

TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH STORMONT

RESOLUTION

MOVED BY



RESOLUTION NO

335/2016

SECONDED BY



DATE

November 9, 2016

WHEREAS the Upper Canada District School Board (UCDSB) has commenced a Pupil Accommodation Review (PAR) study that may result in the closure of dozens of schools across the Board, many in SDG;

And whereas the aggressive timelines imposed by the UCDSB simply do not allow for sufficient time for adequate and reasonable public consultation and review by those impacted by the closures;

And whereas it is understood that no discussion is contemplated or taken place between the UCDSB and the 3 other local school boards regarding sharing underutilized space;

And whereas schools are an essential element of the fabric of our rural communities;

Now therefore we, the 32 elected representatives (upper and lower tier) of the 65,000 residents of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, collectively demand that the PAR being undertaken by the UCDSB be immediately suspended for a period of 1 year, to allow adequate time to complete the work necessary to chart the course ahead that is in the best interests of all UCDSB students, AND

FURTHERMORE

THAT the policy issued by the Ontario Ministry of Education on March 26, 2015, deleting the requirement that local school boards take into consideration the social, economic or geographic implications of school closures, be immediately reviewed, given the devastating impact this policy has on rural schools.

☒ CARRIED

☐ DEFEATED

☐ DEFERRED

Chairperson

Recorded Vote:

Councillor Primeau

Councillor Smith

Councillor Waldroff

Deputy Mayor Hart

Mayor Bancroft
