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DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD**

Renfrew County Catholic District School Board
Annual Accessibility Plan

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This is the seventh plan (2009-2010) prepared by the Accessibility Working Group of the Renfrew County Catholic District School Board (R.C.C.D.S.B.). The report describes:

1. Last year's progress on identified barriers;
2. The measures that the Board will take in 2009-2010 to identify, remove and prevent barriers to people with disabilities who use the facilities and services of the Board, including students, staff, parents of students and other members of the community.

In the past six plans, the Accessibility Working Group identified barriers in physical, attitudinal and communication areas.

AIM

This report describes the measures that the R.C.C.D.S.B. has taken in the past several years, and the measures that the Board will take in the next school year.

DESCRIPTION OF THE RENFREW COUNTY CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Located in Eastern Ontario, approximately 100 km northwest of Ottawa, the Renfrew County Catholic District School Board is comprised of 22 schools (20 English Elementary Schools and 2 English Secondary Schools) in 16 communities, the majority of which are rural. The Board covers a large geographical area with low population density. There are 550 employees providing education for 5,318 students.

Three key areas of focus in our Board are: Catholicity, Literacy/Numeracy, and Stewardship. These are embedded in our Vision Statement (see attached copy).

RENFREW COUNTY CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD



OUR VISION

INSPIRED BY OUR RICH HERITAGE AND CHALLENGED BY THE STRUGGLES OF OUR PAST, WE ARE AN INCLUSIVE CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY CALLED TO EXPRESS OUR MISSION AS CHURCH TO PASS ON THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST, TO MAKE IT RELEVANT IN THE WORLD TODAY, AND TO BE THE HOPE FOR THE FUTURE.

IN A SPIRIT OF FREEDOM, AFFIRMATION AND CELEBRATION TODAY, WE STRIVE TO...

- Facilitate an active faith journey rooted in prayer and the sacraments.
- Enhance relationships among members of the home, school, parish and extended community.
- Foster a world view shaped by the Catholic conversation about life's meaning and purpose.
- Nurture the giftedness, self-worth and potential of each individual.
- Reverence the dignity of the whole person.
- Integrate the Catholic faith tradition in a critical analysis of the arts, media and technology.
- Sustain safe school environments characterized by warmth, hospitality, good humour and joy.

OPEN TO MYSTERY AND ENDLESS DISCOVERY IN THE LORD, WE ARE CALLED TO...

- Develop and implement a distinctive Catholic curriculum based on the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations.
- Make a difference – as faith-filled community builders.
- Challenge the consumer culture with lives dedicated to the principles of social justice in the spirit of gospel values.
- Model a servant leadership style following the example of Jesus.
- Claim our role as global stewards cherishing the environment and all life in it.
- Engage in the pursuit of life-long learning.
- Love unconditionally.

*This is what Yahweh asks of you: only this,
to act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with your God.
Micah 6:8*

THE ACCESSIBILITY WORKING GROUP

An Accessibility Working Group was formed in January 2003. This group will:

- Conduct a survey on present barriers on all facilities.
- Examine reasons why these barriers exist.
- Describe how these barriers will be removed or prevented.
- Prepare a report on these activities.
- Discuss this report with the Special Education Advisory Committee and the Director of Education for approval.
- Make the plan available to the public, in paper and electronic format.

COORDINATOR

The Director of Education, Ms. M. Arbour appointed Mrs. Kathy O'Neill as the Co-ordinator of the Accessibility Working Group. Mrs. O'Neill has served as a Special Education Co-ordinator for the Board for ten years. Previous to that she has worked many years as a Special Education teacher.

MEMBERS OF THE WORKING GROUP (2008-2009)

Name	Position	Address & Telephone Number
Mr. I. Johnson	Manager of Plant Services	Renfrew County Catholic D.S.B. 499 Pembroke Street West PEMBROKE ON K8A 5P1 613-732-4331
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Mrs. J. O'Malley	ISA Finance Clerk	Same as above 613-735-1031
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Mrs. K. O'Neill	Co-ordinator of Special Education	St. Joseph's School 324 John Street North ARNPRIOR ON K7S 2P6 613-623-2347
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Mrs. M.L. Rowat	Principal	St. Joseph's School Box 150 12629 Lanark Rd. CALABOGIE ON K0J 1H0 613-752-2808

R.C.C.D.S.B. COMMITMENT TO ACCESSIBILITY PLANNING

Our Board is committed to barrier-free facilities throughout the county.

