 1,417.64 FTE and has been developed with a focus on our strategic priorities of learning, well-being, relationships and stewardship.

109/18
Moved by: Trustee M. McIntyre *Second: Trustee M. Groulx*
✓***That****, the Superior-Greenstone DSB having received Report No.33: Board Estimates for 2018/2019 adopts the estimates for the 2018/2019 school year as presented.*

Carried

10.0 Reports of the Director of Education

Director of Education: David Tamblyn

Nil

11.0 Reports of the Education Committee

Superintendent of Education: N. Morden Cormier
Superintendent of Education: C. Bishop
Education Chair: Margaret McIntyre

Nil

12.0 New Business

Board Chair: P. McRae

12.1 Board Chair
Nil

12.2 Trustee Associations and Other Boards
Nil

12.3 Future Board Meeting Agenda Items
Nil

13.0 Notice of Motion

Nil

14.0 Observer Comments

Nil

PART II: Committee of the Whole Board	*Section (B) In-Camera: – (closed to public) 6:57 pm*

15.0 Committee of the Whole Board *(In-Camera Closed)*

15.1 Agenda: Committee of the Whole Board – Closed

110/18
Moved by: Trustee M. McIntyre *Second: Trustee M. Mannisto*
✓***That,*** *the Superior-Greenstone DSB go into a Committee of the Whole Board Section B (Closed Session) at 6:57 p.m. and that this portion be closed to the public.*

Carried

15.2 Rise and Report from Closed Session

111/18
Moved by: Trustee M. Mannisto *Second: Trustee M. McIntyre*
✓***That,*** *the Superior-Greenstone DSB rise and report from the Committee of the Whole Board Section B (Closed Session) at 7:15 p.m. and that this portion be open to the public.*

Carried

16.0 Report of the Committee of the Whole Closed Section B

16.1 ***112/18***
Moved by: Trustee M. Mannisto *Second: Trustee A. Pelletier*
✓***That,*** *the Superior-Greenstone DSB Committee of the Whole, In-Camera Section B (Closed) Reports be adopted including the confidential minutes from the meeting held as:*
1. Regular Board 2018/07: June 25, 2018

Carried

16.2 Other Recommendations from Committee of the Whole Closed Session
113/18
Moved by: Trustee M. McIntyre *Second: Trustee M. Groulx*
✓***That****, the Superior-Greenstone District School Board, appoint William Goodman as Interim Superintendent of Education, for one year effective August 1, 2018 pending approval by the Minister.*

Carried

17.0 Adjournment

114/18

Moved by: Trustee M. Groulx *Second: Trustee A. Pelletier*

✓***That,*** *the Superior-Greenstone DSB 2018/08 Regular Board Meeting, Monday, June 25, 2018 adjourn at 7:16, p.m.*

Carried

2018 - Board Meetings *Designate Site: Marathon Board Meeting Room / Time 6:30 p.m.*		
	Monday, July 16, 2018	Monday, August 20, 2018
Monday, September 24, 2018	Monday, October 22, 2018 **Designate Site: LSHS*	Monday, November 19, 2018
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SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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Committee of the Whole Board: Closed Session.

Monday, July 16, 2018

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T O P I C S

Board Chair: *Pinky McRae*	***Director:*** *David Tamblyn*
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PART II: Committee of Whole Board – Closed	*Section (B): In-Camera 6:57 p.m.*

1.0 Disclosure of Interest: re Closed Session

2.0 Approve Agenda: Committee of the Whole In-Camera (Closed)

3.0 In-Camera (closed) Meeting Minutes
1. Regular Board Meeting 2018-07: June 25, 2018

4.0 Personnel Item A

5.0 Personnel Item B

Regular Board Meeting 2018-08

Monday, July 16, 2018

M I N U T E S

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2018

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SECRETARY

_____
CHAIR

SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Report No: 34
Date: August 20, 2018

TO: Chair and Members of the
Superior-Greenstone District School Board

FROM: Cathy Tsubouchi, Superintendent of Business

SUBJECT: 2017/2018 Interim Report No. 3

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Responsible Stewardship of Resources

Background

As outlined in a Report to the Board in September 2017, the purpose of the interim financial reports is to provide management and the Board of Trustees with a clear understanding of the status of the current year's budget versus actual expenditures to date, and an outlook for the remainder of the year.

Current Situation

The attached report covers the period from September 1 to June 30, 2018 and is the third report for the 2017/2018 school year.

