



School Sustainability Study – Brown's Flat Elementary

March 2015



SCHOOL SUSTAINABILITY REVIEW and SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

The Anglophone South District Education Council (DEC) will host Public Consultations as per Provincial Policy 409 *Multi-Year School Infrastructure Planning* to study the sustainability of **Brown's Flat School**.

Under Policy 409, the DEC will be holding two public information sessions at each school. The initial meeting will be to deliver the proposal to the public and to allow the DEC and staff to explain the process involved in a Policy 409 review and be available to answer questions about the process.

A second meeting at the school will be scheduled in April to allow the public an opportunity to ask questions about the proposal, voice their concerns and provide feedback to the review.

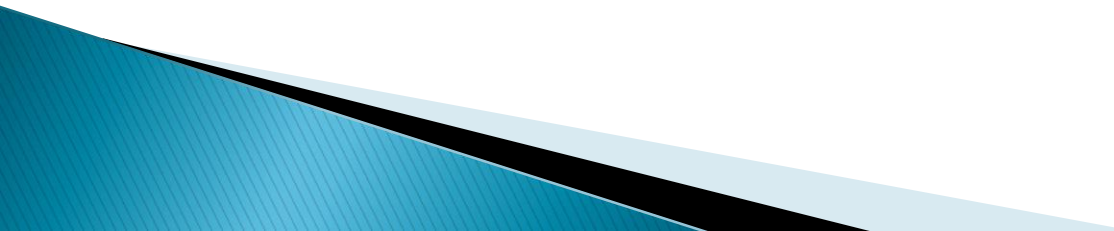
The first meeting at Brown's Flat School is scheduled for Thursday, March 12 at 7:00 pm

Everyone is welcome to attend, and encouraged to do so. Throughout this process, written feedback can be submitted via email to: asds.schoolreview@gnb.ca or you may send a letter to the attention of Robert Fowler, Chair, District Education Council, 490 Woodward Avenue, Saint John, NB E2K 5N3.

District Education Council (DEC) Priorities:

DEC meeting, February 11, 2015 – motion was made on Browns Flat School:

*“ That Council direct the Superintendent to inform Minister Rousselle that we intend to study School Sustainability for Brown’s Flat School and Norton Elementary School. This will allow us under the department’s Policy 409 – **Multi Year School Infrastructure Planning** – to begin the public consultation process to gather community and stakeholder input to the recommendation.”*



Policy 409 – Section 6.4

Determining a School's Sustainability

6.4.2 *A DEC must consider the following criteria when studying a school's sustainability. This list does not preclude a DEC from considering other factors relevant to their local circumstances.*

- ▶ 1. Low/declining enrolments:
- ▶ 2. Health and Safety:
- ▶ 3. Quality of Education Programs and Services:
- ▶ 4. Transportation:
- ▶ 5. Finances:
- ▶ 6. Impact on the local community:
- ▶ 7. Impact on other schools:
- ▶ 8. Economic development.

Policy 409 – Section 6.5

Public Consultation on School's Sustainability

6.5.3 The DEC will ensure that affected persons:

- ▶ are provided with information relevant to the proposal;*
- ▶ have adequate time to consider the information provided; and,*
- ▶ have adequate time and opportunity to make a presentation to the DEC (i.e. let their views be known either in writing or orally) and are heard impartially at an open DEC meeting.*

Policy 409 – Section 6.5

Public Consultation on School's Sustainability

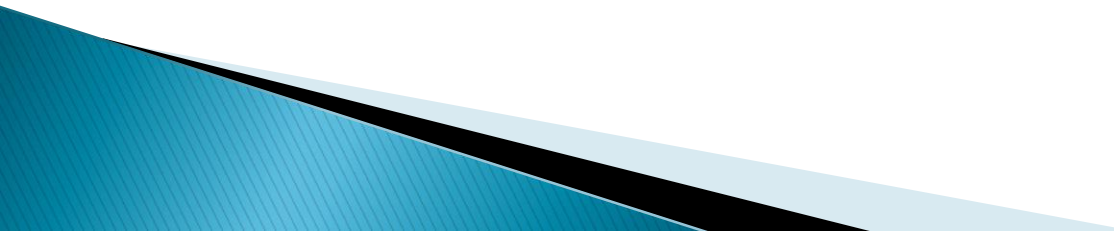
6.5.4 *There will be a minimum of three public DEC meetings on the possible closure – one meeting to inform the school community of the DECs' intention and the steps to be followed, a second meeting to provide the opportunity to make a presentation (in writing or orally) and a final meeting to provide the public with the results of the consultation, including an account of the factors considered, as per section 6.4 of this policy, and resulting recommendation being submitted to the Minister.*

