

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW OF ACCOMMODATION REVIEW PROCESS

A review of a school board's accommodation review process may be sought if the following conditions are met.

An individual or individuals must:

- Submit a copy of the board's accommodation review policy highlighting how the accommodation review process was not compliant with the school board's accommodation review policy.
- Demonstrate the support of a portion of the school community through the completion of a petition signed by a number of supporters equal to at least 30% of the affected school's student headcount (e.g., if the headcount is 150, then 45 signatures would be required). Parents/guardians of students and/or other individuals that participated in the accommodation review process are eligible to sign the petition¹
 - The petition should clearly provide a space for individuals to print and sign their name; address (street name and postal code); and to indicate whether they are a parent/guardian of a student attending the school subject to the accommodation review, or an individual who has participated in the review process.
- Submit the petition and justification to the school board and the Minister of Education within thirty (30) days of the board's closure resolution.

The school board would be required to:

- Confirm to the Minister of Education that the names on the petition are parents/guardians of students enrolled at the affected school and/or individuals who participated in the review process.
- Prepare a response to the individual's or individuals' submission regarding the process and forward the board's response to the Minister of Education within thirty (30) days of receiving the petition.

If the conditions set out above have been met, the Ministry would be required to:

- Undertake a review by appointing a facilitator to determine whether the school board accommodation review process was undertaken in a manner consistent with the board's accommodation review policy within thirty (30) days of receiving the school board's response.

¹ Information contained in the petition is subject to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 1990*.

Dear Minister,

I am writing to request an Administrative Review of the accommodation review process undertaken by the [name of the school board] for the following school(s): [school name] , [school name] , [school name] .

On [date] , the Board of Trustees voted to [describe board resolution to close school/s, move students, keep school/s open and/or build new school/s] .

Attached please find our petition. The petitioners believe that the board did not follow its accommodation review policy in the following ways:

1) The board's policy states: [describe relevant section of the board's policy]

Instead, the board [describe how actual events differed]

2) The board's policy states: [describe relevant section of the board's policy]

Instead, the board [describe how actual events differed]

3) The board's policy states: [describe relevant section of the board's policy]

Instead, the board [describe how actual events differed]

[other examples as appropriate]

We believe the board did not follow its accommodation review policy, we hope that you will appoint an independent facilitator to review the board's accommodation review process.

Sincerely,

[Contact person for the petitioners]
Contact information