



### **The Consultation Process begins for St. Mark Junior High**

At a public Board meeting tonight, the Board of Trustees approved a consultation process for the consideration of closure of St. Mark Junior High. St. Mark is located in the Woodcroft neighbourhood, 11625 – 135 Street, and enrolment has declined by 25% over the last five years, to a seven year low this year of 164 students.

“This is one of the most difficult decisions the Board has to make,” said Board Chairperson Debbie Engel. “It is important for parents and the public to know that this process is authentic and that this does not necessarily mean St. Mark will close. Input from parents will be critical as we move through the consultation process,” Engel went on to say.

St. Mark offers a regular program as well as special education programming. This school year, 111 students are in the regular program and 53 are in special education programs.

Letters regarding tonight’s meeting will be sent home with students tomorrow. Senior Administration will now begin the Consultation Process by working with parents and the school community to discuss the future of St. Mark. Further information will be provided to the Board in late spring.

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