Policy 409 – Section 6.6

Ministerial Approval of a School Closure

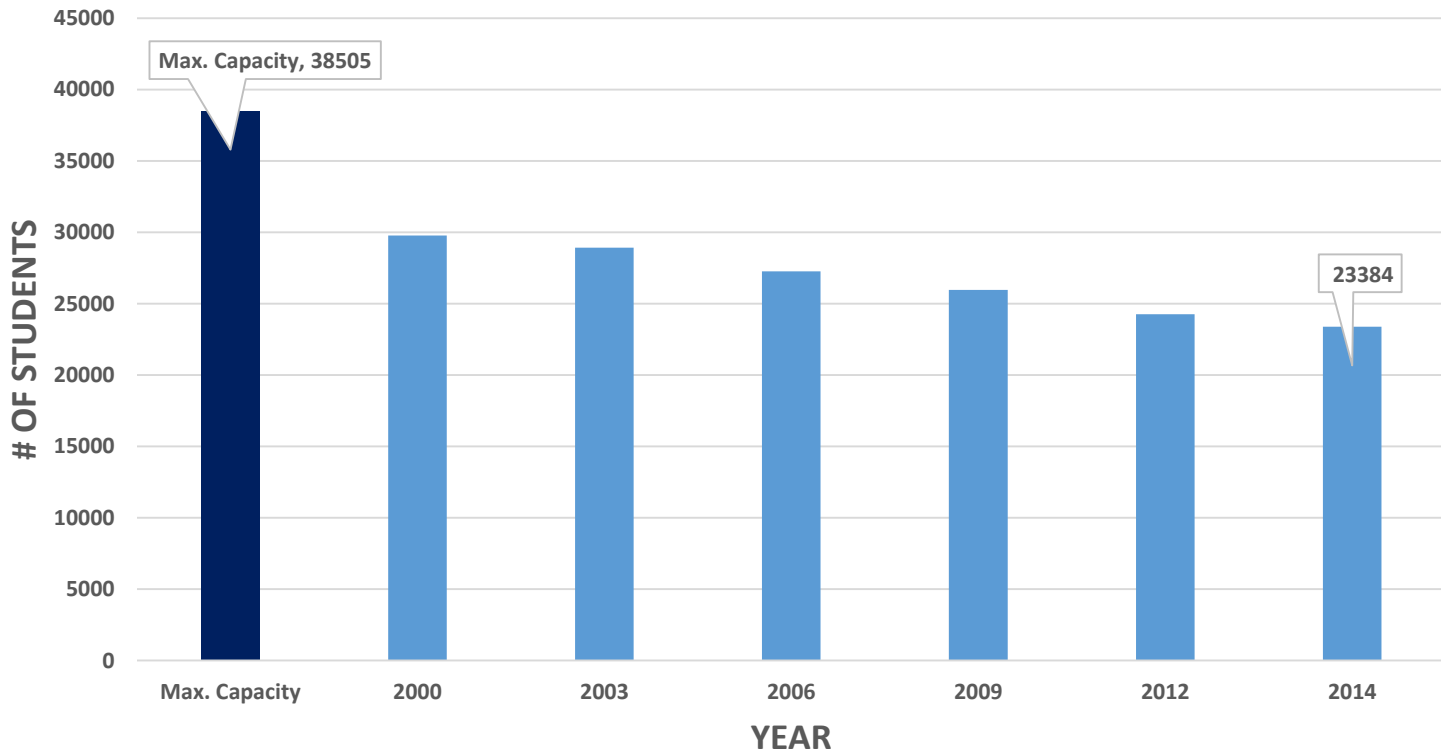
6.6.1 *A DEC will inform the Minister in writing of a recommendation to close a school, following the public consultation process.*

6.6.3 *The Minister shall normally respond to a recommendation to close a school within a period of time no less than 30 days and not exceeding 60 days.*



