

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Board Moves Forward With School Closures, Deep Learning Initiative

The Board of Trustees of the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District (NLESD) passed motions during its regular public meeting on Saturday, June 12 to officially close Raymond Ward Memorial School in Norman Bay, Basque Memorial School in Red Bay, and Bayview Primary in Nipper's Harbour. There were no students enrolled, and no staff assigned, to either school this year, and the District only recently confirmed there would be no students in attendance in September 2021.

"The process for school closures is outlined in the Schools Act," said Board Chair Goronwy Price. "That legislated process is now complete, clearing the way for the disposal of these surplus properties."

Saturday's meeting included a report on the progress of the District's Deep Learning initiative, which is an educational philosophy which focuses on the mastery of curriculum, critical thinking, collaboration, creativity, citizenship, communication skills and empowering students through self-directed learning. An example photo is included below.

"The work that is being done by the District has been showcased at national and international educational events and demonstrates what can be achieved through the power of student and teacher engagement," said Chair Price. "This is a focus on learning where young people gain skills for the 21st century and develop into curious, independent, thoughtful, productive citizens. It's setting the stage for future success in school and in life."

This is the second year of the Deep Learning initiative. A video highlighting some recent projects at schools in the District can be viewed here: [Deep Learning Presentation](#).

The next regular public meeting of the Board is scheduled for September 25, 2021.

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**Students at Hazelwood Elementary (St. John's) learn about coding through 'hands on' experience - a key element of the District's Deep Learning initiative.**