

SUPERIOR-GREENSTONE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Report No: 67

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

FROM: Wayne Chiupka, Manager of Plant Services

SUBJECT: BAPS Project Update October 2009

Background:

In September 2008 the Ministry of Education provided a funding approval to proceed with the replacement of BAPS, which was determined to be Prohibitive to Repair (PTR). This approval included benchmark funding of \$4,477,030, plus additional funding of \$300,000 for full day JK/SK provision.

A Design Steering Committee was created for the purpose of community consultations. The services of the architectural firm of Evans Bertrand Hill and Wheeler were engaged, and the design process began. Input from the Steering Committee, which included various stakeholders and community members, was used to create several scenarios. A final preferred layout was determined and the architect was instructed to proceed to the drawing and design stage.

Current Situation:

Application was made to the Ontario Fire Marshal for preliminary approval of the design concept. The concept received basic approval with some conditions, including the upgrading of hallway fire separations throughout the building.

On September 28, 2009, the architects, Ian Hill and Jim Evans, of Evans Bertrand Hill and Wheeler, visited Geraldton Composite High School to investigate several aspects of the building including structure, fire separations, and use of space. With the information that was gathered, they will continue with the design process and creation of architectural drawings.

It is anticipated that the drawings will take a further four to six weeks of work before they are released to the Board for review.

Administrative Recommendations:

That, the Superior-Greenstone DSB receive as information Report No. 67: BAPS Project Update October 2009.

Respectfully submitted by:

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