

**RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
to be held in the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom  
at the Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive  
on Tuesday, January 30, 2018 at 5:15 p.m.

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<b>AGENDA AND RECOMMENDED MOTIONS</b>
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**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

\*Chair

Motion:

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of January 30, 2018 be approved.

**B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

\*Chair

**C. PRESENTATIONS**

\*Chair

1. LD Empower Pilot Project

2. Inclusion

**D. REPORT FROM THE IN-CAMERA COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE BOARD**

\*Director

**E. OLD BUSINESS**

\*Director

1. **Previous Minutes**

\*Chair

a) Motion:

That the minutes of the Organizational Board Meeting held on December 12, 2017 be approved.

b) Motion:

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on December 12, 2017 be approved.

c) Motion:

That the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on January 16, 2018 be approved.

2. **Capital and Accommodation Plan – Update #3**

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a) Valley North Planning Area

b) Early Years Capital Program Funding

3. **Tenders/Requests for Proposals** Nil \*SBO

4. **Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees** Nil \*Chair

**F. NEW BUSINESS** \*Chair

1. **Requests for Leave of Absence** \*Chair

Motion:

That \_\_\_\_\_ be granted a leave of absence from the January 30, 2018 Board meeting.

2. **Ontario Student Trustee Association – Board Council Conference** \*Chair

Motion:

That the Board approve the attendance of Student Trustee Leach Jarrett at the OSTA Board Council Conference in Ottawa February 15 to 18, 2018.

3. **Director's Remarks** \*Director

4. **Other Items** \*Chair  
OPSBA Delegate  
Student Trustee

5. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions** \*Chair  
*Reminder: Trustees who require detailed information on specific questions are encouraged to contact the Director prior to the meeting.*

6. **Chairperson's Remarks** \*Chair

**G. INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS** \*Chair

1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**

2. **Non-Staff Communications**

Letter to Conseil scolaire catholique du Nouvel Ontario dated Dec 20, 2017

Letter to Indira Naidoo-Harris, Minister of Education dated Jan 22, 2018

**H. FUTURE MEETINGS** \*Chair

Student Senate Meeting February 5, 2018 5:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom

Strategic Planning Cmttee Meeting Feb 6, 2018 5:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom

Special Education Advisory Cmttee Feb 7, 2018 12:00 pm Centre for Education Room 125

First Nation Advisory Committee February 15, 2018 10:00 am TBA

Equity & Inclusion Ed Committee February 15, 2018 4:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom

Board Meeting February 20, 2018 5:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom

Parent Involvement Committee Feb. 27, 2018 7:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom

Environmental Education Cmttee Meeting March 7, 2018 3:30 pm Centre for Ed Room 125

I. **ADJOURNMENT**

\*Chair

Motion:

That we do now adjourn at            p.m.

Rainbow District School Board

**MINUTES OF THE  
ORGANIZATIONAL BOARD MEETING**

held in the Ernie Checkers Boardroom  
in the Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury  
on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 5:40 p.m.

Present: Trustees: B. Clement, D. Dewar, G. Fox, J. Hunda, L. Killens  
(via phone), J. Kosmerly, D. Morrison, G. Santala, R.  
Ward, Student Trustee M. Jarrett Leach  
Officials: N. Blaseg - Director of Education  
D. Bazinet – Superintendent of Business  
B. Bourget, J. Noble, K. Wachnuk – Superintendents  
N. Charette, H. Thirkill

1. **Call to Order**

Director Blaseg called the meeting to order.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Motion: 18-R01, J.Kosmerly/D.Morrison

That the agenda for the Organizational meeting of the Board of December 12, 2017 be approved. - **Carried**

3. **Election of Chair**

Director Blaseg called for nominations for the position of Chair of Rainbow District School Board.