RECENT BARRIER-REMOVAL INITIATIVES

The Renfrew County Catholic District School Board, through its Special Education Plan 2007-2008, has addressed access for students with disabilities through modifications and accommodations of programs and services. A copy of the Special Education Plan is available at the Board Administrative Office at 499 Pembroke Street West, Pembroke, Ontario K8A 5P1, telephone 613-735-1031. A copy of the most recent Plan is also available on the Board website. The Board has addressed accessibility in the last several years with a number of informal initiatives to identify, remove and prevent barriers to people with disabilities.

The following pages list recent initiatives:

- Transportation of Special Needs Students 2008-2009;
- ISA 1 Equipment Claims for 2008-2009;
- Work Summary for 2008-2009;
- Accessibility of School Buildings for 2008-2009

BARRIER-IDENTIFICATION PROCESS

The Accessibility Working Group met in March 2009 to review the plan: at St. Joseph's High School in Renfrew.

During these meetings, the committee discussed the progress of work regarding the barriers identified during the 2008-2009 school year. The committee also stressed the continued need to review the May 2006 Tables Existing Barrier Free Installation, so that we can keep the target date of 2025. The committee also devised plans for barrier identification for the 2009-2010 school year.

SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENT TRANSPORTATION

Special needs transportation includes all specialized vehicles needed to transport students to school. In some cases, due to the nature of the disability, Educational Assistants must accompany the students in these vehicles.

During the 2008-2009 school year, the following number of students needed specialized transportation:

SPECIAL NEEDS TRANSPORTATION - EXCEPTIONALITIES LIST 2008-2009

RENFREW COUNTY CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

MEMORANDUM

TO: Kathy O'Neil

FROM: Monique Johnson
Transportation Services

DATE: April 8, 2009

SUBJECT: Special Transportation Needs

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Students in special education programs, including students who are in regular classrooms.

Students that require a Wheelchair vehicle			
Grades JK-Sk	Grades 01-08	Grades 09-12	total
	07	04	11
Students that require a Regular Bus			
Grades JK-Sk	Grades 01-08	Grades 09-12	total
01	31	10	42
Students that require Special Transportation			
Grades JK-Sk	Grades 01-08	Grades 09-12	total
04	17	4	25

Students in educational programs in care, treatment, and correctional facilities.

Valleycrest Pembroke 4 (Sep)
Valleycrest Renfrew 3 (Sep)

New Horizons Renfrew 4 (Sep)
New Horizons Pembroke 3 (Sep)

Students attending Provincial and Demonstration Schools

We have no students attending Provincial and Demonstration Schools.

Students who require transportation in order to attend summer school programs.

School Site	# of students transported
St. James Eganville Site	16
St. Francis Petawawa Site	13
St. Michael's Douglas Site	8
Holy Name Pembroke Site	23
Bishop Smith C.H.S. Site	9
St. John Bosco Barrys' Bay Site	31
St. Joseph's High Renfrew, Site	15
School Site	# of students transported
Our Lady of Fatima Renfrew, Site	22
St. Thomas at St. Joseph's High Site	20
Our Lady of Sorrows, Petawawa, Site	14
St. Joseph's Arnprior Site	25
GRAND TOTAL	196

The process for deciding whether a student with special needs will be transported with other children or whether it is in the best interests of the student to the transported separately.

The decision is made at the school by the Principal and Teacher following the appropriate IPRC recommendation.

RENFREW COUNTY CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

2008/2009 SEA Equipment Purchased

<i>Item</i>	<i>Quantity Purchased</i>
Beyond Boardmaker Plus Software	3
Beyond Boardmaker Volume II Software	3
Big Red Switch	1
Boardmaker Backgrounds software	2
Boardmaker Classroom Suite software	2
Boardmaker Educational Bundle Software	3
Boardmaker Plus Software	3
Body Ball	1
Budget Bubble Column	1
Bumpy Gel Ball	1
Carrel	1
children's electronic dictionary	3
Clidker Paint software	1
Closed Circuit Television Viewer (CCTV unit)	1
colour printer with extra set of ink toner cartridges, imaging unit & waste toner collector	20
computer software training days	39
computer workstation	16
Cracckle Ball	1
digital camera with carry case & memory stick	4
Dragon Naturally Speaking software	2
DT Tainer software	1
Earobics Step 1 Software	1
Earobics Step 2 software	1
Electric Hieght Adjustable Change Table	1
fiberoptic light spray	1
Fidget Seasonsqueeze	1
Fidget Tangle Therapy	1
Fidget Velvet Slime Anemones	1
flash drive	22
FM System	2
glider rocker	2
Grotto Grip pencil	1
headphones	8
headphones with microphone	14

