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Dear Parents and Guardians:

The Newfoundland and Labrador English School District has been working with the Mobile Central High (MCHS) and St. Bernard's Elementary (SBE) school communities in recent years to address enrolment pressures within the system, most notably at St. Bernard's Elementary.

In April 2018, District trustees voted to move Grade 6 students from SBE to MCHS for the 2019-2020 school year. Also at that time, trustees directed staff to conduct a review of whether Grade 5 students should be moved to MCHS. The review was requested due to enrolment pressures at SBE and in anticipation of the completion of a nine-classroom extension to MCHS, expected to be completed for the 2019-2020 school year. In September 2019, the extension will accommodate the current population, as well as the reconfigured Grade 6 student population from St. Bernard's Elementary.

With the most recent population and enrolment projections, the District has prepared information to inform this discussion. District staff met with administrators and school council members on January 17, 2019 to provide preliminary information. The District is now making the information available to the school community through the release of a Mobile Central High School Information Booklet.

As part of the consultation review, NLESD has developed a web page to outline the District's next steps to determine the feasibility of moving Grade 5 students to MCHS. A further update and feedback opportunity will be provided to families beginning **Tuesday, February 19, 2019**. More information on the consultation tool (ThoughtExchange) and the anticipated timelines can be found here:

<https://www.nlesd.ca/schools/schoolreview/2019/system-sbe-mch.jsp>

We look forward to working with you on this consultation initiative.

Sincerely,



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