



## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

City of Peterborough Secondary Schools:  
Group Pupil Accommodation Review

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Q. *The Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board (KPR) has identified Adam Scott Collegiate Vocational Institute and Intermediate School, Kenner Collegiate Vocational Institute and Intermediate School, Peterborough Collegiate and Vocational School and Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School, for a group review for possible closure. What does that mean? Is a school now going to be closed?*

A. **No decision on the future of the schools has been made. A joint board-community Accommodation Review Committee will meet four times, beginning in February 2011, to examine the student accommodation needs at these schools. This committee will include representatives from the school board, schools, community members and school councils.**

**At the end of the study, the committee will prepare a report that will include recommendations on the future of the schools. Board Trustees will make the final decision on any possible school changes or closures in September 2011.**

Q. Why was Crestwood Secondary School not included within the review?

A. **Crestwood Secondary School is located in Peterborough County, not the City of Peterborough. More importantly, the school is operating at capacity, and is not projected to experience similar enrolment decline pressures as the schools within the city boundaries.**

Q. Why are Adam Scott and Kenner Intermediate schools included in the review?

A. **These schools have been included in the review simply because they share building space with their partner secondary school, and may be affected by the outcome of the accommodation review.**

Q. *Why have these schools been chosen by KPR for review?*

A. **School Board administration has the responsibility to annually bring to the attention of Board Trustees schools that, for a number of reasons, may be reviewed for a possible closure.**

**Some of the reasons why these schools were identified for this review include their current and projected enrolment, and the number and variety of programs they are able to provide to students based on this enrolment.**

## ***Enrolment***

**Enrolment is declining. There are 900 fewer students in these schools than there were 10 years ago. Enrolment at the four schools is currently 1,000 students below the capacity of the buildings. By 2015, enrolment projections indicate the schools will be 1,700 students below the capacity of the buildings; in other words, the four schools will have 1,700 fewer students than they were built to house.**

**The Board is funded on a per-pupil basis, so the fewer students it has the less funding it receives. Unfortunately, costs do not decline in the same proportion. It costs just as much to operate, heat and light a building that is not full, as it does for a building operating at capacity.**

## ***Program Viability***

**As the number of students declines in a secondary school there are fewer programs available; choice of programs for current students becomes increasingly limited. The declining student population reduces the number of teachers which, in turn, reduces the breadth of teaching expertise.**

**With current enrolment levels, some courses are already offered in multi-grade settings and others only in alternate years. This means, for example, that Grade 10 and 11 Math courses may be combined within one class, or that a Grade 12 Biology course may be offered only every other year.**

Q. Will a school definitely be closed, or could schools/programs be joined together?

A. **No decision will be made until after consultation with these communities through the Accommodation Review process. In the end, the Accommodation Review Committee may recommend a number of options, which could include closing a school, combining programs in some form, or continuing the status quo.**

Q. *On what will the Accommodation Review Committee base its discussions?*

A. **The committee will review a wide range of factors, including:**

- **how many students attend the schools now, and how many may be expected in future years**
- **the impact on the local community if the schools were to be closed**
- **the impact of a possible school closure on other schools**
- **whether the educational program the students receive at these schools is truly, and equitably, meeting their needs**
- **the physical condition of the school, and**
- **the financial implications of closing the school**

Q. *Are these committee meetings public? How can I share my thoughts with the committee in some way?*

A. **Yes. All committee meetings are public and the Board welcomes and encourages members of the community to attend.**

**It is important to note that, while the location of the meetings will rotate through the schools being reviewed, each meeting will NOT be specific to the host school.**

**Information regarding all four schools being reviewed will be presented at each meeting.**

**A meeting schedule has been established for the following dates:**

February 3, 2011	6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Thomas A. Stewart S.S
March 3, 2011	6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Kenner CVI
April 7, 2011	6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Adam Scott CVI
May 12, 2011	6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Peterborough CVS

**If you would like to make a formal, written submission to the committee, or simply send a letter or e-mail with your thoughts, please contact Cheryl L. Gzik, Administrative Assistant - Elementary Staffing and Accommodation Review, Education Centre, toll-free, at 1-877-741-4577, ext. 2020**

**There will also be an opportunity at the end of each committee meeting for members of the public to make submissions to the committee.**

**The most up-to-date information on the review, including a schedule of upcoming meeting dates, will also be available on the Board's website at [www.kprschoools.ca](http://www.kprschoools.ca)**

Q. *When will the review be completed, and what happens after that?*

A. **The Accommodation Review Committee will submit a report, including recommendations, to Board administration at the conclusion of its consultation process. A further report is expected to be presented to the Board of Trustees for consideration on the future of the schools in September 2011.**

Q. *When would a school be closed if the Board decided to do so?*

A. **This would depend upon the recommendations of the Committee to the Board.**

**If a decision to close a school were made in September 2011, it may be effective in September 2012 or September 2013.**

Q. *Whom can I contact if have further questions about this review?*

A. **Again, we welcome all members of the community to take part in this process. If you would like to learn more about the accommodation review, please contact your school Principal, or Cheryl L. Gzik Administrative Assistant - Elementary Staffing and Accommodation Review, Education Centre, toll-free, at 1-877-741-4577, ext. 2020.**