Bob Clement nominated Doreen Dewar.

a) Motion: 18-R02, J.Hunda/D.Morrison

That nominations be closed. - **Carried**

b) Motion: 18-R03, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly

That Doreen Dewar be declared acclaimed Chair of Rainbow District School Board. – **Carried unanimously**

4. **In-Coming Chair's Remarks** NIL

5. **Presentation to Outgoing Chair** NIL

6. **Past Chair's Remarks**

As both the past chair and the incoming chair, I would like to take this opportunity to say a few words using some of the thoughts and language in the 2016-2017 Annual Report.

The vision of the RDSB is worthy of our continued support and dedication. "We are leaders in learning, inspiring success for all students by reaching minds and touching hearts".

In Rainbow Schools throughout Sudbury, Espanola, Manitoulin Island and Shining Tree our priorities are clearly articulated in a document called Strategic Directions 2016-2020. The budget provides the financial framework to ensure our priorities are met at the school and system levels.

Our Board reaches minds by providing authentic and engaging learning opportunities, by setting high expectations and by creating excitement for learning. We support students to enable them to reach their potential, foster 21<sup>st</sup> century skills and competencies, and deepen literacy and numeracy skills.

In touching hearts, we nurture physical, mental, social and emotional well-being; we forge strong relationships and build resiliency; we honour diversity and enhance cultural understanding; we value student, staff, parent/guardian and community voices; and we celebrate student, staff, school and system success.

Once again, this school year is filled with magical and memorable moments as our students, guided by staff and supported by parents/guardians and the community, engage in exciting learning opportunities for students from Kindergarten to Grade 12. While each story is unique on its own, as a whole they speak of passion, pride, promise and progress, the touchstones of a successful organization.

It has been a privilege to serve with the dedicated trustees of the Rainbow Board and on your behalf, I would like to thank our educators, administrators and support staff, on the frontlines and behind the scenes, for nurturing student success. I would also like to thank our many partners in education for supporting Rainbow Schools.

Most importantly, I congratulate the students who, through their ongoing success and personal achievement, continue to bring us honour and joy.

In closing, thank you for your support in the past and I look forward to working with you toward continued student success in the future.

7. **Election of Vice-Chair**

Ruth Ward nominated Dena Morrison for the position of Vice-Chair.

a) Motion: 18-R04, B.Clement/J.Hunda  
That nominations be closed. - **Carried**

b) Motion: 18-R05, J.Hunda/R.Ward  
That Dena Morrison be declared acclaimed Vice-Chair of Rainbow

District School Board. – **Carried unanimously**

8. **Membership on Standing Board Committees**

Motion: 18-R06, D.Morrison/J.Hunda

That the membership on the Labour Relations Committees be increased to four (4) trustees. – **Carried**

Motion: 18-R07, D.Morrison/G.Santala

That the membership on Standing Board Committees be approved for the year 2018. – **Carried**

**Accessibility Planning Committee**

Trustee Judy Kosmerly

**Audit Committee** (year 4 of 4)

Trustee Judy Hunda

Trustee Dena Morrison

Trustee Ruth Ward

**Environmental Education Committee**

Trustee Gord Santala

Student Trustee Madeleine Leach Jarrett

**Equity and Inclusive Education Committee**

Trustee Bob Clement

Trustee Judy Kosmerly

Trustee Gord Santala

**First Nations Advisory Committee**

Trustee Bob Clement

Trustee Doreen Dewar

Trustee Grace Fox

**Labour Relations Committee**

Trustee Bob Clement

Trustee Judy Hunda

Trustee Dena Morrison

Trustee Ruth Ward

**Parent Involvement Committee**

Trustee Grace Fox

Trustee Ruth Ward

**School Year Structure Committee**

Trustee Bob Clement

Trustee Dena Morrison

Student Trustee Madeleine Leach Jarrett

### **Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC)**

Trustee Bob Clement  
Trustee Judy Kosmerly  
Trustee Grace Fox (alternate)  
Trustee Dena Morrison (alternate)

### **Strategic Planning Committee**

Trustee Bob Clement  
Trustee Doreen Dewar  
Trustee Grace Fox  
Trustee Judy Hunda  
Trustee Larry Killens  
Trustee Judy Kosmerly  
Trustee Dena Morrison  
Trustee Gord Santala  
Trustee Ruth Ward

### **Student Senate**

Trustee Bob Clement  
Trustee Judy Hunda  
Student Trustee Madeleine Leach Jarrett

## **9. OPSBA (Ontario Public School Boards' Association)**

### **a) Delegate**

Dena Morrison nominated Bob Clement.