Anglophone School District - South Historical Enrolment

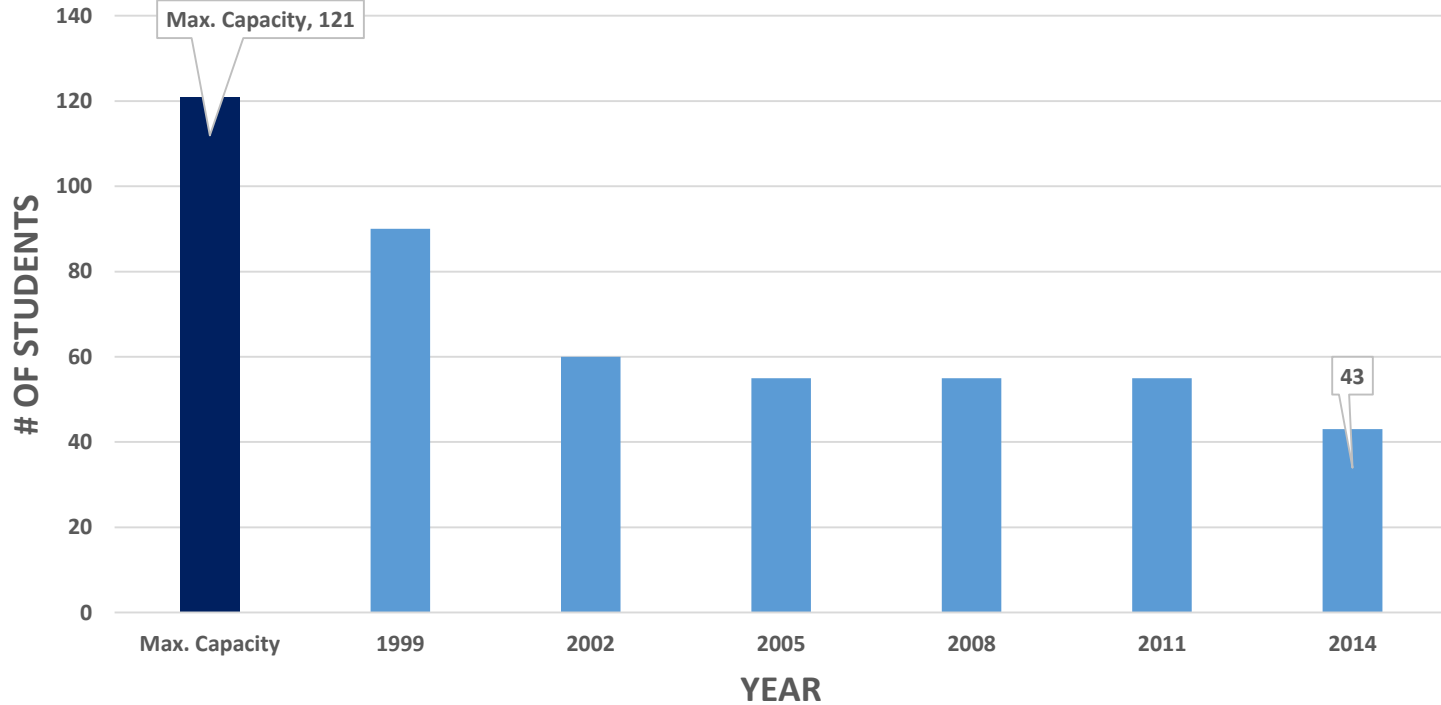
22% Enrolment Drop in 14 Years (6389 students)



Max. Capacity	2000	2003	2006	2009	2012	2014
38505	29773	28917	27259	25964	24257	23384

Brown's Flat School Historical Enrolment

52% Enrolment Drop in 15 years (47 students)



Max. Capacity	1999	2002	2005	2008	2011	2014
121	90	60	55	55	55	43

Enrolment by Year by Grade for Brown's Flat School

Actual 2008 - 2014

Forecast 2015 - 2020

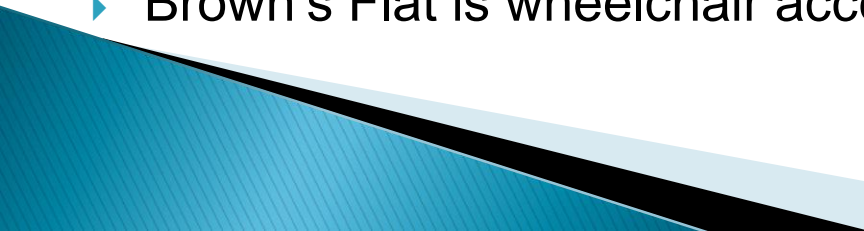
Grade Level

	Sept 30	K	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Actual:	2008	14	7	9	8	7	10	55
	2009	9	11	7	9	8	6	50
	2010	10	9	13	7	9	9	57
	2011	11	7	10	13	5	9	55
	2012	8	11	6	9	12	5	51
	2013	9	8	10	5	10	12	54
	2014	5	8	7	9	6	8	43
Forecast:	2015	9	5	8	7	9	6	44
	2016	9	9	5	8	7	9	47
	2017	9	9	9	5	8	7	47
	2018	9	9	9	9	5	8	49
	2019	9	9	9	9	9	5	50
	2020	9	9	9	9	9	9	54

