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On March 26, 2015 the Ministry of Education released revised Pupil Accommodation Review Guidelines (PARG). This document was last updated in 2009. All Ontario School Boards must update their existing policies to align with the Ministry's PARG.

The DSBN policy guides the process for future Pupil Accommodation Reviews that may address programming, enrolment and/or facility condition issues at a school or group of schools. These reviews are undertaken to develop solutions to best meet the current and future educational needs of students.

The following is an overview of the areas that you will note are different between the 2009 DSBN ARC policy (F-2) and the revised 2015 Pupil Accommodation Review Guidelines.

- 1) Role of the Committee
- 2) Committee membership
- 3) Municipal involvement
- 4) Timelines
- 5) Optional modified process
- 6) Reports and School Information Profiles (SIP)

The most significant change to the Ministry's 2015 PARG and the DSBN new policy is a new optional modified pupil accommodation review process. This modified process is intended to streamline less complex accommodation reviews. An optional modified accommodation review must meet two or more criteria that are outlined in detail in the policy.

**OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT: (available online May 6 to June 3, 2015)**

As part of the public consultation process, stakeholders and the public are invited to review the proposed Draft Accommodation Review Policy and provide their comments.

On May 6, a link enabling comments on the new policy will be posted to the DSBN website ([dsbn.org](http://dsbn.org)). We invite members of your school community to review the Draft Accommodation Review Policy and provide feedback. Comments may also be sent by mail between May 6 and June 3, 2015 to: Lora Courtois, Superintendent of Planning, District School Board of Niagara, 191 Carlton St. St. Catharines, ON, L2R 7P4.

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### **Planning Today to Energize Education for Tomorrow**

DSBN Trustees are supporting student success by revitalizing our public schools. An important part of this process is the role of Accommodation Reviews.

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You are invited to provide your comments on this new policy. From May 6 to June 3, 2015 please go to [www.dsbn.org](http://www.dsbn.org) and click on the “Public Consultation Draft Accommodation Review Policy” link under Community. You may also provide comments via mail. Please send to Lora Courtois, Superintendent of Planning, District School Board of Niagara, 191 Carlton St. St. Catharines, ON, L2R 7P4.