<i>Item</i>	<i>Quantity Purchased</i>
Icky Yicky Worm Ball	1
Inspiration Software	1
Intellitools Intellikeys keyboard	1
Intellitools Overlay Maker software	2
keyboard for laptop	1
Koosh Ball	1
Kurzweil 1000 software	1
Kurzweil 3000 Software	12
laminator with laminating film	2
laptop computer with carry case & 3-year warranty	18
large print keyboard	1
Learn My ABC's software	2
Loveable Love Bug vibrating toy	1
Main Street Community Science software	3
mouse for laptop	18
Move N Sit Cushion	1
MS Office Software	1
MS Office Word Software	21
Numbers Concepts 1 software	1
Numbers Concepts 2 software	1
PCS Metafiles Deluxe software	1
personal computer	3
Picture Sentence Key software	2
Picture Sentence Match software	2
Picture This Boardmaker Deluxe Software	3
Plextalk Reader with Carrying Case	1
pockethub	21
portable suction unit	1
Power Link Control Unit	1
Power Plus stand magnifier	1
Print'N Communicate Software	3
Print'N Play Software	3
Rain Stick	1
rest mats	8
Rifton Blue Wave Toilet Seat	1
rotation board	1
scanner	16
scooter	1
Single Switch Latch & Timer	1
sit balance cushion	1

<i>Item</i>	<i>Quantity Purchased</i>
sling seat for Nurmi Walker	1
Snap Switch Cap	1
Space Saver Mat platform	1
Spin Globe Extravaganze	1
stereo boombox with switch	1
stool on wheels	1
surge protector power bar	21
Talking Typer Windows software	1
Tell a Joke software	1
Tender Vibes Soothing Vibrating Mattress	1
Texture Mitts	1
Therapressure brush	1
trampoline	3
tunnel	1
USB 8-port link	14
USB cable	21
weighted lap pad	3
weighted neck wrap	2
WordQ SpeakQ Software	12
Writing Activities software	3
Writing With Symbols Software	4
Yuk-E Ball	1
Zoomtext keyboard	1
Zoomtext Magnifier/Reader software	1
Zoomtext Magnifier/Reader software training	1

SPECIAL NEEDS WORK SUMMARY
WORK COMPLETED 2008-2009, AS AT APRIL 8, 2009

ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	DATE OF ORDER	WORK/PURCHASE ORDER NUMBER	TOTAL COST
ST. JOSEPH'S, ARNPRIOR				
41430-1-112-215	Handicap W/R repairs	5-Mar-09	1120009627	\$ 281.23
41430-1-112-212	Door phone in H/C Washroom		1120008918	\$ 517.15
41430-1-112-212	Vertical Grab bar in Girls' W/R	25-Sep-08	G89086	\$ 25.00
41430-1-112-202	Cupboard Lock/Medicine Cabinet H/C W/R	25-Sep-08	G89085	\$ 125.00
ST. JOHN BOSCO				
41430-1-114-212	Signage in Handicap Parking area	18-Nov-08	G89182	\$ 50.00
41430-1-114-212	Safety Bar in H/C Washroom	17-Nov-09	G89170	\$ 180.00
ST. ANTHONY'S				
41430-1-118-215	Handicap washroom repairs	8-Sep-08	1180008014	\$ 99.75
HOLY NAME				
41430-1-138-223	H/C Door closure - too fast	23-Sep-08	89077	\$ 400.00
OUR LADY OF LOURDES				
41430-1-140-215	H/C toilet repair - Junior Wing	2-Sep-08	1400007904	\$ 177.98
41430-1-140-202	H/C door repair - Junior Wing	31-Mar-09	A89336	\$ 75.00
41430-1-140-212	Stair Railing	18-Nov-08	G89177	\$ 100.00
OUR LADY OF FATIMA				
41430-1-148-206	H/C Washroom Lights	3-Sep-08	1480007940	\$ 121.89
41430-1-48-210	PlexiGlass on Spec. Needs desks	26-Nov-08	G89194	\$ 204.81
41430-1-148-202	H/C Washroom Repairs	6-Nov-08	G89158	\$ 120.00
BISHOP SMITH CHS				
41430-2-250-215	H/C Washroom Repairs	9-Sep-08	2500008055	\$ 688.33
41430-2-250-203	Valleycrest Time Out Room	23-Oct-09	G89136	\$ 2,575.33
41430-2-250-203	More Padding in Time out Room	8-Sep-08	G89203	\$ 225.00
St. JOSEPH'S HS				
41430-2-251-215	H/C Washroom Repairs	17-Feb-09	2510009487	\$ 449.98
41430-2-251-212	Door phone in H/C Washroom	2-Dec-08	2510008921	\$ 517.15
41430-2-251-215	H/C Washroom Repairs	17-Feb-09	2510008258	\$ 120.23

