

**ATTACHMENT “T”
Accommodation Review Committee
Presenters’ Package**

The Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board values public input from students, parents, and stakeholders during Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) meetings. Your assistance in providing the following information as part of your request to present to the ARC is appreciated. Your written application should be brief and should adhere to the following format.

1. PURPOSE

Please provide one or two statements outlining the topic of your presentation.

The topic of my presentation will be to offer my reflections on the positive value of Thomas A. Stewart S.S. as a school community from the vantage point of a former Principal (2004 – 2008).

I will not be engaging in a critique of any other school as this would be neither helpful nor appropriate, nor will I engage in any comparison of the relative merits of TAS vs. the other schools under discussion as this is the role of the committee.

2. RATIONALE

Provide background facts and information which will assist the ARC with understanding the issue.

I am very familiar with the physical layout and structure of the building and its advantages when it comes to program delivery in many areas.

When I was Principal the enrollment of TAS went from the high 1100’s to the mid 900’s. I was involved in the discussion and implementation of decisions made re the closing of space due to declining enrollment as well as discussions with Senior Administration re the feasibility and costs involved in reactivating facilities and space in the event that students from other schools were directed to TAS. TAS can be activated to hold up to 1300 students approximately in a short space of time and at relatively little cost. During my tenure as Principal, TAS underwent a major modernization and refurbishment, including the installation of a new heating and air conditioning system, a new roof, etc., so the physical plant is in excellent shape and up to date.

The effective delivery of program in various areas cannot be divorced from the physical learning space. TAS is noted for its excellent programs in the Arts, Athletics, Outdoor Education and Technology. Not only are these programs well served by the physical facilities of the school itself, but these programs are further enhanced by TAS’s outstanding outdoor surroundings and playing fields. There is ample room at Thomas A. to expand its capacity considerably at little cost and without renovation.

TAS has, since its creation in 1968, provided a rich mix of varied programming in all streams. There is a strong culture of inclusion and respect to continue to build upon in the event that TAS became the destination of students from another school or schools. It is a strong school community and a valuable community resource in the East City and Peterborough and well worth preserving and building upon.

3. PRESENTATION CONTENT

- a) introduction of myself and explanation of my purpose for presenting – not there to engage in any criticism or verbal sparring with stakeholders of other schools but rather to offer my reflections based upon my experience as Principal of TAS from 2004 – 2008 (retired since 2010, so now private citizen)
- b) will bring clear and accurate information to the committee regarding the physical structure and

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