



December 7, 2019

Good day families and school community members:

This information is a follow-up to the October 28, 2019 and November 7, 2019 memos regarding the ongoing review of the Stephenville High and Piccadilly Central High school systems.

Please note below the **Notice of Motion** for your school system that was brought forward during the December 7, 2019 regular public meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District:

MOTION: Piccadilly Central High / Stephenville High School Systems, Stephenville High (9-12), Pathfinder Learning Centre (L.S. Eddy) (10-12), Stephenville Middle (6-8), Stephenville Elementary (4-5), Stephenville Primary (K-3); Piccadilly Central High (9-12), St. Thomas Aquinas (K-8), Our Lady of the Cape (K-8), Lourdes Elementary (K-8).

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

WHEREAS a reconfiguration of grading and a reorganization of schooling in the Piccadilly Central High/ Stephenville High School Systems is required to achieve that objective;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that:

St. Thomas Aquinas (K-8) will close effective June, 2020.

Stephenville Elementary (4-5) will close effective June, 2020.

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED that:

Stephenville Middle School will be reconfigured from Grades 6-8 to Grades 4-7.

Stephenville High School will be reconfigured from Grades 9-12 to Grades 8-12.

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED that:

All students attending Stephenville Elementary will attend Stephenville Middle School.

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED that:

Stephenville Primary School student attendance zone will be rezoned to include the current student attendance zone for St. Thomas Aquinas. Stephenville Middle School student attendance zone will be rezoned to include the current student attendance zone for St. Thomas Aquinas. Stephenville High School student attendance zone will be rezoned to include the current student attendance zone for St. Thomas Aquinas.

All students who previously attended St. Thomas Aquinas K-8 and who are currently attending Piccadilly Central High will continue to attend Piccadilly Central High until completion of high school.

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED that:

The Pathfinder Learning Centre (L.S. Eddy) (10-12) will relocate to the site of the former Stephenville Elementary.

The following points are meant to outline what this Notice of Motion means for the ongoing review of your school system:

- A Notice of Motion gives formal notice to the school community that a motion will be brought forward at a later date and be voted on by the Board of Trustees.
- No final decision has been made at this time.
- Next steps involve further review and analysis and further consultation with the school communities involved.
- Where a school closure(s) is being considered, a separate public meeting will be held with the school community prior to a vote on the motion, which is expected at the March 28, 2020 regular public meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Should you have any questions about this motion for your school systems, please contact Delores Clarke-Genge, Director of Schools for the Stephenville High School system and the Piccadilly Central High school system at 637-4000 or via email at deloresclarkegenge@nlesd.ca; or Truman Greenham for the Pathfinders Learning Center at 637-4000 or via email at trumangreenham@nlesd.ca

Thank you for your interest and involvement in the school review process and we look forward to working with you during the next phase. As always, information on this process can be found in the school review web page for this system, which can be accessed through the following link:

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

We will be in contact prior to the Christmas Holiday with further details regarding the next steps in the school review process.

Regards,



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