

Now that summer holidays are almost over it appears more information concerning Wembley's accommodation review is coming to light. Firstly, the ARC's recommendation, to close Wembley and renovate Princess Anne to accommodate the students from Wembley, faces another setback. The Facility Condition Index for Princess Anne has been calculated at 119%, significantly higher than Wembley's 87%. Why does it make more sense to keep Princess Anne open and close Wembley if Princess Anne is in worse condition? Secondly, presentations have been made that show Wembley could be renovated for much less money than the Board of Education has estimates for. Why would the ARC continue to recommend that the school be closed and millions of dollars (\$7.2 has been estimated) be spent to make Princess Anne suitable if Wembley could be fixed for half of that? Thirdly, for a process that has been touted as being "open," why has it taken two months for the public's comments to be posted on the Board of Education's website? If the majority of the submissions have been electronic would not a simple "cut and paste" take a matter of minutes? It would seem that the public's opinion is NOT wanted. Thank you for posting my comments re Wembley's accommodation review. I see that I missed the August 15/08 deadline for submissions that will accompany the Accommodation Review Report to be presented to the Administrative Council August 25/08. (By the way, where on the Board website does it state that August 15/08 was a deadline? This date was never mentioned at any of the ARC meetings I attended.) To whom can I send these comments? Should I present them formally at the public presentations to be held October 20/08?

Sincerely,  
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