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#### **Superior-Greenstone DSB Planning for New School for Geraldton**

MARATHON, Ontario – The Superior-Greenstone District School board has submitted a proposal to the Ministry of Education for funding to replace “Prohibitive to Repair” B.A. Parker Public School in Geraldton. The Prohibitive to Repair Capital Program is an important part of Ontario’s plan to ensure that all students benefit from safe and effective school facilities.

The Prohibitive to Repair process requires that school boards in Ontario submit a list of schools in the board deemed “Prohibitive to Repair”. In April of 2007, the Superior-Greenstone District School Board indicated to the Ministry of Education that B.A Parker Public School should remain on the list and that “replacement be pursued.”

In 2003 the Superior-Greenstone District School Board carried out a study of existing Kindergarten to Grade 12 (K-12) schools in Ontario and concluded that model is a positive one for students when specific criteria are met, specifically that elementary and secondary programs are separate.

Together with Geraldton Board Trustee Jim Turner, the Director of Education Patti Pella met with staff and some members of school council in Geraldton last week. While the group was excited about the potential of funding for a new school, there was apprehension around the K-12 model. Pella assured the group that there would be consultation and committee involvement to keep the community informed about the nature and timing of the project.

A community information meeting is scheduled for Friday April 4, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. at B.A Parker Public School Library. All are welcome to attend.