SPECIAL NEEDS WORK SUMMARY
WORK COMPLETED 2008-2009, AS AT APRIL 8, 2009

ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	DATE OF ORDER	WORK/PURCHASE ORDER NUMBER	TOTAL COST
<i>Continued</i>				
41430-2-251-206	H/C Door Repairs	10-Sep-08	2510008072	\$ 105.00
41430-2-251-223	H/C Washroom Access Locks	3-Mar-09	G89295	\$ 275.00
VARIOUS				
41430-6-610-001	20 Sharps Collector Units	21-Oct-08	6100008545	\$ 452.51
40410-6-607-133	1 Qt. & 2 Gl. Sharps Containers	24-Sep-08	6100008266	\$ 249.67
GRAND TOTAL ALL LOCATIONS				\$ 8,136.01

BARRIERS THAT WERE ADDRESSED IN 2008-2009

The minor projects are listed in Special Needs Work Summary Work Completed 2008-09 chart that is provided.

Our Lady of Lourdes, Pembroke received 3 automatic door installations to the outside of the building. Another accessible bathroom was built.

A number of cut out desks were made by the Plant department so that special needs students have greater physical comfort & wheel chair accessibility within their classroom.

Additional software such as Writing with Symbols, Kurzweil and Earobics and additional laptops with hardware were purchased so that the special education consultant and co-ordinator can lend out if a student does not qualify for a SEA claim.

These 12 laptops were signed out by schools and used extensively by many students.

In 2008, 2 additional automatic door openers were installed at Our Lady of Lourdes School, in Pembroke. This was completed, in conjunction with the structural changes that will occur to the front of this school building.

As noted in our chart of May 2006 Table 1 Existing Barrier Free Installations, we will continue to specifically target areas of need from our 2006 survey.

Washroom Call Buttons

- ✓ St. Joseph's, Arnprior
- ✓ St. John Bosco, Barry's Bay
- ✓ Bishop Smith Catholic High, Pembroke
- ✓ Our Lady of Lourdes, Pembroke
- ✓ Our Lady of Fatima, Renfrew
- ✓ St. Joseph's High, Renfrew

Barrier-Free Drinking Fountains

- ✓ St. John Bosco, Barry's Bay
- ✓ St. Anthony's, Chalk River

Evacuation Plans 2008-2009

Written evacuation plans have been developed and staff in the following schools are aware of these plans, and the actions that are to be taken if a fire evacuation becomes necessary.

- ✓ Bishop Smith Catholic High School
- ✓ St. John Bosco
- ✓ Our Lady of Sorrows
- ✓ Our Lady of Fatima
- ✓ St. Joseph's High School
- ✓ Our Lady of Lourdes

The Ministry of Education designated that one Professional Activity Day be devoted to Special Education. This P.A. Day took place on May 15, 2009.



Renfrew County Catholic District School Board
Professional Activity Day
Friday, May 15th, 2009

Schools To Believe In:

“Learning For All ~
Every Educator Is a Special Educator”

St. Joseph's High School
Renfrew, Ontario



Program Outline

8:30 to 9:00	Sign In/Name Tags/Coffee
9:00 to 9:20	Welcome/Opening Liturgy
9:20 to 9:30.....	Opening Remarks/Greetings
9:30 to 10:30	Keynote Address

Bruce Drewett,
Former Director of Special
Education Policy & Program
Branch, Ministry of Education

10:30 to 11:00	Break/Book Display
11:00 to 12:15	Breakout Session #A
12:15 to 1:15	Lunch
1:15 to 2:30	Breakout Session #B
2:30 to 2:45	Evaluation of Day
2:45	Adjourn



How to Register

- ✓ Visit the **RCCDSB** homepage at www.rccdsb.edu.on.ca.
- ✓ Follow the link to register your workshop selections for the **May 15, 2009 P.A. Day**.
- ✓ Please choose [5 workshops](#), in order of priority, that you are interested in attending.

Workshops will be filled on a **first-come, first-serve** basis.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: April 23, 2009

WORKSHOP SELECTIONS

1. The World's Leading School-Based Anxiety Prevention Program

Presenter: Pam Sampson, Child & Youth Counsellor, Phoenix Centre
for Children and Families

Target Audience: Grade 3-5, Grade 8 Teachers, Principals

A wealth of research and practical experience in thousands of classrooms has shown that exposing anxious children to a complete 10-session FRIENDS program can reduce the risk of developing a disorder for up to six years. Join us and find out more!

2. Beyond Google

Presenter: Natalie Jalette and Kelly McDaniels

Target Audience: Primary/Junior and Intermediate/Senior Teachers

Would you like quick and easy access to hundreds of current magazines and newspapers? Would you like quick and easy access to hundreds of current biographies, e-books, encyclopedias, and professional journals? If you answered yes to either one of these questions, this workshop is for you. We will demonstrate how you and your students can get the most out of online research by using the EBSCO and Thomson Gale databases. Research accommodations for special needs students will be discussed.