1. Motion: 18-R08, J.Hunda/J.Kosmerly  
That nominations be closed. - **Carried**
2. Motion: 18-R09, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly  
That Bob Clement be declared acclaimed Rainbow District School Board's voting delegate to the Ontario Public School Board's Association. - **Carried**

### **b) Alternate**

Bob Clement nominated Judy Kosmerly.

1. Motion: 18-R10, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly  
That nominations be closed. - **Carried**
2. Motion: 18-R11, B.Clement/J.Hunda  
That Judy Kosmerly be declared acclaimed Rainbow District School Board's voting alternate to the Ontario School Boards' Association. - **Carried**

10. **Board Policy No. GOV-05 Code of Conduct: Board Members**  
*At the Annual Organizational Meeting, two alternate Trustees shall be chosen by the Board to be used when the circumstance warrant that one or both Trustees are needed in place of the Chair and/or Vice-Chair to carry out the duties required under these Enforcement Procedures.*
- a) Call for nominations. Judy Kosmerly nominated Judy Hunda.
- Motion: 18-R12, J.Kosmerly/R.Ward  
That nominations be closed. - **Carried**
- Motion: 18-R13, D.Morrison/B.Clement  
That Judy Hunda be declared acclaimed first alternate as per Board Policy No. GOV-05 Code of Conduct: Board Members. - **Carried**
- b) Call for nominations. Judy Kosmerly nominated Bob Clement.
- Motion: 18-R14, G.Santala/ J.Kosmerly  
That nominations be closed. - **Carried**
- Motion: 18-R15, D. Morrison/R.Ward  
That Bob Clement be declared acclaimed second alternate as per Board Policy No. GOV-05 Code of Conduct: Board Members. - **Carried**
11. **BALLOTS** NIL
12. **Adjournment**
- Motion: 18-R16, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly  
That we now adjourn (6:05 p.m). - **Carried**



**RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**  
**MINUTES OF THE**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

held in the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom  
408 Wembley Drive, Sudbury  
on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 6:10 p.m.

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Present: Trustees: D. Dewar (Chair), B. Clement, G. Fox, J. Hunda, L. Killens (via phone), J. Kosmerly, D. Morrison, G. Santala, R. Ward, Student Trustee M. Leach Jarrett

Officials: N. Blaseg – Director  
D. Bazinet - Superintendent of Business  
B. Bourget, J. Noble, K. Wachnuk - Superintendents  
N. Charette, H. Thirkill

Others: D. D'Angelo, K. Kozman, D. Kitching, S. Ackroyd, C. McDonald, B. Managhan, P. Gorgichuk, A. Kindrat

Chair Dewar requested that cell phones be turned off during the meeting.

**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: 18-R17, J.Kosmerly/B.Clement

That the agenda for the Regular Board meeting of December 12, 2017 be approved as amended. The amendment being the addition of item 3b. - **Carried**

**B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST NIL**

**C. PRESENTATIONS**

Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA)

Superintendent Wachnuk introduced Brien Managhan, Paula Gorgichuk and Ashely Kindrat. Their presentation provided trustees with an overview of ABA and what is being done in schools every day to support students.

Trustees had an opportunity to comment and ask questions. Trustees were appreciative of the investment by the board to train staff in order to build capacity in schools.

