

February 8, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On February 6, 2019, the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District (NLESD) hosted a meeting with Provincial Government (Transportation and Works) representatives and your school council to discuss questions brought forward concerning the Bishop Feild rehabilitation project.

During the meeting, it was confirmed that:

- The Provincial Government and NLESD are committed to the completion of this project.
- Funding for the Bishop Feild Elementary project has been allocated and is part of the broader Transportation and Works (TW) school infrastructure budget for 2019-20.
- A consultant is now concluding a tender package, which includes both interior and exterior work. It will be evaluated by TW and then issued to the construction community as per the Public Procurement Act (February 2019).
- The construction community will then have an estimated three-week window of opportunity to bid on the project (March 2019).
- TW anticipates the tender will be awarded in early April, with work expected to get underway shortly thereafter.
- The contractor is expected to have the work completed 36 weeks from the date the tender is awarded, which would be early-mid December 2019.
- The anticipated re-occupancy date is January 2020.

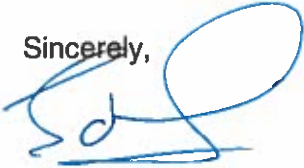
Officials also noted that:

- There is no opportunity to defer aspects of the project to a later date, as it now clear, with all the ceilings removed, that all components of the interior work are interdependent on aspects of the larger 'building envelope' project.
- When the October 9, 2018 update was provided to the school community, about one-third of the ceiling had been removed and it was believed the interior work could be completed as a separate project to enable students and staff to re-occupy the building in September 2019.
- As the ceiling removal progressed into January, the consultant was better able to determine the full extent of the scope of work required, and on that basis determined the best option was to repair the interior and exterior prior to occupancy.

Once again, we recognize the delayed re-occupancy is disappointing news for the Bishop Feild school community. As we now know, workers will be required to be both inside and outside the school at various points of construction, and there will be a considerable amount of worker traffic and disruption, which could compromise teaching and learning, as well as student and staff safety. While the current situation is not ideal, we also recognize we are fortunate to have had a facility available that was able to accommodate the entire school population until such time as the Bond Street location is repaired.

Thank you for your patience. We will provide updated information as it becomes available.

Sincerely,



ED WALSH

Associate Director of Education - Programs and Operations (Acting)

cc: Ms. Laurie Andrews
Ms. Wilhelmena Hardy