3. Learning Disability - Dyslexia

Presenters: Cammie Summerby

Target Audience: Open

One in five students has trouble reading. This workshop will offer a review of the work of Dr. Sally Shaywitz, a leading researcher in the field of dyslexia. We will discuss how the brain works and some of the programming and techniques that can assist the troubled reader.

4. Drumming at Pikwakanagon

Presenter: Michele Gaudry

Target Audience: Open

Please join us to learn more about the rich heritage of the Algonquins of Pikwakanagon. Michele will share information about the spiritual importance of drumming within the culture as well as how a drum is made. A variety of songs will be performed and their meanings will be shared with participants.

5. Shared Reading: A Powerful Approach for Supporting Student Literacy Growth in the Junior and intermediate Grades

Presenter: Gwen Babcock, Limestone District School Board

Target Audience: Junior and Intermediate Teachers

Gwen Babcock is a highly respected educator in Ontario. In February, 2009, she presented this workshop at the national Reading for the Love of It literacy conference in Toronto. Among her many accomplishments are thirty years as a classroom teacher and nine years as a Literacy Consultant for the Limestone District School Board. Gwen has been an EQAO team leader, an eastern Ontario trainer for CASI, as well as a contributor to the Ministry of Education Guides for Effective Literacy Instruction.

As students move into the Junior and Intermediate grades, the texts that they encounter become increasingly diverse and complex. Many students, especially struggling students, need support and explicit instruction to make this transition. Shared reading enables teachers to show their students how to read, comprehend, and access information from increasingly sophisticated and unfamiliar texts within a supportive and interactive environment. In this session, teachers will gain a better understanding of what shared reading is and how to implement effective shared reading strategies in the Junior and Intermediate classroom. Sample lesson plans and texts will be provided. A must-see event!

6. Activity Ideas for Working with Non-Verbal Children

Presenter: Nancy Thomas and Sherry Throop

Target Audience: Open

This workshop is geared towards individuals working with children who are non-verbal. The workshop will provide creative ideas and activities to address the Ontario curriculum. If you have any unique and creative ideas to share, bring them along.

7. Educators Drawing on Your Visual Mode

Presenter: Kathrin Winkler

Target Audience: Open

Let's explore our visual mode through a series of straight forward step by step art activities. Understanding our own challenges, attitudes and questions using the visual mode may provide new insight into this aspect of differentiated learning.

8. Assistive Technology-Kurzweil

Presenters: Allison Kubeseski, Megan McGrath, and Rory Whalen, Student

Target Audience: Open

You will be introduced to what Kurzweil has to offer. The focus will be on the test-taking and study features of this software. This workshop will show you the different ways that Kurzweil can be used to enhance the everyday lives of student with learning disabilities in the classroom.

9. L'instruction différenciée en FLS!

Presenter: Rebecca Gervais

Target Audience: FSL Teachers

Cet atelier aura pour but l'exploration du concept de l'instruction différenciée en français langue seconde. On va explorer des idées pratiques qu'on peut utiliser dans la salle de français tout en rejoignant les différents types d'apprenneurs selon les intelligences multiples. On va apprendre des différentes activités en les pratiquant et vous recevrez un paquet de ressources que vous pourriez utiliser dès lundi matin!

10. Valleycrest/New Horizons : Myths and Truths

Presenters: Mary-Lise Rowat

Target Audience: Primary/Junior/Intermediate/Secondary Teachers, Principals,
E.As, SERTs, and Guidance Staff

This workshop will address the Who, What, Where, When, Why and How of a Section 23 Day Treatment Classroom. Myths will be dispelled and truths will be revealed. Profiles of typical students will be shared and you will be given a peek into the day today challenges and joys of Day Treatment, using real-life scenarios.

11. Disturbed vs. Disturbing Behaviour

Presenters: Mike Silmser

Target Audience: Intermediate/Senior Teachers

This workshop would be a merging of a previously delivered Disturbed vs. Disturbing Behaviour workshop and the Non-violent crisis intervention workshop. The purpose would be to enable teachers the opportunity to recognize, identify, verbally intervene and defuse, and re-establish communication with students who present as behavioural problems in the classroom.

12. Implementing Life and Social Skills in the School Environment

Presenter: Judy Drouillard, Cindy Giroux,

Louise Neveille and Susie Pasch

Target Audience: Open

Find out how to increase self esteem and social skills in your students while teaching valuable life skills in a one hour-a-week period. This workshop will include an overview of our school's REACH program, its funding and history, as well as a list of the topics and relevant resources. Practical, hands-on ideas and activities will be shared and presented.