**D. REPORT FROM THE IN-CAMERA COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE BOARD**

Motion: 18-R18, D.Morrison/B.Clement

That the report from the Labour Relations Committee be approved. - **Carried**

**E. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Previous Minutes**

Motion: 18-R19, J.Hunda/G.Fox

That the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on November 21, 2017 be approved. – **Carried**

2. **Tenders/Requests for Proposals** NIL

3. **Reports and Recommendations from Board Committees**

a) Audit Committee

i) **Audit Committee Annual Report**

Trustee Morrison, chair of the Audit Committee, provided information from the 2016-2017 Audit Committee Report to the Ministry of Education.

ii) **2016/17 Financial Statements**

Superintendent Bazinet introduced Derek D'Angelo, Lead Audit Engagement Partner from KPMG, who presented the consolidated financial statements for the 2016-2017 school year and responded to questions from trustees.

Motion: 18-R20, R.Ward/J.Hunda

That the 2016/17 Financial Statements be approved. – **Carried**

b) 2016-2017 Year End Report

Superintendent Bazinet reviewed the report that was distributed to trustees. Trustees had the opportunity to ask questions and seek clarification.

4. **Capital and Accommodation Plan – Update #2**

New Sudbury Planning Area

Superintendent Bazinet reviewed the report that was distributed to trustees, noting the revised implementation schedule for the New Sudbury Planning area.

F. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Director's Annual Report

Director Blaseg reviewed the 2016-2017 Annual Report. This will be distributed electronically again this year. Once this is AODA compliant it will be posted on the website. Trustees expressed appreciation to Director Blaseg for the content of the report and to Nicole Charette for the presentation of the material.

2. **Requests for Leave of Absence** NIL

3. **Director's Remarks**

Shki Nesewin Pilot Project – We recently received a proposal from Kenjgewin Teg, authored by Executive Director, Stephanie Roy that identifies opportunities to

expand course offerings. We have initiated a review, with program staff, and will advise next steps.

Staff submitted a plan to introduce a Residential Day and/or Long Term Treatment plan to the Ministry of Education. This application is in response to the Northern Support Initiative (NSI) Funding announcement that was made last spring. The North was provided with 3.1 million dollars that is to be shared amongst the Northeast Boards. Funding is guaranteed for the next 5 years. The focus of which is to serve students that require significant supports that the classroom environment is not able to provide. We are including several boards and local service providers in the submission. We are very much in the developing stages of this project and we hope to convince several ministries that through this effort we will be able to create a service that is readily available for our sister boards in southern Ontario.

Director Blaseg advised that the Greater Sudbury Police Service carried on their 10<sup>th</sup> annual tradition for providing six of our students an opportunity to purchase gifts for their loved ones. Through the *Shop with a Cop Event*, police officers take a child for breakfast at Pat and Mario's, and then provide them with \$100 and shop together at Walmart. Volunteers wrap presents and the child then brings the gifts home to put under the tree. This year students from Adamsdale PS, Chelmsford PS, Lansdowne PS, Northeastern Elementary, Queen Elizabeth PS and Princess Anne PS took part. Big thank you to the GSPS.

On Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, the Director attended and helped to launch the Edgar Burton Kids Helping Kids Food Drive at MacLeod Public School. Joined by several dignitaries, including the Mayor Brian Bigger, Dan Xilon, Melanie Dahl (Chair), Sharon Burton, Rick Bertrand, Owen Marcotte, Lise Oiliver, principals Kerri Monaghan and Danielle Williamson collectively hoped to raise 250,000+ items surpassing last years incredible achievement. Anyone interested in wanting to contribute food items or cash should see Heather Thirkill, Stephanie Crowder or Carol Koziar.

Bill 148, The Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act takes effect on January 1, 2018. This will have an impact on a number of employee groups and of course the Board. Wages for tutors in the classroom, lunchroom supervisors along with bus drivers and employees of Chartwells will see their wages go up. Chartwells and the consortium will have to manage their employee groups; however there might be an impact on service as a result of the increase in compensation. As for our employees, we will adjust our envelopes to ensure we are in compliance.

