

October 4, 2016

REMINDER TO JOIN US! Public Meeting Accommodation Review – Espanola Planning Area Thursday, November 3, 2016 from 6 pm to 8:30 pm Espanola High School, 147 Spruce Avenue, Espanola Opportunity for individuals to obtain information and provide input

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Rainbow District School Board has approved accommodation reviews for six planning areas in the 2016-2017 school year - Central Sudbury, Espanola, New Sudbury, Valley East, Valley North and West Sudbury.

There will be a public meeting in each of the planning areas where individuals will have an opportunity to obtain information and provide input by completing a feedback form (printed or online) and/or coming forward to speak.

The public meeting for the Espanola Planning Area will be held on Thursday, November 3, 2016 from 6 pm to 8:30 pm at Espanola High School, 147 Spruce Avenue, Espanola. All parents/guardians in the planning area are invited to attend. The input will inform the Capital and Accommodation Plan Final Staff Report.

Changes in funding from the Ministry of Education have resulted in a significant loss in provincial revenue for Rainbow District School Board. It is essential that we consolidate schools to reduce expenditures.

PROPOSED DELIVERY OF EDUCATION IN THE ESPANOLA AREA:

For September 1, 2017:

• Consolidate Webbwood Public School into the revitalized A.B. Ellis Public School on the Espanola High School site

IMPORTANT DATES:

Staff will present the Capital and Accommodation Plan Final Staff Report to Trustees at a Special Board Meeting on Thursday, November 24, 2016.

A Special Board Meeting will be held on Monday, December 12, 2016 for members of the public to make presentations to the Board of Trustees in accordance with the Board's governance by-laws, which can be accessed at http://www.rainbowschools.ca/board/policies-and-procedures/delegations

A Special Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 to decide accommodation review outcomes.

Locations and start times will be posted on rainbowschools.ca.

LEARN MORE:

More information is available on the Board website at rainbowschools.ca, including:

- Updates
- News releases with background information
- Capital and Accommodation Plan Initial Staff Report
- Long-Term Capital Plan Reports
- Board Policy GOV-15 Student Accommodation
- Community Planning and Facilities Partnerships Administrative Procedures
- Ministry of Education Guide to Pupil Accommodation Reviews

School Information Profiles will be posted on the Board website by October 7, 2016.

Sincerely,

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