Administrative Recommendations

The report entitled, 2017/2018 Interim Report No. 3 is presented to the board for information.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Tsubouchi
Superintendent of Business

SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DSB
2017-18 Interim Financial Report **For the Period Ending June 30, 2018**

Summary of Financial Results

	Estimates	Forecast	In-Year Change $	In-Year Change %
Revenue				
Operating Grants	28,346,037	28,308,342	(37,695)	(0.1%)
Capital Grants	6,478,318	6,970,301	491,983	19.2%
Other	6,101,251	5,604,550	(496,701)	(8.4%)
Total Revenue	40,925,606	40,883,193	(42,413)	(0.1%)
Expenditures				
Classroom	26,990,461	26,442,692	(517,269)	(2.0%)
Other Operating	2,899,986	2,930,363	(73,223)	(2.6%)
Transportation	1,826,244	1,823,032	(3,212)	(0.2%)
Pupil Accomodation	8,884,740	9,359,521	615,781	6.5%
Other	581,598	668,898	87,300	13.1%
PSAB Adjustments	9,880	(123,662)	(133,542)	108.0%
Total Expenditures	41,192,909	41,100,844	(24,165)	(0.06%)
In-Year Surplus (Deficit)	**(267,303)**	**(217,651)**	**49,652**	n/a
Prior Year Accumulated Surplus (Deficit)	2,666,161	2,666,161	-	0.0%
Accumulated Surplus (Deficit) for Compliance	**2,398,858**	**2,448,510**	**49,652**	**2.1%**

Note: Forecast based on year-to-date actuals up to June 30, 2018.

Changes in Revenue
- Operating Grants down due to the decline in enrolment
- Other revenue decreased due to lower tuition fees from decreased enrolment for Other Pupils of the Board
- Capital grants include amortization of DCC which has increased due to funding for more projects This offsets depreciation.

Change in Expenditures
-Pupil Accomodation increased due to higher amortization projected due to increased capital grants.
-Classroom and Other expenses adjusted due to grant and tuition shortfall.

Change in Surplus/Deficit
- For compliance purposes, we are projecting a deficit of $217,651 which is a minor variation from Budget.

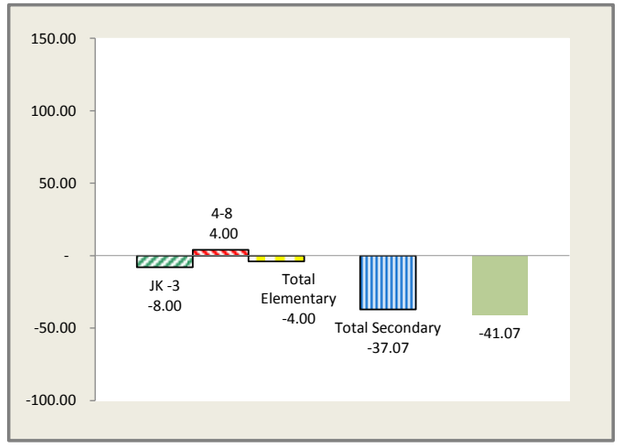
Risks & Recommendations
- Retirement payments are being funded from our current grants.

Summary of Enrolment

ADE	Estimates	Forecast	In-Year Change #	In-Year Change %
Elementary				
JK -3	393.00	385.00	- 8.00	*-2.0%*
4-8	385.00	389.00	4.00	*1.0%*
Total Elementary	**778.00**	**774.00**	**- 4.00**	***-0.5%***
Secondary <21				
Pupils of the Board	569.42	549.87	- 19.55	*-3.4%*
Other Pupils	127.40	109.88	- 17.52	*-13.8%*
Total Secondary	**696.82**	**659.75**	**- 37.07**	***-5.3%***
Total	**1,474.82**	**1,433.75**	**- 41.07**	***-2.8%***

Note: Forecast is based on March 31st count date

Changes in Enrolment: Budget v. Forecast



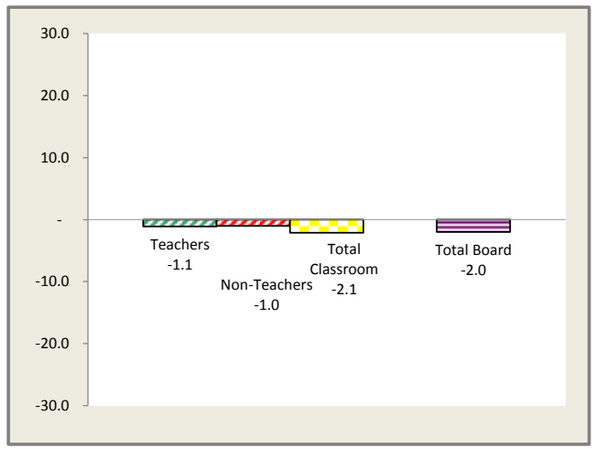
Highlights of Changes in Enrolment:
- Total board enrolment is down 41.07 ADE.

Summary of Staffing

FTE	Estimates	Forecast	In-Year Change #	In-Year Change %
Classroom				
Teachers	135.9	134.8	- 1.1	*-0.8%*
Non-Teachers	130.7	129.7	- 1.0	*-0.8%*
Total Classroom	**266.6**	**264.5**	**- 2.1**	***-0.8%***
Non-Classroom	**61.7**	**61.8**	**0.1**	***0.2%***
Total	**328.3**	**326.3**	**- 2.0**	***-0.6%***

Note: Actual as of March 31, 2018.

