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FACT SHEET

BACKGROUND

- The Community Schools Alliance was formed in 2009 by a number of Ontario municipalities concerned with the flawed process used by school boards in making decisions about student accommodation, especially school closures

GOALS

- The Community Schools Alliance is asking Minister Wynne to support a “smart moratorium” on all school closings that are disputed by municipalities
- The goal of the smart moratorium is for the Ministry, schools boards and municipalities to work together and develop policies addressing such issues as planning for declining enrolments, a mutually agreed upon Accommodation Review Committee (ARC) process, a review of funding to rural and small community schools and establishing a working relationship between municipalities and school boards that provides transparency and accountability
- The development of a municipal appeals mechanism for school board decisions on accommodation

A BETTER SYSTEM IS NEEDED

- The Community Schools Alliance believes that a better system is needed and should:
 - Ensure that school boards and municipal councils work together on decisions regarding education infrastructure,
 - Provide greater accountability for school board decisions on student accommodation, including school closures,
 - Review the governance model for school board decisions on student accommodation which must include the opportunity to appeal those decisions,
 - Respect and value the input of students, parents, the communities and municipalities during the ARC process.

FOUNDING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Doug Reycraft, Mayor, Southwest Middlesex
- Gary Burroughs, Lord Mayor, Niagara-on-the-Lake
- John R. Wilson, Mayor, Malahide Township
- Jim Collard, Councillor, Niagara-on-the Lake
- Tony Guergis, Warden, Simcoe County
- Doug Shearer, Councillor, Cobalt
- Michael Power, Mayor, Greenstone
- Ron Emond, Mayor, Hastings Highlands
- Allen Taylor, Chair of ROMA

COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ALLIANCE MEETING WITH MINISTER WYNNE

- Minister Wynne has been invited to attend the inaugural meeting and discuss the accommodation review process and the impact of this flawed process on the socio-economic fabric of our communities
- The meeting will be held on August 17th from 4:45 PM – 5:30 PM in the Governor General I room - 4th floor, Westin Hotel during the AMO conference in Ottawa