The Rural and Northern Education Fund will be distributed in the new year. The ministry has identified sixteen schools; they include A.B. Ellis PS, Assignack PS, C.C. McLean PS, C.R. Judd PS, Central Manitoulin PS, Larchwood PS, Levack PS, Little Current PS, Markstay PS, Monetville PS, R.H. Murray PS, S. Geiger PS, Walden PS, Espanola High School, Lively Secondary School and Manitoulin SS. Each will receive a minimum of \$10,000 a piece plus a per pupil allocation. For the initial allocation of \$10,000 per school, the purchase of technology is the priority. The schools will have the benefit of purchasing IPADS for primary students and

Chrome books for grades 4-12. The per pupil allocation purchases must align with improvement of programming for students/staff and/or training and technical support for the use of hardware/programming. The former will commence on December 20<sup>th</sup> while latter proposal must be submitted to the schools superintendents for approval by January 16, 2018.

Fraser institute released its rankings this week. While the Director does not place a lot of stalk in these rankings, he was very impressed with the continued efforts of Rainbow staff and students to continually move forward. R.L. Beattie PS, Algonquin PS, Queen Elizabeth PS, Churchill PS, Central Manitoulin PS and many others demonstrated strong growth. For parents and the community looking to make comparisons, there is nothing like talking to our principals, staff, parents and our students to see how wonderful our schools are.

Finally, I would like to thank all the staff, trustees, parents and our students for a wonderful 2017. For those who are travelling be safe. I wish everyone the very best of holidays and look forward to seeing all of you in 2018.

#### Itinerary

November 22	ETFO Meeting
November 23/24	CODE, Toronto
November 27	Student Achievement Meeting Agenda Setting
November 29	Safe Schools Meeting
November 30	Kids Helping Kids Kick Off – MacLeod Public School School Visits: S. Geiger PS A.B. Ellis PS Espanola High School
December 1	Safe Schools Meeting
December 4	ETFO Meeting ETFO Joint Liaison Meeting Eligibility (Admin) Process Meeting
December 5	Exec Council
December 6	Student Achievement Meeting – First Nations
December 8	Safe Schools Meeting Student Services Consortium AGM

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| December 11 | Teleconference – Ministry of Education (First Nations)<br>Audit Committee Meeting |
| December 12 | Executive Council<br>Board Meeting (Organizational Meeting)<br>Board Meeting      |

4. **Other Items**

OPSBA Delegate – Trustee Clement reported that he attended the OPSBA Board of Directors Meeting in Toronto on December 1, 2017. He encouraged trustees to check the OPSBA website for an overview of what was discussed. Topics included Indigenous Trustee Council, Minister's Advisory Group and Bill 174 (Cannabis Act).

Student Trustee – Student Trustee Madeleine Leach Jarrett reported another busy month. She advised that student senators continue their work in organizing the Boardwide Talent Show that is scheduled for March 8, 2018 at Sudbury Secondary School and the Stand Up Speak Out Conference that is scheduled for May 2018. She advised that the Student Senate has applied for a grant and she encouraged trustees to check out the OSTA website and read the *Ontario Student, Parent, and Educator Survey*.

5. **Trustees' Remarks/Questions** NIL

6. **Chairperson's Remarks**

The festive season is one of the most wonderful times of the year in Rainbow Schools as students and staff spread holiday cheer and the true meaning of Christmas in many ways....

- carols and concerts
- parades and pageants
- hand-made ornaments and baked goods
- turkey and the trimmings
- Santa and spirit days
- hats, scarves and mitts for families in need
- treat boxes for Canadian forces overseas
- canned food drives
- countless acts of unlimited kindness

For a lengthy list of festive events, please visit [rainbowschools.ca](http://rainbowschools.ca)

On behalf of the Board, I would like to wish all of our students, parents/guardians, staff and community partners, a happy, safe holiday season.

May 2018 bring you peace and joy.

