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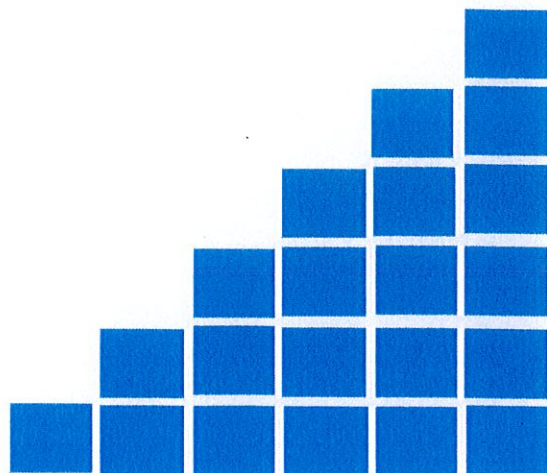
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Bonnie Norton

From: Bonnie Norton
Sent: November 8, 2016 10:15 AM
To: Marcel Booyink
Cc: Bill Gartland; John Cameron; Natalie Cameron
Subject: RE: Boundary Changes Rural Students

Good morning Marcel,

On behalf of Director Gartland I've been asked to respond to your inquiry below. No decisions have been made at this time regarding boundary changes or school consolidations/closures for the Cornwall area review. We are in the process of public consultation and are gathering feedback. We welcome your feedback as well. I would also encourage you to feel free to attend the public meeting scheduled for November 30th at St. Joseph CSS in Cornwall, beginning at 6:30pm in the Cafeteria.

Have a nice day!

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From: Marcel Booyink
Sent: November 8, 2016 9:28 AM
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Cc: Pupil Accommodation Review <par@cdsbeo.on.ca>; Victoria Booyink <victoria.booyink@cdsbeo.on.ca>
Subject: Boundary Changes Rural Students

Director of Education Mr. Bill Gartland and Superintendent Mr. John Cameron,

My name is Marcel Booyink, I am a teacher with the CDSBEO, I am currently teaching at St. Matthew's CSS. My wife, Mrs. Victoria Booyink is also a teacher with the CDSBEO she currently teaches at Sacred Heart Catholic Elementary School in Cornwall. We currently reside in Bonville, Ontario, about 12 minutes North of Cornwall. We have three young children; Emma (5) Ian (3) Wyatt (7 months). We have chosen to reside in a rural setting as we believe that the relaxed and peaceful nature that surrounds us is integral to an individual's development and overall wellbeing. Victoria and I believe that practicing our faith is integral to the development of our children. As teachers in the CDSBEO, we know how important Catholic Education is to the students attending our schools, and since our daughter has been attending Our Lady of Good Counsel, in Ingleside, we have seen first-hand how Catholic Education is shaping and guiding our daughter into becoming a caring, kind and empathetic young girl.

When Victoria and I first looked into the bussing zones for CDSBEO, (about 2 years ago) we were shocked to realize that if we wanted to send our children to a Catholic School that had French Immersion programming, our children would

have to attend St. Columban's Catholic Elementary School in Cornwall. We did not understand why rural children would be bussed into the city. They would be brought to a school where the school yard is mainly concrete.

Being that we feel very strongly that rural dwelling children should be able to attend rural schools, (keeping in mind, French Immersion) we thought about sending our children to the Upper Canada School Board. (They could attend an elementary school in Avonmore, ON) But after discussing this for quite a while we both agreed that Catholic Education was very important to us and it was something that we wanted for our children.

Due to the lack of bussing for our children to attend a rural Catholic Elementary School that offers French Immersion programming we decided that we would drive our children to Our Lady of Good Counsel, in Ingleside. 44km return.

So my question for you; with the news of the Pupil Accommodation Review in the Cornwall area, I was wondering if there has been any decision made in regards to how this will impact rural dwelling students who are currently being bussed to St. Columban's Catholic Elementary School? Currently, students wishing to receive Catholic French Immersion programming whom reside along the 138 corridor, North of Cornwall Centre Rd / South Branch Rd are currently slated to be bussed into Cornwall and attend St. Columban's West.

With the upcoming changes, I am wondering if there will be any modifications to the boundaries for these rural students? Will the boundaries for Our Lady of Good Counsel and Iona Academy be enlarged? Stretching the Eastern boundary from Avonmore rd. to HWY 138, a distance of approximately 7km, or the Iona Academy boundary lines further West to provide rural Catholic youth access to Catholic French Immersion education in a rural setting.

I am a very strong believer that these rural students should have access to bussing that will allow them to receive Catholic French Immersion Education in a rural setting. As we have recently heard and seen with the Public Board, rural parents are very frustrated that their children could be bussed into the city to attend school in an urban setting.

Please consider making the necessary changes and providing rural dwelling youth with access to French immersion Catholic Education in a rural setting.

Sincerely,
Marcel & Victoria Booyink

Bonnie Norton

From: Rodrigues, Hugo <HRodrigues@postmedia.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 12:59 PM
To: Bonnie Norton
Subject: Re: ARC working meeting?

Thanks for the confirmation.

Cheers,

Hugo

From: Bonnie Norton <Bonnie.Norton@cdsbeo.on.ca>
Sent: January 18, 2017 12:49:09 PM
To: Rodrigues, Hugo
Subject: RE: ARC working meeting?

Hi Hugo,

The meeting is going ahead as scheduled.

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From: Rodrigues, Hugo [mailto:HRodrigues@postmedia.com]
Sent: January 18, 2017 10:45 AM
To: Pupil Accommodation Review <par@cdsbeo.on.ca>
Subject: ARC working meeting?

Hi,

With school buses being cancelled today, I just wanted to confirm that the ARC working meeting scheduled for 6:30 p.m. this evening at St. Joseph's CSS is still a go.
We have planned to staff that meeting, so if it's been cancelled I need to let that reporter know about the change.

Thanks,

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