

March 2, 2020

Good day St. Mary's Elementary families,

The Newfoundland and Labrador English School District is releasing updated materials to help inform the ongoing school system review process and further consult with your school community. Following initial consultation held with relevant school councils and the St. Mary's Elementary (SME) school community in November 2019, District staff recognized a need to further outline the options being considered for potential adjustments to SME. The school review of the Waterford Valley High School feeder system is necessitated due to SME's current school population exceeding capacity with further pressures on classroom space in the coming years.

An updated presentation outlining the options being considered has been added to the Waterford Valley High School School Review webpage and can be viewed here:

<https://www.nlesd.ca/schools/schoolreview/2020/doc/wvh-presentation-2020.pdf>

The District is once again inviting feedback from your school community, and a new ThoughtExchange question has been created for consideration and input. Once you review the updated resources, we would like your input on the following question, which will be available until **11:59 p.m. (NT), Wednesday, March 11**.

**Based on the updated presentation provided by the District, what are your thoughts and perspectives on the options for St. Mary's Elementary (Waterford Valley High School System)?**

Click here to launch the ThoughtExchange: <https://my.thoughtexchange.com/#295917177>

The results of the survey will become part of the information used by the District to make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees regarding the Waterford Valley High School System, anticipated for the 2020-21 school year. The Board could be in a position to make a decision as early as the March 28th public meeting of trustees.

Any individual who may have issues connecting with ThoughtExchange using technology (internet connection problems, computer access, language barriers, etc.) should connect with the school administration of any school within this system. District schools are committed to ensuring families are able to provide their valuable input into this process.

All information regarding this school review process, including the report from the ThoughtExchange consultation held in November, is available from the District website, or directly here:

<https://www.nlesd.ca/schools/schoolreview/2020/system-wvh.jsp>

Should you have any questions about this review, please contact Michael Tobin, Director of Schools for the Waterford Valley High school system at 758-2377 or via email at [michaeltobin@nlesd.ca](mailto:michaeltobin@nlesd.ca)

Thank you for your continued input and interest in the future of our students.

Regards,



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