

November 14, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians:

As you may know, the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District is working to address current and anticipated enrolment pressures within the Holy Spirit High and Mount Pearl Senior High school systems. The District has also been engaged with the Provincial Government in preparation for the opening of the new intermediate school in Paradise (anticipated in the 2020-21 school year), which will have a positive impact on these two school systems.

In light of these realities, the District is conducting a school feeder review for the Mount Pearl Senior High and Holy Spirit High feeder systems. Beginning this fall, the District will consult with the 10 school communities involved in this systems review.

The Holy Spirit High school feeder system includes; Octagon Pond Elementary, Holy Family Elementary, Topsail Elementary, Villanova Junior High and Holy Spirit High.

The Mount Pearl Senior High school feeder system involves Elizabeth Park Elementary, Morris Academy, Paradise Elementary, Mount Pearl Intermediate, and Mount Pearl Senior High.

As these school feeder systems are quite large, encompassing 10 schools and approximately 6,000 students and their families, the District is taking a new approach to consultation. The District has engaged ThoughtExchange, a Canadian company with experience in school district communications throughout North America. ThoughtExchange will help the District provide an inclusive opportunity for all members of the school communities to participate in the decision-making process, and have their ideas and thoughts considered by their peers. Two ThoughtExchange surveys will be made available to these school communities over the coming weeks to help the District develop options for public consideration. In addition, this process will assist the Board of Trustees in making the final decision on the feeder system for the new intermediate school in Paradise.

A website will be available this week to outline the District's next steps at www.nlesd.ca, and a further update and feedback opportunity will be provided to families the week of November 19, 2018.

We look forward to working with you on this initiative.

Sincerely,



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