13. Activities That Challenge

Presenter: Rick Klatt

Target Audience: Intermediate/Senior Teachers

Motivate, fascinate and entertain your students with literacy, numeracy and leadership activities that both teach and challenge students with varying academic abilities. Participants will be engaged in activities and will be given resources to use immediately in the classroom. Bring a jump drive with you!

14. Accommodations and Modifications at the Secondary Level

Presenters: Russ Connors, Alana Hamel and Dave Rowat

Target Audience: Intermediate/Senior Teachers

This workshop will outline how to accommodate and modify for students with IEPs at the secondary level. We will discuss the teacher's role as it relates to the IEP, how to interpret the document, and implement it at the locally developed, applied, academic, and non-credit levels.

15. Experiential Learning

Presenter: Carol and Wayne Campbell, Hila Science Camp

Target Audience: Junior/Intermediate Teachers

A hands-on workshop demonstrating activities developed for the advanced learners in our school community. 1) Energy from the sun: Working with solar panels, participants will build a simple solar energy system. 2) Lemon Battery: Learn the fundamentals of electricity while constructing a battery cell from a lemon, nail and penny.

16. Special Education Students in a Physical Education Classroom

Presenters: Sue Cotnam

Target Audience: Junior/Intermediate Teachers

Learn from Sue as she shares some resources and information around adapting the physical education program for special needs students. She will also address how to create a culture of acceptance for all of the students in the classroom who are still learning to accept the varying abilities of their classmates. Please bring your own ideas or success stories to share!

17. The Ontario Educational Resource Bank-Resources for Differentiated Instruction

Presenter: Shawn Allenby, E-Learning Contact for Eastern Ontario

Target Audience: Open

Do you ever wonder where you can get resources to support differentiated instruction? Have you ever needed remediation resources or reach ahead resources for your class? The Ontario Educational Resource Bank has been created by eLearning Ontario to provide you this valuable support in your class. Come and find resources available to support your course!

18. Woman Abuse Affects Our Children

Presenters: Lisa Hart

Target Audience: Open

The goal of this workshop is to increase understanding about the potential links between students' exposure to woman abuse and their adjustment in school, to develop effective strategies to support students who may be affected by violence at home, and to discuss components of safety planning within the school setting.

19. Aboriginal Education

Presenters: Jody Weller and Myles Sabourin

Target Audience: Open

Are you interested in Aboriginal culture from an Aboriginal perspective? We will share some Aboriginal philosophies to create an awareness of issues and events that relate to Aboriginal history. In addition, teaching strategies and effective resources for Aboriginal students will be shared.

20. Differentiated Instruction (DI) 101

Presenters: Dave Noble, Rebecca Gervais, Tracy Joyce, Amanda Yarascavitch and Scott Nichol

Target Audience: Junior/Intermediate/Senior Teachers, SERTs, Principals, FSL

Differentiated Instruction (DI) has become a very hot topic in education. You will be shown some great DI strategies that are applicable for all areas of the curriculum. Ready to use material will be given out. We hope you can make it!

21. Formative Assessment Techniques for your Classroom

Presenter: Arlene Corrigan

Target Audience: Junior/Intermediate Teachers

Ongoing assessment and adjustment are the key to improved performance. While evaluation and grading have their place, “You don’t fatten the cattle by weighing em!” To that end, this workshop highlights the importance of informative, or ongoing, assessment and its role in the teaching and learning process by offering an array of practical and proven methods for diagnosing students’ prior knowledge and preconceptions. A variety of specific examples and classroom vignettes will be used to bring the concepts and techniques to life.

22. Oral Language Development

Presenter: Cheryl St-Elier

Target Audience: Primary Teachers

How do you systematically develop oral language in your primary classroom?

Just talking and listening doesn’t reach everybody! Come and hear about how to encourage fluency of speech for everyone, but especially those in difficulty!

23. With An Idea, Learning Blossoms

Preenter: Anne-Marie Strack and Lise Zamojski

Target Audience: French Teachers and EAs

This workshop will provide you with a variety of ideas so that you will be able to accommodate, modify and even create materials suitable for all types of special education students in French. We will provide you with a list of resources and methodologies for all students to enjoy and succeed in the FSL classroom.

24. Touch Math

Presenter: Kathy O’Neill and Mary Catherine Brisco

Target Audience: Primary/Junior Teachers, EAs, SERTs, Principals

Touch Math is a multisensory program that uses its signature “Touch Points” to engage students of all abilities and learning styles. It bridges the gap between concrete experiences and abstract concepts. Use this intuitive system as a supplement to any math curriculum or as a stand-alone program.

25. Behavioural Strategies for Special Education Students

Presenter: Lainey McCaffrey, Leah Leahy Behavioural Consults, Family & Children Services – Developmental Services

Target Audience: Open

We will discuss functions of behaviour and provide our audience with practical behavioural strategies for children with Developmental Disabilities.

