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PRESS RELEASE

Date: Friday, June 21, 2002
To: Mayor and Council and Citizens, Township of Schreiber
From: Bette, Bartlett, Board Chair
Heather Wilson-Boast, Director of Education
Superior-Greenstone District School Board

Re: Lake Superior High School

In response to the key components outlined in the Schreiber Township Press Release dated June 20, 2002 the Superior-Greenstone District School Board would like the community to be aware of the following information as outlined in a letter dated June 11, 2002, to the legal council retained by the Township of Schreiber.

1. On March 22, 2002 the Board voted to close the Schreiber Campus of Lake Superior High School. The "Schreiber High School" has not existed as a separate entity under Ministry of Education designation since the creation of the Lake Superior High School. Lake Superior High School was not being reviewed for closure as a school. The Board clearly announced its intention to review the two campuses of Lake Superior High School on August 24, 2001.

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2. The Dual Campus School Review Committee was established by the Board to fulfill the mandate to review and determine whether the two campuses for Lake Superior High School would continue. The committee, which included representatives from school council, community members, student representatives and Board Resource Personnel met on ten occasions. Each of these meetings was open to the public. As well, the committee held four specially advertised public sessions on November 7 and 14, 2001 and February 26 and 27, 2002 for public discussion.
3. There was never any question that one of the options being considered by the review committee was the possible discontinuation of one campus. The Dual Campus Committee report sets out four options:
 - 1) A single campus in Terrace Bay
 - 2) A single campus in Schreiber
 - 3) Relocation of the Board Office to Schreiber
 - 4) The status quo.
4. The Special Board Meeting held March 5, 2002 was specifically constituted to hear presentations from the public. Concerned citizens, Dual Campus Committee members and Board Administration presented information to the Trustees at that time in public session. The Regular Board Meeting held on March 22 also heard presentations from concerned citizens including the Mayor of Schreiber Township, union representatives, committee members and administrative staff. The obligations of the Board to provide interested members of the community to present their views were met prior to the Board making its decision.
5. The Administrative Report indicated that the students could be accommodated without any major renovations to the Lake Superior High School in Terrace Bay. However, to implement any changes as suggested in the Dual Campus Committee report, the cost estimated in the Board's Administrative Report was noted to be as high as \$1 million dollars depending on the extent of the renovations.

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6. The letter to your legal representative on June 11, 2002 indicated that the Chair of the Board and the Director of Education would be pleased to meet with the Mayor and a representative of the Township of Schreiber. The Board was not contacted to set up such a meeting. An email from Don McArthur indicated we had not met the request of the Council to accommodate their meeting.

We trust this information will be helpful to the citizens of Schreiber at the meeting scheduled for Sunday June 23, 2002

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