



Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board

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ROLE OF TRUSTEES **IN** **THE ACCOMMODATION REVIEW PROCESS**

As part of the ARC process, trustees will receive and consider formal reports from both the ARC and from staff at an upcoming public board meeting. At that board meeting, community members will also have the opportunity to present their views, comments and concerns to trustees.

Dufferin-Peel has received an opinion from legal counsel advising that it would be wise for trustees to allow the Accommodation Review Committees to conduct their committee meetings and public meetings without trustees being present at those meetings. It is felt that the presence of trustees would change the dynamics of the meetings and could create a public perception in the community that trustees have predetermined or biased positions. This could impact later voting, or create a risk that the Board's decision could be judicially reviewed. Such an outcome would prolong an already lengthy and difficult process.