

District Education Council

July 17, 2018

490 Woodward Avenue Saint John, New Brunswick E2K 5N3

Hon. Brian Kenny Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development Department of Education, P.O. Box 6000 Fredericton, NB E3B 5H1

Dear Minister Kenny:

As a follow up to our June 13, 2018 District Education Council meeting, please be advised that motions were made and passed to request a 3 year exemption for the trigger schools noted below:

Apohaqui Elementary School – may be looked at as part of a future 409 but not at this time as there is no room at Norton Elementary to move the students.

Fundy Shores School – this school was reconfigured from K-8 to K-5 since amalgamation and at this time there is no plan for further study. The drive for elementary students would be too long.

Back Bay Elementary School – the closest school is St. George Elementary, and with the return of grade one immersion, space is tight to accommodate Back Bay students. Enrolment will continue to be monitored.

Deer Island Community School – this school was examined by the former DEC for a reconfiguration from K-8, given small middle school numbers, to a K-5 but it was decided to leave the school as K-8. There is no plan to examine the sustainability at this time. The ferry ride was deemed to be an issue for elementary aged students.

White Head Elementary School - grade reconfigured to K-4. This school is on an island and there is no plan to examine further at this time. The ferry ride was deemed to be an issue for elementary aged students.

Campobello Island – an island school – no place for students to go without extensive travel.

Lawrence Station Elementary School – this school was studied under Policy 409 by the former DEC and it was determined the distance to St. Stephen was too great for elementary children.

St. Martins School – this was a K-8 school and was recently grade reconfigured to K-5; therefore, no further study required at this time.

It was noted that Inglewood and Morna Heights schools are already part of a 409 process.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

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Chair

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