



# St. James High School System

## Zone 6 School Systems Review

November 25, 2017

# School Reviews

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## 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

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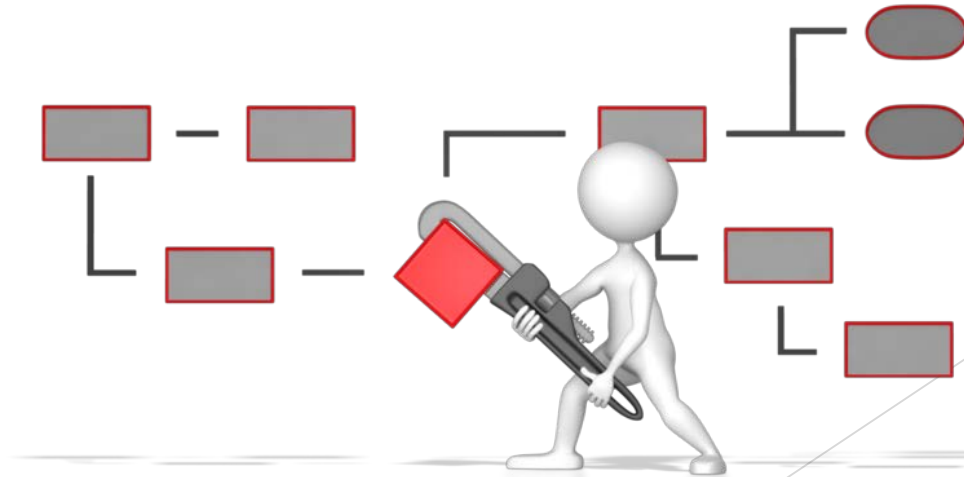
- ▶ The Board of Trustees (“Board”) for the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District (“District”) is mandated to organize and administer primary, elementary and secondary education in the District.
- ▶ In doing so the Board strives to make the best use of school infrastructure, financial and 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

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

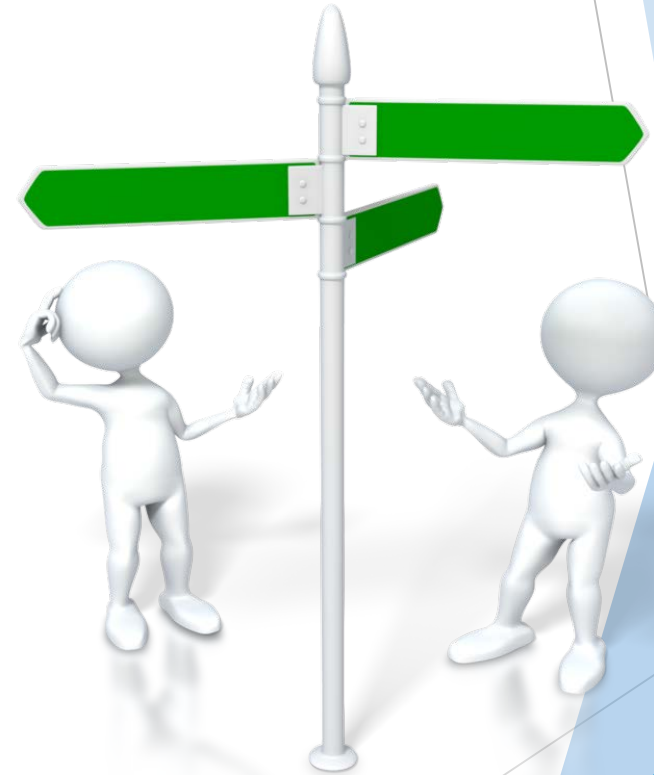


# School Review Options to Consider

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Options to be considered by the Board are:

- ✓ **Maintain** status quo
- ✓ **School Closure** – close LeGallais Memorial and students attend St. James Elementary/ Regional High
- ✓ **School Closure** – close LeGallais Memorial and students attend Grandy's River Collegiate







**St. James Regional High**



**LeGallis Memorial**

**Grandy's River Collegiate**



Grand Bay West

Marine Atlantic Channel-Port aux...

Channel-Port aux Basques

Margaree

Isle aux Morts

Burnt Islands

**St. James Elementary**



# 1. Student Enrollment

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- ✓ *LaGallais Memorial* is projected to have between 47 and 25 students from now until 2026.
- ✓ *St. James Elementary* is projected to have between 262 and 280 students from now until 2026.
- ✓ *St. James Regional High* is projected to have between 311 and 230 students from now until 2026.
- ✓ *Grandy's River Collegiate* is projected to have between 99 and 69 students from now until 2026.
- ✓ *LeGallais Memorial* students can be accommodated at St. James Elementary/High or Grandy's River Collegiate.



