
Colborne/Holmesville Accommodation Review Staff Option October 26, 2011

Option:

- Close Holmesville Public School and send its students to either Goderich Public School/Goderich District Collegiate Institute Elementary School or Clinton Public School based on the current Goderich District Collegiate Institute and Central Huron Secondary School boundaries
- Close Colborne Central Public School and send its students to either Goderich Public School/Goderich District Collegiate Institute Elementary School or Brookside Public School based on an east/west boundary which will run just south of Blyth Road

Rationale:

- Allows the congregation of students and staff in grades K-8 in sufficient numbers to adequately provide resources and job-embedded professional development
- Provides increased opportunities for a variety of grade configurations
- Makes more efficient use of existing capacities at Brookside Public School, Goderich Public School and Clinton Public School
- Recognizes the current and future limitations on Ministry funding available for ongoing maintenance of our school buildings

Other Notes:

- The net change in expenses versus revenue shows an annual savings to the Board of over \$400,000. This figure does not include further expected building renewal savings to be determined as part of the facilities review currently underway. The \$400,000 is primarily due to reductions in teacher staffing costs. Historically, savings from a reduction in the number of teachers required have been used to help address class size issues.
- The Ministry has advised us that their funding for deep retro-fits or replacement of facilities is extremely limited. Their first priority is to fund those areas where there is significant enrolment growth. The next priority is to fund necessary additions where schools are being consolidated. The other Ministry capital funding available is Full Day Kindergarten (FDK). The potential exists for capital funding for Early Years classroom spaces, which could fund additional Kindergarten spaces at Goderich Public School.
- The proposed option aligns elementary and secondary boundaries in the current Holmesville Public School catchment area. We project this will reduce transportation costs for the board and provide an even more substantial reduction in costs for the province.