

May 11, 2018

Parents/Guardians,

The Newfoundland and Labrador English School District has received the structural engineering assessment report on Bishop Feild Elementary from the Provincial Government. As the District committed early in the process to provide the school community with timely updates and new information when available, the Nova Consulting report is available at an electronic link provided below and will also be made available from both the District and school websites. Please note, the huge volume of pictures in the report preclude emailing it to the school community directly.

The structural engineering assessment is available here: <https://www.nlesd.ca/public/reports/DOC201804651.pdf>

The report concludes that the structure of the building is generally sound, but some concrete repair is required. It should be noted that this is in addition to the consultant's previously stated requirement to remove the remaining two-thirds of the existing ceiling structure. The building will also need a new replacement ceiling system throughout before reopening. In addition to structural repair, there is other critical work related to the building envelope and site drainage that needs to be addressed.

It was communicated to you previously that all work may not occur prior to the next school year. We can now confirm that the full scope of work will not be able to be completed before September 2018. Therefore, Bishop Feild students will return to the former School for the Deaf on Topsail Road to begin the 2018-19 school year. Student transportation (busing) will continue to be provided for students as it is currently.

The Provincial Government, through the Department of Transportation and Works, will oversee the project, working in partnership with the District and contractors engaged to complete the work. As the process of tenders being drafted, released and awarded unfolds, and of course work commences and proceeds, the District remains committed to ensuring that the school community are kept updated with the latest information.

Sincerely,



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