## 2. Programs and Services

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### Learning opportunities for students

If students are bussed to St. James Elementary/High or Grandy's River Collegiate, they will have access to:

- ✓ wider course offerings
- ✓ more specialist teaching
- ✓ more integration with age-level peers

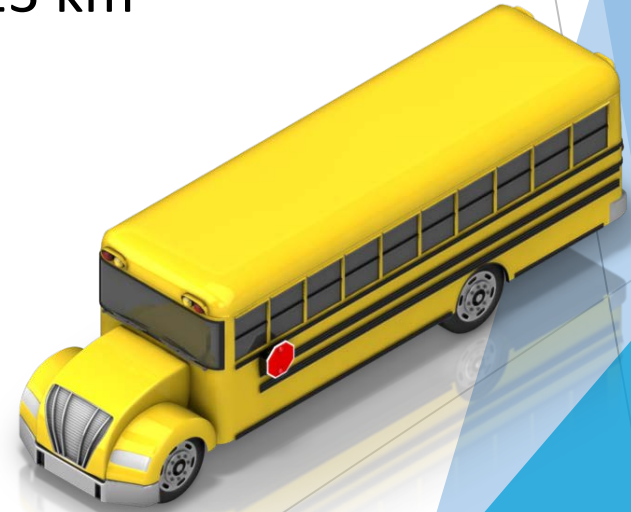




### 3. Student Transportation (Option 1 – Port aux Basques)

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- ✓ Students are not currently bused to LeGallais Memorial. Students in Grades 10-12 students are presently bused to St. James Regional High.
- ✓ Consolidation will require one additional bus (Estimated cost \$45,000)
- ✓ Distance from Isle aux Morts to Port aux Basques is 23 km



### 3. Student Transportation (Option 2 - Grandy's River Collegiate)

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- ✓ Consolidation with Grandy's River Collegiate will require one additional bus (Estimated cost : \$45 000)
- ✓ Distance from Isle aux Morts to Burnt Islands is 11 km



## 4. Facility - both options

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- ▶ No facility issues or concerns were identified.
- ▶ No capital projects or repairs are required.
- ▶ There are no health/environmental concerns.
- ▶ All required infrastructure for programming is available.
- ▶ St. James Elementary/High and Grandy's River Collegiate have capacity to accommodate students from LeGallais Memorial.



# 5. Financial Considerations (Option 1 – Port-aux-Basques)

**Consolidation results in potential savings of:**

- ✓ \$146,000 in operating costs
- ✓ Up to 4 teaching units
- ✓ 0.5 admin unit

Increase of \$45,000 to add additional bus

Total potential savings of \$551,000 per year

Newfoundland & Labrador English School District  
Breakdown of operating expenses

	LeGallais Memorial
Salaries and benefits:	
Support Staff	94,500
Utilities:	
Phone	11,000
Electricity	29,700
Fuel	
Janitorial products	1,600
Snow removal	500
Municipal fees	3,700
Repairs and maintenance	5,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>146,000</b>



## 5. Financial Considerations (Option 2 – Isle aux Morts)

### Consolidation results in potential savings of:

- ✓ \$146,000 in operating costs
- ✓ 1 teaching unit
- ✓ 0.50 administration units.

Increase of \$45,000 to add additional bus

This results in a total yearly savings of \$251,000

#### Newfoundland & Labrador English School District Breakdown of operating expenses

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# Feedback Summary

**Date Survey Concludes:** November 17, 2017

**Total Responses:** 100 - 6 (duplicates/errored responses) = 94 total responses

Feedback School	Total	Option 1 (PaB)	Option 2 (Grandy's River)	Undetermined
Douglas Academy	0	-	-	-
St. James Elementary	3	1	2	-
St. James Regional High School	6	2	3	1
LeGallis Memorial	47	14	17	16*
Grandy's River Collegiate	29	1	28	-
More than ONE school identified	6	3	3	-
No school identified	3	-	-	3
<b>Tally Totals:</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>20</b>



# Feedback Themes

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- ▶ Concerns over busing out of community, particularly in winter
- ▶ Recognition of Grandy's River being a shorter commute
- ▶ A desire to save community school
- ▶ Benefits of small classrooms, small populations
- ▶ Benefits of a larger school population (more course offerings, diversity, new friends)
- ▶ Belief that St. James is already stretched and overcrowded, Grandy's River better able to accommodate
- ▶ Concerns for students with exceptionalities and how they will deal with a new environment
- ▶ Concerns with bullying, being the 'outsider', students 'falling through the cracks'
- ▶ Recent government monies spent to update and upgrade LeGallais 'a waste' if closed
- ▶ Belief that sending LeGallais students to Grandy's River will help ensure the future of GRC



# Notice of Motion

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**To be voted on Feb 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:

LeGallais Memorial will close effective June 2018 and all students will be rezoned to either attend St. James Elementary/High or Grandy's River Collegiate effective September 2018.





**Thank You**

