

Director General's Memorandum

To: Governing Board Chairs
Parents' Committee Chair
SEAC Chair
Union and Association Presidents

From: Mike Dawson, Director General

CC: Commissioners
Directors, Assistant Directors
Principals, Vice-Principals
Consultants

Date: June 28, 2006

Re: **Strategic Plan and School Organization**

At the meeting of June 27, 2006 the Council of Commissioners reached decisions concerning the Strategic Plan and the organization of schools. A summary of these decisions is attached.

This has been a long and in some cases difficult process for everyone involved. I would like to thank all for their time and efforts participating in the consultation, and for helping commissioners reach final decisions. Whatever the point of view or opinion, all those involved from the schools, communities, and board made up their mind for the right reason – what they believed is best for students. I trust now that decisions have been made we can continue in this mode and implement these choices in the best way possible for students.

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**Summary Notes relating to Strategic Plan and School
Organization
Council of Commissioners June 27, 2006.**

1. **Regarding the Strategic Plan:**
 - a) The Strategic Plan was approved in principle.
 - b) Operational planning (School and Department Success Plans) will begin in August.
 - c) Budget building for 2007-2008 will begin in August.

2. **Regarding the Aylmer Sector – Organization of Schools:**
 - a) The Aylmer Sector Organization Scenario 3 will be implemented. Only those students who are presently in Cycle 3.1 who are in the 2005-2006 South Hull Elementary School catchment area will be grandfathered. Transportation will only be provided to these students if it is at no additional cost to the Western Quebec School Board.
 - b) Capacities of all buildings were re-established for 2006-2007 to ensure continuity of and equal access to programming for all students.
 - c) Senior administration and principals are mandated to begin transition planning immediately.
 - d) The present North-South boundary line through the “Le Plateau area” will remain in effect. Students living east of the line will continue to be part of the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Elementary School catchment, while those living west of the line will remain part of the South Hull Elementary School catchment.
 - e) Those students presently attending South Hull in Cycle 3.1 who received a cross-boundary transfer may be grandfathered, however no transportation will be provided.

3. **Regarding the Upper Gatineau – Organization of Schools**
 - a) St. Michael’s High School will remain open with a five-year notice.
 - b) No boundaries will be instituted.
 - c) Transportation will continue to be provided as is.

4. **Regarding the Pontiac area – Organization of Elementary Schools**
 - a) Pontiac elementary schools will remain as they are presently organized, including St. John’s/John Paul II School.

5. **Regarding the Pontiac area – Organization of Secondary Schools**
 - a) The high school sector of St. John’s/John Paul II School will be closed and the students will be moved to Pontiac High School for the 2006-2007 school year.

6. **Regarding the Pontiac area – Organization of Adult Education/Vocational Training:**
 - a) Senior Administration is mandated to prepare a plan to include transition measures and appropriate use of buildings for the consolidation of Adult Education and Vocational Training programmes in Campbell’s Bay for August 2007.