1) Used an average K enrolment calculated from 7 years of official K numbers.

2) Moved the other grade levels ahead by one year, i.e. grade1 for one year would be grade 2 for the next year.

Brown's Flat - Background

- ▶ K-5 Elementary school built in 1987
 - ▶ Max capacity for Brown's Flat is 121 students
 - ▶ 43 students enrolled as of Sept. 2014
 - ▶ Brown's Flat is at 36% of capacity as of Sept. 2014
 - ▶ Enrolment has declined by 52% since 1999 (47 students)
 - ▶ Brown's Flat does not have Early French Immersion (EFI)
 - ▶ For EFI, students go to Westfield Elementary
 - ▶ Brown's Flat students proceed to River Valley Middle then Saint John area for High School
 - ▶ Brown's Flat has a multi-purpose type gym
 - ▶ Brown's Flat has a new playground and sufficient green space
 - ▶ Brown's Flat has sufficient parking
 - ▶ Brown's Flat is wheelchair accessible
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Brown's Flat Staffing

STAFFING:

<u>Description</u>	<u>FTE's (Full Time Equivalents)</u>
▶ Teacher FTE's	4.60*
▶ Clerical Staff	1.00
▶ Custodial	.80
▶ Educational Assistants	<u>3.00</u>
Total	9.40

* includes Principal

Brown's Flat - Capital Improvement Projects Completed

<u>Project</u>	<u>Cost</u>
▶ Heating & Ventilation (2006)	\$ 6,875
▶ Roof replacement (2003)	<u>40,458</u>
Total	\$47,333

Brown's Flat - Capital Improvement Projects Required

<u>Project</u>	<u>Cost</u>
▶ Site improvement – asphalt and drainage	\$100,000

Brown's Flat Elementary - Annual Operating Costs 2013/14:

Light, power and heat	\$21,485
Minor repairs	3,807
Snow plowing	3,420
Garbage removal	<u>1,607</u>
Sub-total	\$30,319
School Instructional Budget	9,652
School Salaries & Benefits	<u>618,000</u>
Total Yearly Operating Costs	<u>\$657,971</u>

