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Next Steps Announced for Kincardine/Port Elgin Area Accommodation Review Decision

Chesley, ON – Bluewater District School Board (BWDSB) has announced its next steps following the November 1, 2011 Kincardine/Port Elgin Area Accommodation Review decision.

The Board decision includes converting Elgin Market Public School in Kincardine to a single track French Immersion junior kindergarten (JK) to grade 8 school, and converting Kincardine Township-Tiverton Public School (KTTPS) to a JK to grade 3 single track English school. In addition, Huron Heights Public School in Kincardine is being maintained as a grades 4 to 8 single track English school, while Kincardine District and Saugeen District Secondary Schools remain open in their respective communities.

As outlined in a timeline presented to BWDSB Business Committee of the Whole, implementation of the full Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) recommendation for Huron Heights Public School is expected for September 2012. This involves the transfer of KTTPS grades 4 to 8 students to Huron Heights. To coincide with this, implementation of the ARC recommendation to make KTTPS a JK to grade 3 single track English school is also expected for September 2012.

The ARC recommendation for Elgin Market Public School is to be phased in over a three-year period to be completed in September 2014. This is to be achieved by transferring primary English stream students from Elgin Market to KTTPS in September 2012, 2013 and 2014. By September 2014, Elgin Market will offer French Immersion students the full-day kindergarten program and English stream students will be enrolled at KTTPS.

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