G. **INFORMATION AND PROPOSALS**

1. **Reports from Officials and Staff**

Parent Involvement Committee minutes April 4, 2017 (official)  
Parent Involvement Committee minutes May 2, 2017 (official)  
Parent Involvement Committee minutes October 17, 2017 (official)

2. **Non-Staff Communications**

Letter from Grand Erie DSB dated November 2, 2017  
Letter from Canadian Cancer Society dated November 18, 2017

**H. FUTURE MEETINGS**

Student Senate Meeting January 8, 2018 5:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom  
Parent Involvement Committee January 9, 2018 7:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom  
Special Education Advisory Cmttee Jan 10, 2018 12:00 pm Centre for Education Room 125  
Environmental Education Cmttee Meeting January 10, 2018 3:30 pm Centre for Ed Room 125  
First Nation Advisory Committee January 15, 2018 10:00 am Centre for Education  
Strategic Planning Cmttee Meeting Jan 16, 2018 5:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom  
Board Meeting January 30, 2018 5:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom  
First Nation Advisory Committee February 15, 2018 10:00 am TBA  
Equity & Inclusion Ed Committee February 15, 2018 4:00 pm Ernie Checkeris Boardroom

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: 18-R21, B.Clement/ D.Morrison  
That we now adjourn at 8:08 p.m. – **Carried.**

**RAINBOW DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**  
**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE**  
**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

held in the Ernie Checkeris Boardroom  
Centre for Education, 408 Wembley Drive  
on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 6:50 p.m.

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Present: Trustees: D. Dewar (Chair), B. Clement, J. Hunda, L. Killens (via phone), J. Kosmerly, D. Morrison, G. Santala, R. Ward  
Absent: G. Fox, Student Trustee M. Leach Jarrett  
Officials: N. Blaseg - Director  
D. Bazinet – Superintendent of Business  
B. Bourget, J. Noble, K. Wachnuk - Superintendents  
N. Charette, H. Thirkill

**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: 18-R22, D.Morrison/R.Ward

That the agenda for the Special Board meeting of January 16, 2018 be approved.  
– **Carried**

**B. PRELIMINARY DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST** NIL

**C. REPORT FROM THE SPECIAL IN-CAMERA COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE BOARD**

1. Motion: 18-R23, D.Morrison/J.Kosmerly

That Motion #18-W02 RE: Pinecrest Public School property matter, be approved.  
– **Carried**

2. Motion: 18-R24, R.Ward/J.Kosmerly

That Motion #18-W04 RE: Chelmsford Valley District Composite School property matter, be approved. – **Carried**

3. Motion: 18-R25, D.Morrison/B.Clement

That Motion #17-W33 RE: Webbwood Public School property matter, be approved. – **Carried**

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: 18-R26, D.Morrison/R.Ward

That we do now adjourn at 6:55 pm. - **Carried**

December 20, 2017

André Bidal  
Chair  
Conseil scolaire catholique du Nouvel-Ontario  
201 Jogues Street  
Sudbury, ON  
P3C 5L7

Dear Chair Bidal:

At the regular meeting of Rainbow District School Board on November 21, 2017, trustees approved the following motion:

Motion: 17-R150, B.Clement/D.Morrison

***That Rainbow District School Board send a letter to the Conseil scolaire catholique du Nouvel Ontario, with a copy to the Minister of Education, that the French Catholic Board vacate the space being leased at A.B. Ellis Public School by the end of the 2017-2018 school year.*** - Carried unanimously

The Conseil scolaire catholique du Nouvel-Ontario (CSCNO) is currently using seven classrooms at A.B. Ellis Public School which shares a building with Espanola High School in Espanola. This includes six classrooms in the upper level and one large classroom in the lower level. There are also smaller rooms used by staff.

It is our understanding that the seven plus rooms are occupied by fewer than 50 students enrolled at École secondaire catholique Franco-Ouest. In contrast, enrolment at A.B. Ellis Public School has increased by more than 20 students over the past three years. There are currently 280 students at A.B. Ellis Public School.

