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NCDSB Undertakes a Pupil Accommodation Review for Kirkland Lake Schools

Kirkland Lake, February 10, 2012:

At its regular monthly board meeting held on May 18, 2011, the trustees of the Northeastern Catholic District School Board passed the following motion:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Northeastern Catholic District School Board place the following schools under Pupil Accommodation Review for the 2011-2012 school year: St. Jerome School and Sacred Heart Catholic School in Kirkland Lake.

Rick Brassard, Chair of the Board, commented, "This Public Accommodation Review will allow our Board the opportunity to review how we offer Catholic education in the community of Kirkland Lake. Our primary goal is to enhance the educational experience our current and future students enjoy."

The board policy *F-8, Pupil Accommodation Review* states that Accommodation Review Committees are required to hold a minimum of four public meetings to consult with stakeholders. As a result, the Northeastern Catholic District School Board invites interested parents, staff and community members to attend the first public meeting of the

PUPIL ACCOMMODATION REVIEW COMMITTEE (ARC) FOR SACRED HEART & ST. JEROME SCHOOLS Tuesday, April 17, 2012 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. St. Jerome School Gymnasium 128 Woods Avenue, Kirkland Lake, Ontario

At the first public meeting, the ARC will describe its mandate and outline the Pupil Accommodation Review process under Board policy which follows the Ministry of Education guidelines. It will also review the school specific information package and give the public a briefing on the data and issues to be addressed. The ARC will describe how the Generic School Valuation Framework has been customized. This meeting will be structured to encourage an open exchange of information from all parties and will receive community input.

For additional information, please visit us at www.ncdsb.on.ca or call our Community Relations Officer, Andrew Marks at 705-268-7433, ext 3213.