Changes in Staffing: Budget v. Forecast



Highlights of Changes in Staffing:
- Teachers down 1.1 due to some postions not yet filled for second semester.
- Non-teachers is down 1.0 FTE due to Indigenous Lead not being filled;

SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

BY-LAW No. 143

A By-Law to authorize the borrowing from time to time of seven million dollars ($7,000,000.00).

WHEREAS the total amount of the estimated revenues of the Superior-Greenstone District School Board as set out in its 2018-19 Estimates, not including revenues derivable from the sale of assets, borrowings, or issues of debentures or from surplus is Forty-Three Million Five Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Dollars ($43,536,990).

AND WHEREAS the Superior-Greenstone District School Board deems it necessary to borrow up to the sum of Seven Million Dollars ($7,000,000.00) to meet, until the current revenue has been received, its current expenditures as defined by the Education Act for the 2018-19 fiscal year and the debt charges of the Board in such year.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT the Secretary and Treasurer are hereby authorized to borrow on behalf of the Superior-Greenstone District School Board from TD Canada Trust from time to time by way of overdraft or promissory note or bankers' acceptance a sum or sums not exceeding at any one time Seven Million Dollars ($7,000,000.00) and to give on behalf of the Board, to the said Bank a promissory note or notes signed by the Secretary, Treasurer and/or Manager of Accounting Services for the monies so borrowed with interest which rate shall be as notified by the Bank to the Treasurer from time to time.

THAT all sums borrowed pursuant to the authority of this resolution as well as all other sums borrowed in this year and in any previous year from the said bank for the aforesaid purposes shall, with interest thereon, be a charge upon the whole of the revenues of the Board for the current year and for all preceding years as and when such revenues are received.

THAT the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to apply in payment of all sums borrowed as aforesaid, together with interest thereon, all of the monies hereafter collected or received either on account or realized in respect of the taxes levied for the current year and preceding years, or from any other source, which may lawfully be applied for such purposes.

Read a First, Second and Third Time, this **20th** day of **August, 2018.**

_____
Chair

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Secretary to the Board

SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Report No: 35
Date: August 22, 2018

TO: Chair and Members of the Superior-Greenstone District School Board

FROM: Cathy Tsubouchi, Superintendent of Business

SUBJECT: Elementary Staffing Adjustment for 2018-2019

STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Learning, Well-being, Relationships and Stewardship

Background

While the 2018/19 Estimates were constructed based on the Board's compliance with the Primary Class Size Requirements, we know that we are monitoring a couple of schools that could experience enrolment pressures.

Current Situation

In light of the PCS requirements and our need to comply, we are asking that the Board authorize a potential increase to elementary staffing of up to 2.0 full time equivalents (FTE). Administration will be monitoring the situation in September; however, the proposed resolution, which follows, will enable Administration to react in a timelier manner.

Administration will report to the Board in September on the status of this request.

Administrative Recommendation

That, having received Report No. 35: Elementary Staffing Adjustment for 2018-2019, the Superior-Greenstone DSB authorize Senior Administration to add up to 2.0 FTE to elementary staffing in September for 2018-2019, if the addition is required to comply with Primary Class Size requirements.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Tsubouchi,
Superintendent of Business

Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario
Fédération des enseignantes et des enseignants
de l'élémentaire de l'Ontario

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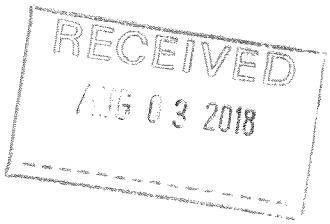

July 24, 2018

Pauline McRae
Chairperson
Superior-Greenstone District School Board
P.O. Bag "A", 12 Hemlo Drive
Marathon, ON P0T 2E0

Dear Pauline McRae:

I am writing on behalf of the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO) to seek your school board's support in pressing the provincial government to leave the 2015 Health and Physical Education Curriculum in place while it conducts another round of consultations on the sexual health component of the curriculum to fulfill an election promise. ETFO is concerned that requesting teachers to jettison the updated curriculum and return to the 1998 version will create unnecessary confusion and stress at the beginning of the school year.

Teachers and parents need clarity and assurance that there will not be chaos and uncertainty regarding how teachers will deliver the sexual health component of the curriculum in the coming year. Abrupt changes when teachers have already successfully transitioned to the updated curriculum undermine the legitimacy of provincially mandated curriculum. The current uncertainty will lead to unnecessary confusion on the part of school staff and parents and is not in the best interest of students.

ETFO is strongly opposed to the government's promise to repeal the curriculum. The Federation is concerned that making concessions to a vocal minority of parents, many of whom are misinformed about the current curriculum content, will have serious consequences for the health and safety of students.

We will continue to advocate against the repeal of the curriculum. As the Minister of Education proceeds with the upcoming consultations and navigating the politics of the issue, we hope the government will seriously consider the views of educators, school trustees, health experts and the majority of parents who support the updated sexual health curriculum.

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Any action your board takes to oppose the repeal of the curriculum and the government's plan to implement that policy change prior to the consultations would be an important contribution to the public advocacy on this issue.

Sincerely,

Sam Hammond
President

SH:VM

Copy Director of Education, Superior-Greenstone District School Board