

## H. L. STRONG ACADEMY SCHOOL SYSTEM REVIEW



## BACKGROUND

The Board of Trustees has directed the staff of the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District (NLESD) to investigate the potential for the closure of H. L. Strong Academy.

## CURRENT CONFIGURATION

The H. L. Strong Academy (K-12) school system is a single-school system in Little Bay Islands. The school currently has 0 students enrolled, with no projected increase in enrolment. Little Bay Islands has a population of approximately 70, with no increase projected. There is currently one student zoned for H. L. Strong Academy, but this student is attending school elsewhere. It is important to note, however, that any children moving to or born on Little Bay Islands would be zoned for H. L. Strong Academy.

## TRANSPORTATION

The nearest school system to H. L. Strong Academy is the Dorset Collegiate system, consisting of Brian Peckford Primary (K-3) in Triton, Green Bay South Academy (K-6) in Robert's Arm, and Dorset Collegiate (7-12) in Pilley's Island. Potential future students from H. L. Strong Academy could be rezoned to Green Bay South Academy (29.3 km away) for K-6 and Dorset Collegiate (23.4 km away) for 7-12. The travel time to Green Bay South Academy and Dorset Collegiate would be approximately 1 hour, requiring a ferry ride.

## FINANCES

Closing H. L. Strong would result in a potential savings of \$77,000 in operating costs as shown in figure 1.

Newfoundland & Labrador English School District Breakdown of operating expenses	
	H.L. Strong Academy
Salaries and benefits:	
Support staff	38,700
Utilities:	
Phone	10,700
Electricity	5,100
Fuel	13,200
Janitorial products	400
Snow removal	6,600
Municipal fees	600
Repairs and maintenance	1,700
<b>Total</b>	<b>77,000</b>

Figure 1: H. L. Strong Academy operating costs