

March 28, 2020

Good day Stephenville High and Piccadilly Central High School System families,

The regular public meeting of the Newfoundland and Labrador English School Board was held on March 28, 2020. During that meeting, the Notice of Motion which was previously given at the meeting of the Board on December 7, 2019, for these systems was withdrawn.

As such, Trustees did not proceed with the previously outlined Motion for the Stephenville High and Piccadilly Central High School Systems, which proposed the following changes:

- The closure of St. Thomas Aquinas, effective June 2020;
- The closure of Stephenville Elementary, effective June 2020;
- The reconfiguration of Stephenville Middle School from Grades 6 to 8, to Grades 4 to 7;
- The reconfiguration of Stephenville High School from Grades 9 to 12, to Grades 8 to 12;
- All students attending Stephenville Elementary attending Stephenville Middle School;
- Stephenville Primary School student attendance zone being rezoned to include the current student attendance zone for St. Thomas Aquinas;
- Stephenville Middle School student attendance zone being rezoned to include the current student attendance zone for St. Thomas Aquinas;
- Stephenville High School student attendance zone being rezoned to include the current student attendance zone for St. Thomas Aquinas;
- All students who previously attended St. Thomas Aquinas K-8 and who currently attend Piccadilly Central High continuing to attend Piccadilly Central High until completion of high school; and,
- The Pathfinder Learning Centre (L.S. Eddy) (10-12) relocating to the site of the former Stephenville Elementary.

This decision means that the Stephenville High and Piccadilly Central High School Systems will remain status quo for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year.

For reference in the backgunder below, please find the original wording of the Motion for these systems, **which is no longer being considered by the Board of Trustees.**

For further reference, all relevant information on the Stephenville High and Piccadilly Central High School Systems Review Process for the 2019-2020 school year can be found here:

<https://www.nlesd.ca/schools/schoolreview/index.jsp>

The Board of Trustees would like to thank all members of the school community who provided their feedback throughout this process and also to the school councils and administrations of schools in these systems for their invaluable contributions.

Should you have any questions regarding this decision by the Board of Trustees, please contact Truman Greenham, Director of Schools for the Pathfinders Learning Center, at 637-4000 or trumangreenham@nlesd.ca or Delores Clarke-Genge, Director of Schools for the remaining schools in this system, at 637-4000 or deloresclarkegenge@nlesd.ca.

Regards,



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BACKGROUND

The following is the complete Motion for Stephenville High and Piccadilly Central High School Systems Review (no longer being brought forward):

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.