



Appalachia High School System

Zone 6 School Systems Review

November 25, 2017

School Reviews

Western Region

- ▶ James Cook Memorial School
- ▶ Appalachia High School System
- ▶ St. James High School System
- ▶ H.L. Strong Academy

Central Region

- ▶ Point Leamington Academy School System
- ▶ Swift Current Academy



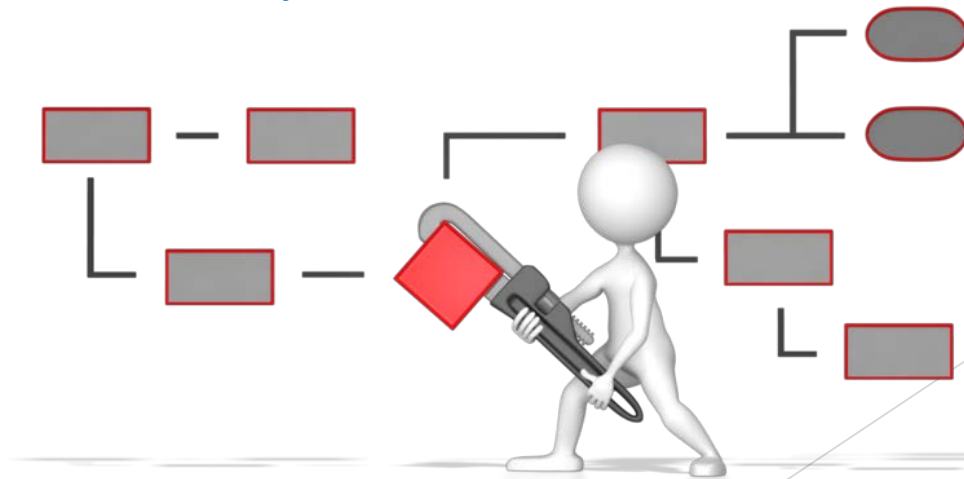
School Review Policy

- ▶ The Board of Trustees (“Board”) for the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District (“District”) is mandated to organize and administer primary, elementary and secondary education in the District.
- ▶ In doing so the Board strives to make the best use of school infrastructure, financial and human resources for all of the students in the Province. Through its capital priorities planning process, the Board may initiate a school review, in order to maximize resources in a particular area and to assess the sustainability of a school facility and its educational programming.



School Review Process and Timelines

- ▶ Phase 1 Consultation – Complete
- ▶ Potential Board decision/first board decision Today
- ▶ Phase 2 Consultation – December-January
- ▶ Potential Second Board decision – February 3, 2018



School Review Options to Consider

Options to be considered by the Board are:

- ▶ **Maintain** status quo
- ▶ **Consolidate** Our Lady of Mercy Elementary and Appalachia High School



1. Student Enrollment

- ▶ *Our Lady of Mercy Elementary* currently has 146 students and is projected to vary between a low of 127 and a high of 142 in the next 10 years.
- ▶ *Appalachia High* currently has 115 students and is projected to vary between a low of 112 and a high of 138 in the next 10 years.
- ▶ Our Lady of Mercy and Appalachia High could be combined with enrolment varying between 264 and 286 over the next 10 years.



3. Facility

- ▶ No capital projects or repairs are required.
- ▶ There are no health/environmental concerns.
- ▶ All required infrastructure for programming is available.
- ▶ Combining the schools would allow both to more effectively use space to meet programming needs.
- ▶ Facility issues or concerns identified are with the location of main office and specifically, the security and supervision of students



4. Transportation

- ▶ Consolidation results in no change in number of required buses.



5. Financial Considerations

Consolidation results in potential savings of:

- ✓ 0.75 admin unit
- ✓ There are currently two secretarial positions - one 30 hour position and one 35 hour position. Consolidation would result in one 35 hour position.

Total potential savings of \$116,000 per year

Newfoundland & Labrador English School District	
Breakdown of operating expenses	
	<u>Our Lady of Mercy Elementary</u>
Salaries and benefits:	
Support staff	94,000
Utilities	
Phone	5,100
Electricity	29,000
Janitorial products	2,600
Snow removal	14,800
Municipal fees	800
Garbage collection	6,200
Repairs and maintenance	3,500
Total	156,000
	<u>Appalachia High</u>
Salaries and benefits:	
Support Staff	148,000
Utilities	
Phone	5,000
Electricity	61,300
Janitorial products	2,400
Snow removal	14,800
Municipal fees	500
Garbage collection	6,100
Fire protection	700
Repairs and maintenance	6,500
Total	245,300



Feedback Summary

Date Survey Concludes: November 16, 2017

Total Responses: 46

Eight respondents indicated children in two or more schools

One respondent did not identify school(s)



Feedback School	Total	Voted 'Yes'	Voted 'No'	Undetermined
Our Lady of Mercy	-	3	33	-
St. Michael's Elementary	-	1	2	-
Appalachia High School	-	3	2	-
No school identified	-	0	1	-
Total	N/A	7	38	1



Feedback Themes

- ▶ System is fine as it is.
- ▶ If merged, supervision will be a problem.
- ▶ Concern for elementary/primary students in same school with older students.
- ▶ Corridor between two current schools is too long for younger students.



Notice of Motion

To be voted on February 3, 2018

WHEREAS the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District is committed to providing the best possible educational programs for students; and,

WHEREAS school closure is required to achieve that objective;

BE IT RESOLVED that:

Our Lady of Mercy Elementary and Appalachia High School will consolidate effective September 2018.





Thank You

