

**GCA Education Committee  
Report to the GCA Board  
September 27, 2011**

**Update:** On September 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Centretown, Glebe, OOS (CGOOS) Accommodation Committee met for the first time since June to continue efforts to develop a recommendation to the OCDSB regarding school accommodation issues in these communities. (See previous GCA Board Report from the GCA Education Committee dated May 24/11).

The Committee met twice in June to continue discussions of the 2 options that had been developed by Board Staff based on themes and criteria developed by the Committee. A Community Information Meeting was held June 22 to provide an update on options being considered and to gather comments from the public. The OCDSB chaired the meeting and heard from about 30 members of the public, with further written comments invited.

At the request of the Working Group, the OCDSB Staff worked over the summer to develop new scenarios which, it was hoped, would meet many of the requirements expressed by the affected schools and communities. Staff prepared a new option (Scenario 1A – revisited) which was presented and discussed at the Sept 20 CGOOS Working Committee meeting.

At that meeting, another option was proposed by a member of the Committee which the OCDSB Staff will evaluate to determine whether it is feasible.

**Timetable/Next Steps:**

- End Sept: OCDSB Staff response on feasibility of 2nd proposed option
- Week of Oct 3: Working Committee meeting to review 2 options
- Week of Oct 19: Community Information Session (Update: moved to Oct 27<sup>th</sup>)
- Nov 17th: OCDSB Committee of the Whole (Working Comm recommendation presented to Trustees)
- Nov 30th: delegations present to OCDSB

**Summary of Options:**

- **Both scenarios build on the staff recommendation for a 6 classroom addition to Mutchmor**
- **Staff proposed Scenario 1A – revisited, an earlier scenario is now feasible in an expanded Mutchmor:**
  - **EFI added to Mutchmor, redirection of 200+ EFI students from First Ave to Mutchmor**
  - **Glebe area 7&8s for English and EFI all directed to Glashan**
- **Alternate Scenario – switch programs between Mutchmor and First Ave**
  - **Mutchmor becomes an EFI school**
  - **First Ave becomes an English, Gifted English, and MFI school.**
  - **It is thought that Mutchmor can accommodate all SK-6 EFI students from the Glebe. To be confirmed by Board Staff later this week.**

- **Both Mutchmor and First Ave representatives on the Committee reacted positively to consideration of this proposal.**