26. Speech, Language and Hearing – The Impact on Children’s Education

Presenter: Lynn Buell-Robson, Marie Corriveau, Lucy King and Beth MacDonald

Target Audience: Open

We will share how communication affects schools success in classroom activities, social interaction, literacy and learning (listening, speaking, reading, writing, thinking and learning).

27. Sacramental Preparation for Special Needs Students

Presenters: Tony Cosentino

Target Audience: Primary, Junior, Intermediate Teachers, SERTs, and Principals

This workshop will be a brief look at some sacramental preparation resources for use with special needs students. Participants are invited to bring samples of their own resources to discuss and share

28. Science Curriculum Update

Presenters: Alison Radley-Walters and Julie Huckabone

Target Audience: Primary/Junior/Intermediate Teachers, Principals

Join us as we highlight the changes in the revised Gr. 1-8 Science curriculum document and the challenges these changes present for classroom planning and implementation. We will demonstrate the strategies that the Ministry of Education has suggested and those that we have used to address these changes, including differentiated strategies and effective inclusionary practices.

29. Closing the Gap: The Special Call of the Catholic Educator.

Presenter: Jaimie Perry

Target Audience: Intermediate/ Senior Teachers

Blending data, metaphor, observation and a little scripture, Jaimie will explore the challenge and adventure for Renfrew Catholic educators and support staff to “educate for all”. This workshop will provide a brief history of “education for all” as well as the challenges and rewards of reaching out to these pupils in everyday settings.

30. The Benefits of Music Programming for Children with Special Needs

Presenter: Robin Pinkerton

Target Audience: Primary/Junior/Intermediate Teachers, EAs, SERTs, Principals

Join Robin for this hands-on workshop to find out more about how the communication of sound and music can be used to interact with special needs students and teach basic skills such as taking turns using picture board symbols. This workshop will assist with students who require support in the area of behaviour management.

31. Differentiated Physical Education

Presenter: Blair Watson

Target Audience: Junior/Intermediate Teachers

Sports are a major aspect of life and the school experience. We use differentiated learning in the classroom – have you used it in your Physical Education class or with any of the teams that you have coached?

32. Strategies for Creating and Sustaining a Restorative Classroom

Presenter: Cheryl Spotswood

Target Audience: Open

In this workshop, you will be exposed to Restoratives Practices. This is not a program but a process! You will take away teacher/administrator friendly resources to put into practice the next day. This workshop is intended to get participants to reflect on the punitive model versus the restorative model. The workshop will focus on our students needs, accountability for their actions, healing repairing harm.

33. Social Scripts

Presenter: Jennifer Reid-Hudson

Target Audience: Open

Come to this hands on workshop and learn “how tos” and the “whys” of writing a social script. Participants will have the opportunity to develop a social script that could be used in their school environment.

34. Hard of Hearing Students Within Your Classroom

Presenters: Richard Sheppard

Target Audience: Open

This session will focus on types of hearing loss and their effects within the regular classroom environment, equipment uses (Ear-level hearing aids, Personal FM systems, Sound Field Systems) and assistive strategies.

35. PECS and Visual Supports

Presenter: Sally Douglas and Kelly Etmanskie

Target Audience: Open

The Picture Exchange Communication System supports communication by teaching a functional interaction that is spontaneously initiated. Visual supports can serve both a receptive and expressive function and help organize the students environment while providing key information and details. This workshop will highlight the key principals of PECS, how to use visual supports effectively and when to use one versus the other.

36. Overview of the Functions of Behaviour

Presenter: Jennifer Reid-Hudson

Target Audience: Open

Why does my student keep doing what he does? This workshop is an overview of the functions of behaviour and will provide participants with some insight into understanding the function of their student's behaviour. Participants will also have the opportunity to discuss the development of replacement behaviour.

37. The Rekenrek for Primary Students

Presenter: Rene Lachapelle

Target Audience: JK-Grade 3 Classroom Teachers, EAs, SERTs, Principals

If you've never heard of a Rekenrek, this workshop is for you! Rene is an FSL teacher and part-time SERT at Cathedral School with a keen interest in learning about effective math strategies for the students he works with. Find out more about this math manipulative and how it can assist ALL of our students. A copy of Rene's self-created step-by-step Activity Book will be provided to each participant.

38. Teaching Fine Motor Skills- Community Care Access Centre

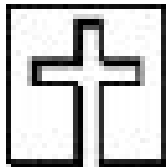
Presenter: Julie Nadeau and Jodie Cotnam - Occupational Therapists

Target Audience: Primary Teachers and EAs

Join us for this hands-on session focusing on techniques and tools for the development of cutting, colouring and pre-printing skills. Participants will have the opportunity to create pencil grips during this session.

