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Trustees Approve Recommendation of Accommodation Review Committee for St. Jerome and Sacred Heart Catholic Schools Kirkland Lake, November 29, 2012:

At its regular meeting of November 28, 2012, the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approved the following resolution regarding the Pupil Accommodation Review for St. Jerome and Sacred Heart Catholic Schools located in Kirkland Lake:

Be it resolved that the Northeastern Catholic District School Board approve the recommendation of the Accommodation Review Committee that St. Jerome School and Sacred Heart Catholic School remain status quo.

This decision supports the recommendation of the Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) which began its work in March 2012 and submitted its final report to the Board of Trustees in October 2012, following four Public Meetings and a series of working meetings.

In making the recommendation to the Board to maintain status quo, the Accommodation Review Committee considered pertinent information that came out of the accommodation process:

- Kirkland Lake is projected to have an increase in population due to economic development trends;
- The uniqueness of the JK to Grade 3 and Grades 4 to 8 structures of the schools;
- The two schools have been well maintained with recent renovations;
- The schools operate within the expenditure levels of the funding guidelines;
- The current financial restraints within the Ontario Ministry of Education.

We extend our appreciation to the Accommodation Review Committee for their dedicated work in this endeavour and we thank them for their patience, involvement and input throughout the entire process.

For more information about the ARC process or to review the ARC Final Report please visit <u>www.ncdsb.on.ca</u>.

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