Although we were pleased to provide classrooms for your students while your new school in Espanola is under construction, we are no longer able to offer this support due to space pressures. It is essential, therefore, that CSCNO vacate the classrooms being used at A.B. Ellis Public School by July 31, 2018.



To illustrate the severity of the situation, consider the following:

- Half of the library at A.B. Ellis Public School is being used as a primary classroom. The other half is also being used as an Ojibwe language classroom.
- There is no space for a resource room for testing or for other assessments to determine appropriate supports for students.
- Specialists, such as Speech-Language Pathologists, Occupational Therapists, Health Nurses, and/or Counsellors, use the offices of the Principal and/or Vice-Principal to carry out their work.
- Teachers who deliver music, drama and dance during prep time do not have a designated workspace. They use a very small bookroom to plan their lessons.
- During Collaborative Inquiry meetings, the bookroom is not available to other teachers for planning purposes.
- The small bookroom cannot hold all of the shared resources, such as levelled books and mathematics materials, that teachers use.
- The Intensive Support Classroom is currently operating at capacity, with 15 students in the morning. The space is too small to accommodate the range of programs needed for primary, junior, and intermediate students.
- Programming space for students with special needs, including a student who is visually impaired and a student who has multiple exceptionalities, has been carved out of a storage room that houses school supplies.
- As part of the school's focus on 21<sup>st</sup> century learning, staff want to initiate a Robotics Club and Maker Space for students. There is currently no space and the materials for these initiatives are not easily portable.

As you can see, Rainbow District School Board requires all of the space at A.B. Ellis Public School to serve our 280 A.B. Ellis Public School students.

In order to ensure that students receive the best education possible in existing facilities, it is important that you develop immediate plans to accommodate your students in another location in Espanola while you await the completion of your new school.

One suggestion is to consider the former A.B. Ellis Public School on Park Street. Located across from Espanola High School, this space is currently being used by the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board for Sacred Heart Catholic School.

Given that CSCNO has partnered with Huron-Superior to build a new catholic school in Espanola, co-locating at the former A.B. Ellis Public School may be a close and convenient solution to meet your accommodation needs.

Kindly confirm receipt of this correspondence.

As always, do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Doreen Dewar". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Doreen" and last name "Dewar" clearly distinguishable.

Doreen Dewar  
Chair

Copy: Mitzie Hunter, Minister of Education  
Lyse-Anne Papineau, Director of Education, CSCNO  
Laurie French, President, OPSBA  
Rusty Hick, Executive Director, OPSBA



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January 22, 2018

Indira Naidoo-Harris  
Minister of Education  
Legislative Building  
Queen's Park  
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

Dear Minister Naidoo-Harris:

On behalf of the Trustees of Rainbow District School Board, I would like to congratulate you on your appointment as Minister of Education. This new portfolio will certainly complement your role as Minister for Early Years and Child Care.

As you assume your expanded mandate, please consider the need to maintain peace and stability in our schools, the impact of declining enrolment on school board budgets, and the need for multi-year funding to enable school boards to plan ahead. We also ask that you consider the unique needs of Northern boards, like ours, which serve a broad geographic area including Sudbury, Espanola, Manitoulin Island and Shining Tree.

In Rainbow Schools, we continue to make strides in implementing Ontario's vision for education – achieving excellence, ensuring equity, promoting well-being and enhancing public confidence – by reaching minds and touching hearts. To learn more about our strategic directions, including our vision, mission, values and priorities, please visit our website at <https://www.rainbowschools.ca/about-us/>

We invite you to find out how we are achieving our priorities by reviewing our 2016-2017 Annual Report which is available online at the following link: <https://www.rainbowschools.ca/about-us/broader-public-sector/>

In closing, I would like to extend to you an invitation to visit our schools at any time. We welcome the opportunity to introduce you to our students and staff.

Sincerely,

Doreen Dewar  
Chair