Workshop Planning Committee

Michele Arbour
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BARRIERS THAT WILL BE ADDRESSED IN 2009-20010

Work began on the Customer Service Standard in 2009 to establish the policies, practices, and procedures.

The following are the 5 areas within the Customer Service Standard policies:

- Notification of Disruption of Services
- Use of Assistive Devices
- Use of Support Persons
- Use of Service Animals
- Feedback Process

Staff training regarding this standard will begin in the fall and be completed by the January 2010 deadline.

Please see chart listing Special Needs Working Summary Work Pending as of April 2009. This work will be completed within the next year. The other item that the RCCDSB will work in the 2009-2010 school year in accordance to the 2006 table:

Existing Barrier Free Installation: fire alarm strobe lights for the hearing impaired. Bishop Smith Catholic High School will be the first school to receive this equipment.

SPECIAL NEEDS WORK SUMMARY
WORK PENDING AS AT APRIL 8, 2009

ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION OF WORK	DATE OF ORDER	WORK/PURCHASE ORDER NUMBER	COST TO DATE
ST. JOHN BOSCO				
41430-1-114-215	Handicap washroom work	20-Jan-09	1140009242	\$ -
41430-1-114-212	Door phone in H/C Washroom	2-Dec-08	1140008919	\$ -
41430-1-114-212	Wheelchair ramp - back door	2-Oct-09	A98098	\$ -
ST. MICHAEL'S				
41430-1-124-202	Shelving in Spec. Ed. Office	3-Oct-08	A89102	\$ 925.00
ST. JAMES				
41430-1-126-202	Handrail top staircase	11-Mar-09	G89312	\$ -
41430-1-126-202	Handrail on bottom staircase	3-Mar-09	G89292	\$ 175.00
OUR LADY OF LOURDES				
41430-1-140-202	Door mechanism handicap door	31-Mar-09	A89336	\$ 75.00
41430-1-140-202	Computer Desk L. Lapierre	7-Oct-08	A89112	\$ -
41430-1-140-212	Door phone in H/C Washroom	2-Dec-08	1400008920	
OUR LADY OF SORROWS				
41430-1-146-202	T.V. Cupboard in sensory room	18-Mar-09	A89319	\$ -
BISHOP SMITH CHS				
41430-2-250-202	Grab bars/Cupboards	22-Oct-08	G89132	\$ 200.00
41430-2-250-202	Towel bars Spec. Ed. Washroom	1-Dec-08	G89197	\$ -
ST. JOSEPH'S HS				
41430-2-251-206	Electric mechanism H/C door	31-Mar-09	2510009950	\$ -
ADMINISTRATION				
44430-6-600-001	Handicap parking space	2-Apr-09	A89340	\$ -
VARIOUS				
41430-X-XXX-207	H/C Elevator Operating Licenses	7-Jul-08	3990007659	\$ 2,842.00
41430-X-XXX-207	Elevator Service/Inspections	22-Jul-08	3990007764	\$ -
GRAND TOTAL TO DATE ALL LOCATIONS				\$ 1,375.00

Presentation of Plan

The Co-ordinator of Special Education presented the Seventh Annual Accessibility Plan to SEAC on June 9, 2009.

The Co-ordinator of Special Education will present the Seventh Annual Accessibility Plan to the Leadership Team meeting in October 2009. The principals will be asked to present the plan to their respective staffs and school councils.

REVIEW AND MONITOR PROCESS

It is recommended that the Accessibility Working Group continue as a committee and meet on a regular basis to monitor the progress of the program and to assess new requirements and report back to the school board. The Working Group has scheduled their next meeting in the second semester of 2010.

COMMUNICATION OF THE PLAN

This Plan will be made available through paper format and available in large print paper format. Upon request, this Plan can be made available in other accessible formats. Please contact the Board's Administration Office at 499 Pembroke Street West, Pembroke, Ontario K8A 5P1, phone 613-735-1031 for assistance. This Plan will also be placed on the School Board's web site: <http://www.rccdsb.edu.on.ca> in html format.

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a) **EXCERPT FROM SEAC MINUTES DATED JUNE 9, 2009**

Moved by: Bridget Gutoskie
Seconded by: Jeanne Carmody

That the Special Education Advisory Committee approve the Ontarians with Disabilities Annual Accessibility Plan for School Year 2009-2010.

Carried.

b) **EXCERPT FROM THE RCCDSB MEETING DATED JUNE 29, 2009**

Moved by: Judy Ellis
Seconded by: Bob Michaud

That the Renfrew County Catholic District School Board approve the Ontarians with Disabilities Annual Accessibility Plan for School Year 2009-2010.

Carried