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Dear Grace Wilson,

## Re: Notice of Decision – Closure of Centre Peel Secondary School

At the September 13, 2016 Business Operations Meeting, the Upper Grand District School Board received a report from board staff requesting approval of an exemption from the board's Pupil Accommodation Review process to permit the closure of Centre Peel Secondary School.

Centre Peel SS has been housed in the same building as Centre Peel Public School. However, as of September 6, 2016, there were no secondary students registered to attend Centre Peel SS for the 2016/17 school year. Students who had attended Centre Peel SS in 2015/16 were attending Norwell District Secondary School.

For several years Norwell DSS, located in the Town of Minto, has been providing Centre Peel SS students with additional instructional opportunities that were not available in the Centre Peel PS building.

The Ministry of Education's Pupil Accommodation Review Guideline and the Board's Pupil Accommodation Review Policy 305 and Procedure 305A sets out certain circumstances where the board is not required to undertake a Pupil Accommodation Review, including "where there are no students enrolled at the school at any time throughout the school year".

Therefore, on September 27, 2016, the Board approved the closure of Centre Peel SS, effective immediately. Centre Peel PS students will now be directed to attend Norwell DSS upon graduation of Grade 8. The Centre Peel PS building will remain operating as an elementary school, exclusively.

Sincerely,

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