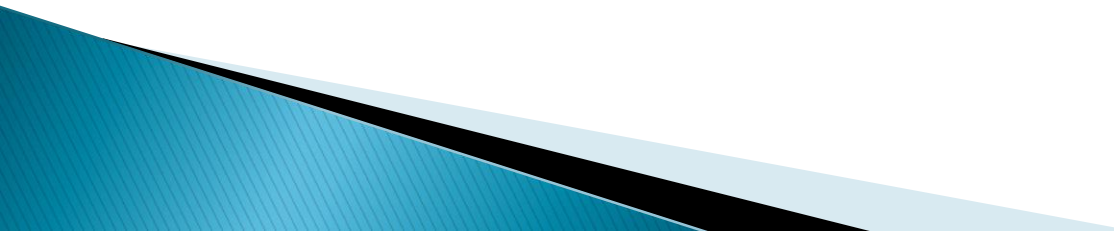


Brown's Flat School Zone

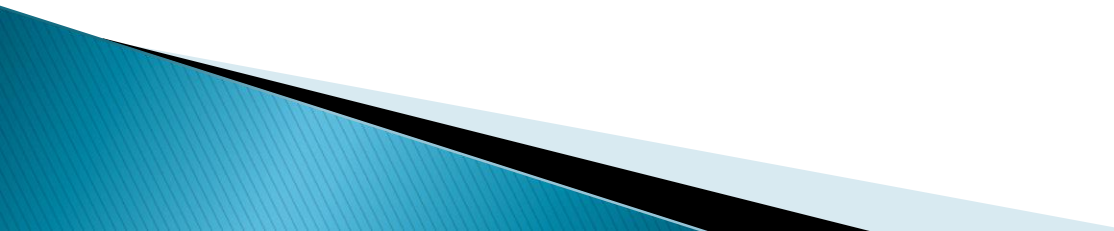
Proposal: Close Brown's Flat Elementary

- ▶ Students could be moved to Westfield Elementary
- ▶ Westfield Elem. is 18 kms away from Brown's Flat Elem.
- ▶ Westfield is K-5 Elementary built in 1951
- ▶ Max capacity for Westfield is 508 students
- ▶ 284 students enrolled as of Sept. 2014
- ▶ Westfield has Early French Immersion (EFI)
- ▶ Westfield is wheelchair accessible main level
- ▶ Westfield has full sized gym
- ▶ Westfield has two modern playgrounds in good condition with rubberized ground cover under some equipment
- ▶ Westfield has sufficient green space around the school including outside learning area and sufficient parking

Brown's Flat – Examples of School Activities and Support Programs

- ▶ Student Teams – announcements, weather report, playground pals, assemblies, reading buddies and clubs.
 - ▶ Family Services preschool group meets on Wednesdays offering educational and social programming for preschool children and their parents.
 - ▶ Breakfast for Learning
 - ▶ Principal's Pat on the Back, Numeracy Nights, We Love Our Community Night, Thank You Assemblies
 - ▶ Friday Family Fun Night Sock-Hops, Pancake Breakfasts
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Westfield Elementary – Examples of School Activities and Support Programs

- ▶ Intramurals school activities grades 3-5 (sports at lunch)
 - ▶ Family movie night (last Friday of every month)
 - ▶ Home and School – hot lunch program
 - ▶ Active PSSC
 - ▶ Community school rentals – basketball and Tae Kwon Do
 - ▶ PALS School
 - ▶ Marigolds
 - ▶ After school program 2:10 – 6:00 pm
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Comparison of Programs - Brown's Flat & Westfield Elementary

▶ Brown's Flat:

- ▶ Intramurals 2 -5 (recess & lunch)
- ▶ Student led clubs – 5 weeks sessions
- ▶ Positive learning activities
- ▶ Wits program
- ▶ Playground pals
- ▶ Bucket filling
- ▶ Caught living the code
- ▶ Be statements
- ▶ Hot lunch
- ▶ Active Home & School
- ▶ Family fun night
- ▶ Choir, Ukulele Club, Artist in Residence

▶ Westfield Elementary

- ▶ Intramurals 2 -5 (recess & lunch)
- ▶ Friday school activities & clubs (Nov. to Feb.)
- ▶ Positive learning activities
- ▶ Wits program
- ▶ Peer helpers
- ▶ Bucket filling
- ▶ Kindness club
- ▶ Be statements
- ▶ Hot lunch
- ▶ Active Home & School
- ▶ Family movie night
- ▶ Musical/talent show

