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Rural Ontario Municipal
Association

- 1. March, 2015 – Minister of Education Liz Sandals introduces revised Pupil Accommodation Review Guideline (PARG) and new Community Planning and Partnership Guideline (CPPG) replacing 2009 version.
- 2. School boards' revise policies to conform to 2015 PARG and CPPG.

- 3. Late 2015 – School boards across province begin receiving staff reports recommending consolidations and closures.
- 4. 2015-16 – Number of schools under review grows rapidly.
- 5. June , 2016 Mitzie Hunter is appointed Minister of Education.

- 6. October, 2016 – New Facebook group forms uniting many communities – Ontario Association Against School Closures (OAASC).
- 7. November 21, 2016 – OAASC organizes large rally at Queen's Park.
- 8. Spring, 2017 – People for Education releases list of 120 schools under review.

- 9. March 6, 2017 - Minister Hunter announces 'engagement' on new approach supporting education in rural and remote communities.
- 10. March 7, 2017 – Legislature debates private member's resolution by PC leader Patrick Brown calling for moratorium on school closures. Motion is defeated.

- 11. April, 2017 – Minister releases schedule of ‘engagement’ meetings and discussion paper and invites feedback.
- 12. May, 2017 – Over 1100 people participate in ‘engagement’ meetings held in 10 communities.

- 13. June 28, 2017 – Minister releases “Plan to Strengthen Rural and Northern Education”.
 - Moratorium on new reviews
 - \$20 M Rural and Northern Education Fund
 - Review and Update of PARG and CPPG

- 14. October 12, 2017 – Ministry releases details of review of PARC and CPPG along with proposed revisions.
- 15. October 12 to December 6, 2017 – Ministry receives feedback in 1st phase of consultation.

- 16. November, 2017 – Minister appoints Reference Group to provide additional feedback.
 - All four school board associations
 - Municipal associations – AMO, ROMA, OSUM, NOMA, FONOM
 - People for Education
 - Ontario Federation of Agriculture
 - Community Schools Alliance

- 17. January 17, 2017 – Premier appoints Indira Naidoo-Harris new Minister of Education.
- 18. Plan to release draft of revised PARG and CPPG for further feedback using information received during Phase 1 of consultation is delayed.