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**RE: Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board
Community Planning & Partnerships Policy
Annual Community Planning & Partnerships Meeting**

The Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board (SMCDSB) recognizes and encourages opportunities with various levels of government and community agencies as potential community partners.

The Ministry of Education has recently released the Community Planning and Partnerships Guideline and as a result, our Board has now approved the Community Planning and Partnerships Policy with associated Procedures.

The purpose of the Community Planning and Partnerships Guideline and Board Policy is to encourage school boards to reach out and share planning information with community organizations on a regular basis. Consideration is given by the Board for potential community partnership opportunities within our schools and for surplus facilities and properties.

As a requirement of Section v. within the Board approved Community Planning and Partnerships Policy, the accommodation plans from our updated Long Term Pupil Accommodation Plan are available for review on the Board's web-site. These accommodation plans address the future facility needs for students and identify potential surplus space and / or potential school consolidations.

Additional reference material as follows can be found on our Board's web-site at:
http://smcdsb.on.ca/community/community_planning_partnerships.

Ministry of Education's Community Planning and Partnerships Guideline;
SMCDSB's Community Planning and Partnerships Policy and Procedures;
SMCDSB's Report to Board: September 30, 2015 Long Term Pupil Accommodation Plans;
Community Planning & Partnerships Annual Meeting Presentation;
Community Partners Expression of Interest; &
Agenda & Minutes of the Annual Community Planning & Partnerships Meetings.

Please feel free to contact Jennifer Sharpe, jsharp@smcdsb.on.ca (ext. 249) or Kristin D. Pechkovsky at kdpechkovsky@smcdsb.on.ca (ext. 250) if you have any comments or questions.

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We give witness to the teachings of Jesus Christ, as we journey in faith and learning, to develop
the God-given abilities of each person.*