Browns Flat Elementary

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Westfield Elementary

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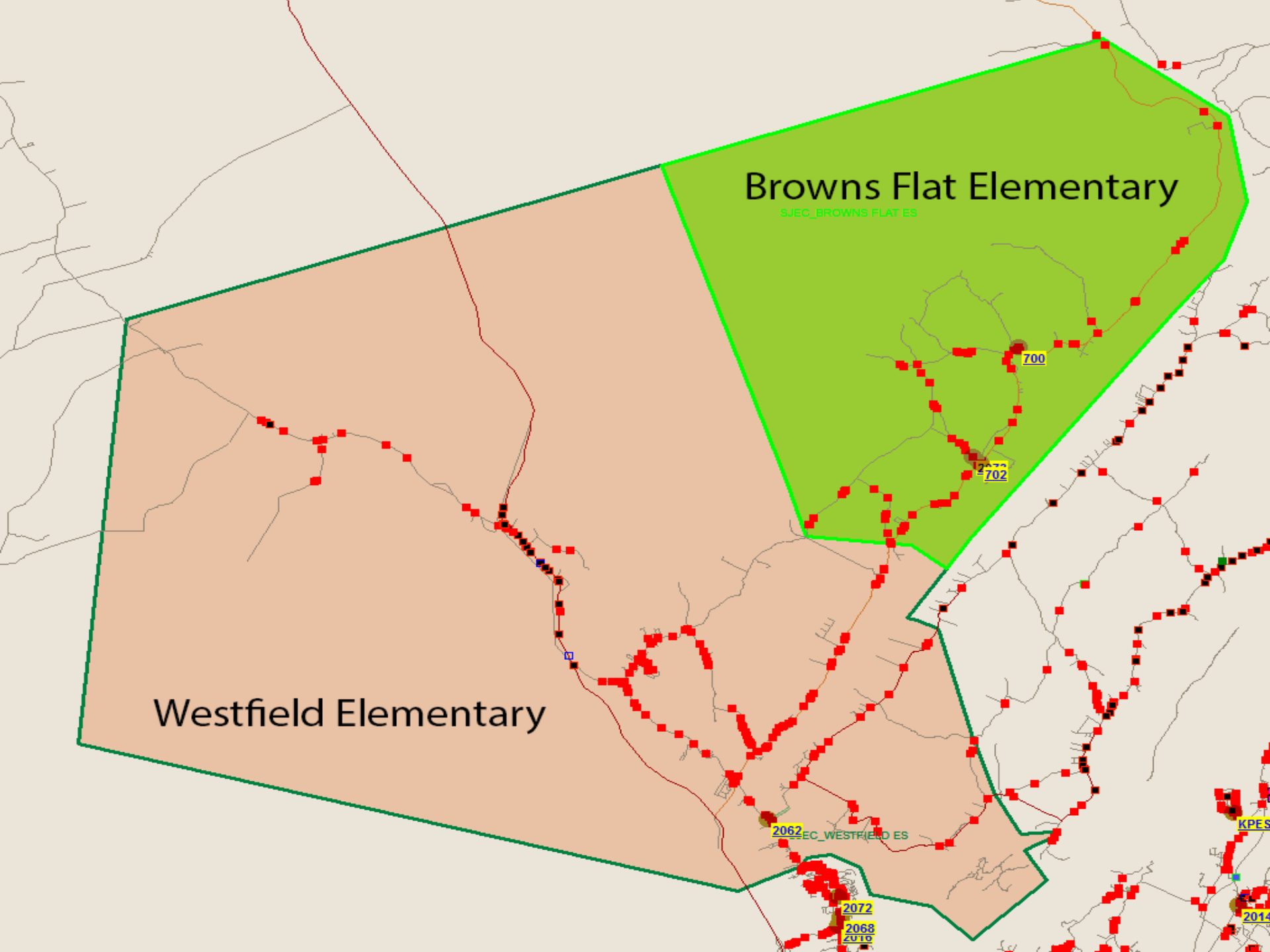
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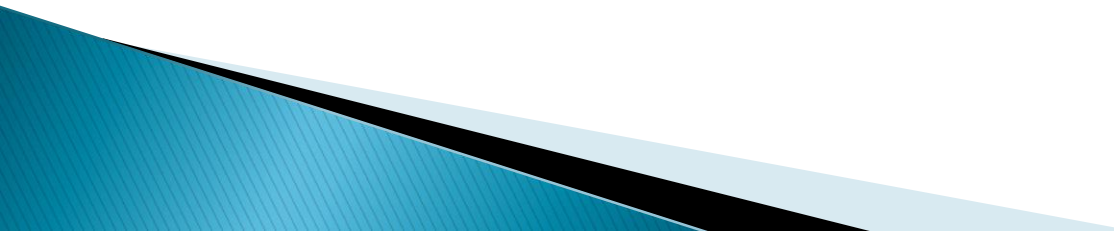
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Transportation

- ▶ 96% of Brown's Flat students go on a bus
- ▶ Busses from Westfield/Grand Bay area are already in place to serve Brown's Flat for Middle School or EFI
- ▶ Avg. increase in travel distance to Westfield is 18 kms
- ▶ Avg. increase in time spent on bus is 24 min.
- ▶ Total trip time for majority of students will be mid-20's to mid-30's
- ▶ Max time spent on the bus will around 45 minutes
- ▶ all routes will be evaluated to find efficiencies and reduce travel times where possible

Re-purpose of Brown's Flat School:

- ▶ School District would be willing to sit with community partners to discuss possibilities
 - ▶ If Brown's Flat is no longer a school, it would then fall under the responsibility of the Dept. of Transportation and Infrastructure (DTI)
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Thank You for Attending!

- ▶ Next meeting – scheduled for April 7th.
- ▶ This presentation will be posted to ASD-S website at: **<http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-S/>**

Written feedback can be submitted:

- ▶ via email to **asds.schoolreview@gnb.ca**
- ▶ Or send a letter to the attention of:
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