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BOARD VOTES TO REVIEW VIABILITY OF ROSEBRIER SCHOOL

On September 27, 2011 the Board of Trustees of Wetaskiwin Regional Public Schools made the difficult decision to undertake a review of education programs and school viability at Rosebrier School as part of the Board's mandate to provide quality education programs and services to students.

Declining student enrolment within the school division and at Rosebrier School since 1995 has impacted the quality of education and the financial realities of the school division. The Board believes it must undertake a review of education programs and school viability as part of its mandate to provide quality educational programs and services to students.

According to Board Chair Deanna Specht, the vote to undertake a review means that the Board has agreed to gather information over the next five (5) months about both the positive and negative impacts of Rosebrier School remaining open. This includes potential impacts on such important stakeholder groups as students, parents, staff and communities.

"We recognize that this is a very difficult and emotional conversation to have," said Specht. "It's not a decision we have made lightly. But in view of the declining enrolment at our schools, the impact such low numbers can have on the quality of education, and the financial realities of our school division, the Board believes it must sit together with parents and community members to discuss this issue."

A public meeting will be held at the Rosebrier School on March 13, 2012. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

After all input and information gathered has been reviewed, the Board will vote on April 24, 2012 to either keep Rosebrier School open or close it effective June 29, 2012.

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