

## SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

**Report No: 66**

**Date:** November 17, 2008

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

**FROM:** Patti Pella, Director of Education

**SUBJECT:** B.A Parker School Replacement Project

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### **Background**

On September 11, 2008, Michael Gravelle, M.P.P. for Thunder Bay, Superior North made a formal funding announcement regarding the B.A Parker School Replacement Project in Geraldton.

### **Current Situation**

On Thursday October 9, 2008, a meeting was held in Geraldton to outline the process and timelines for the School Replacement Project. The Director and Chair of the Board made a commitment to regular updates throughout the project.

The school communities were encouraged to become involved in the process and were asked to provide written submissions to the Director of Education by October 31 outlining their priorities and areas of concern. The project architect was provided with a summary of these submissions.

The B.A. Parker School Replacement Project Steering Committee has been established and includes:

- Chantal Barrett, Community Representative
- Vance Czerwinski, Community Representative
- Linda Penna, Principal, BAPS
- Cathy Kurish, Teacher, BAPS
- Kaitie MacOdrum, Student, BAPS
- Lisa Slomke, Parent Council BAPS
- Nancy Sutherland, Support Staff, BAPS
- Al Luomala, Principal, GCHS
- Heidi Lindsay, Teacher, GCHS
- Patti Davis, Support Staff, GCHS
- Kirsti Davis, Student, GCHS
- Julie Davis, Parent Council, GCHS
- Patti Pella, Director of Education SGDSB
- Wayne Chiupka, Manager of Plant SGDSB
- Mark Mannisto, Chair, SGDSB
- Jim Turner, Greenstone Trustee SGDSB

Architects, Ian Hill and Jim Evans met with staff and community members on Wednesday, November 5. Both meetings were well attended and informative in the respect that the community shared ideas on priorities, program, building use and hopes for the new building with the architect. On November 6, the architects toured the buildings with the principals and plant manager to gather data to come up with schematics for the replacement of B.A. Parker Public School.

It is expected that the schematics will be completed in December and the anticipated occupancy date is August 21, 2010.

There will be a B.A Parker School Replacement Project Link on the board website that will include all meeting minutes and information about the project.

The Steering Committee has expressed a desire to engage in a tour of an existing K-12 school.

**Administrative Recommendations**

That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receive as information Report No. 66: B.A. Parker School Replacement Project.

Respectfully submitted by:

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