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## NCDSB Accommodation Review Committee Update for Kirkland Lake Schools

**Kirkland Lake, June 21, 2012:**

The third public Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) meeting took place in Kirkland Lake at St. Jerome School on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The ARC process for both Sacred Heart Catholic School and St. Jerome School has been occurring over the past 4 months, starting in February, 2012. The ARC Committee will now break for the summer months as prescribed by Pupil Accommodation Review guidelines that we have been following. We will be returning to the process in September 2012 with the fourth public meeting set to take place on Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

At the next public meeting, a draft final report will be presented by the two schools' Working Committees and we will be looking for public feedback on the recommendations contained in the report.

At last night's meeting, the Customized School Valuation Frameworks were reviewed and the scoring system was explained to all present. Those in attendance included staff members from both schools, the ARC Working Committee members, the ARC Steering Committee and members of the public.

Also, three options that were developed by the Working Committees were presented to the public for review and comment. The Working Committees proposed the following options that may be recommended to the Board of Trustees in the fall of 2012:

- A) Status quo
- B) Amalgamate two schools into a brand new building – Dual Track JK to Grade 8.
- C) Addition and/or renovation to one of the existing schools (based on research as to best location) – Dual Track JK to Grade 8.

Any option(s) may form the outcome from the ARC process.

If you would like to comment or provide additional options, please visit our web site at [www.ncdsb.on.ca](http://www.ncdsb.on.ca) and comment directly on the ARC Page or email Andrew Marks at [amarks@ncdsb.on.ca](mailto:amarks@ncdsb.on.ca) or call 705-268-7443 ext. 3213.

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