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After a report dealing specifically with the boundary review of Milton #10 Catholic elementary school, Iantomasi requested the status of Milton's 10-year projected enrolment numbers.

"We don't have those numbers prepared as part of the Milton #10 Catholic elementary school boundary review committee report," responded Merrick. "So you can't tell me whether we've exceeded those projections or not?" insisted Iantomasi.

"That wasn't part of my preparation for this report here right now, so we can take that offline and get that information for you trustee Iantomasi," said Merrick.

Discussion has occurred recently at the HCDSB board table regarding final assessments: exams versus culminating assignments. HCDSB high schools made the switch to

culminating tasks in 2020 when formal exams were disallowed due to COVID. Trustees have expressed concern that graduating students will not be prepared for written exams at college or university.

In his Secondary School Assessment report, Superintendent of Education, Jeff Crowell confirmed the majority of final assessments this year will be culminating tasks.

Trustees did not feel the report addressed their concern with how students are currently being helped in developing exam writing skills. Reading trustees' motion of Oct. 19 back to trustees, Daly said Crowell had addressed the requests outlined in their motion.

Daly called for trustees to be clear about what additional details they were seeking.

"If you could let us know exactly what those details are so we don't bring back a report that we need to bring back a third time,"

said Daly.

It was agreed trustees would forward a specific request for information to staff.

HCDSB will be rolling out a student census between Feb. 28 and April 4 of next year for K to Grade 12, as mandated for school boards by the Ministry of Education.

Completion of the census, however, is voluntary, as are the questions answered. Parents who do not want their elementary or secondary schoolchildren to participate can opt out.

Some trustees took issue with the census collection of socio-economic, and identity-based data.

Potentially gathering socio-economic information without parents' knowledge "is troublesome to me," commented DeRosa.

"It is optional, so if there's any concerns there, people will opt out. It's pretty simple," said Halton Hills trustee Janet O'Hearn-Czarnota.

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