



School Sustainability Study – Norton 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 **Norton Elementary School**.

Under Policy 409, the DEC will be holding two public information sessions at the 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 Norton Elementary School is scheduled for Tuesday, March 10 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 Norton 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

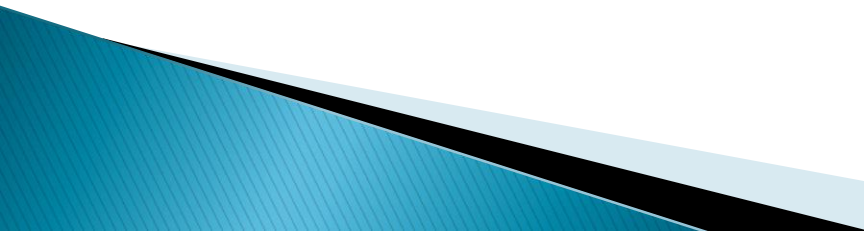
6.4.2 *A DEC must consider the following criteria when studying a school's sustainability. This list does not preclude a DEC from considering other factors relevant to their local circumstances.*

- ▶ 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.*
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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.*

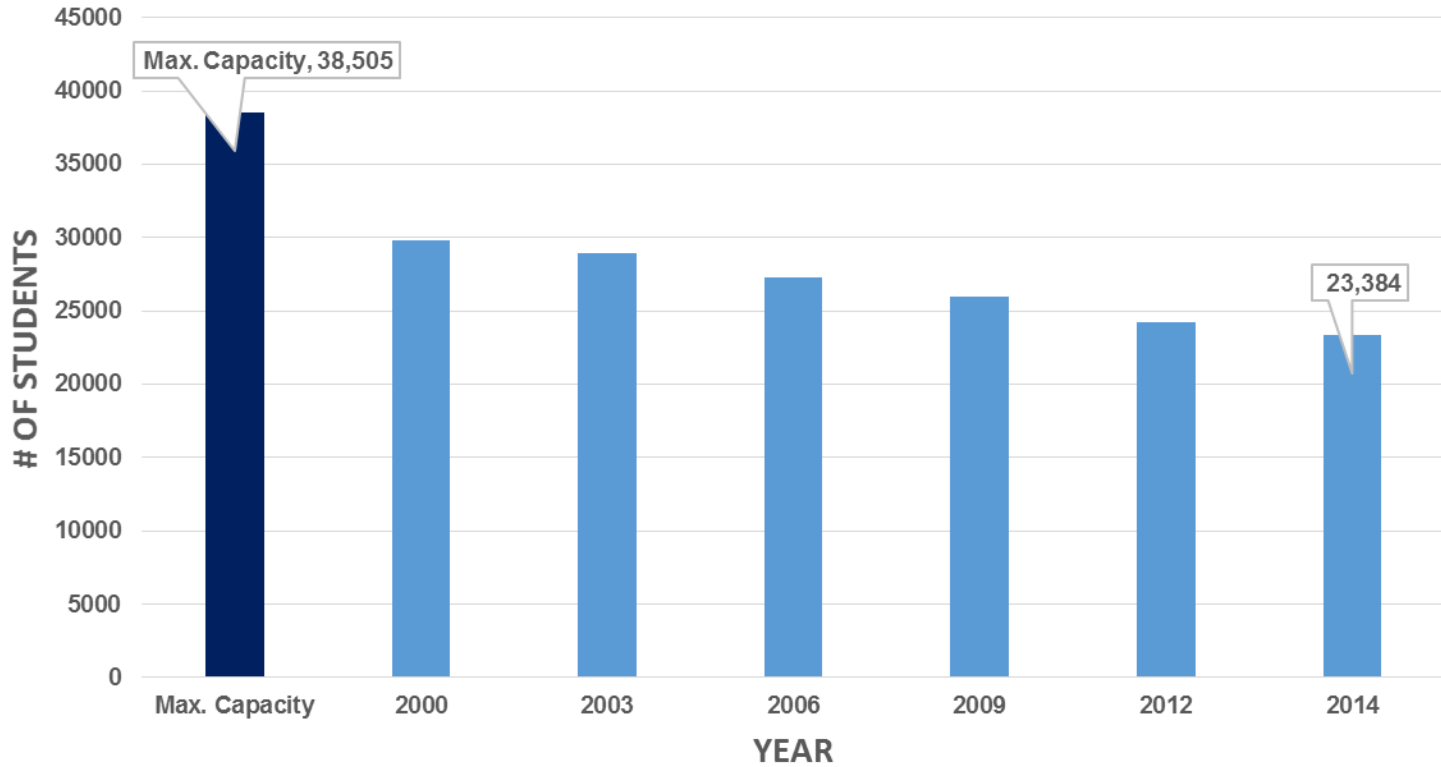
Anglophone School District - South

▶ Quick Facts:

- District runs from Sussex Corner to Campobello Island
- Three Education Centers:
 - St. Stephen Ed. Ctr. (SSEC) – 16 schools
 - Saint John Ed. Ctr. (SJEC) – 34 schools
 - Hampton Ed. Ctr. (HEC) – 24 schools
- \$214 million budget, 3400 permanent employees
- Major challenges:
 - Fiscal reality
 - Aging infrastructure 45 – 55 avg. years of age depending on Ed. Ctr.
 - Declining enrolment

Anglophone School District - South Historical Enrolment

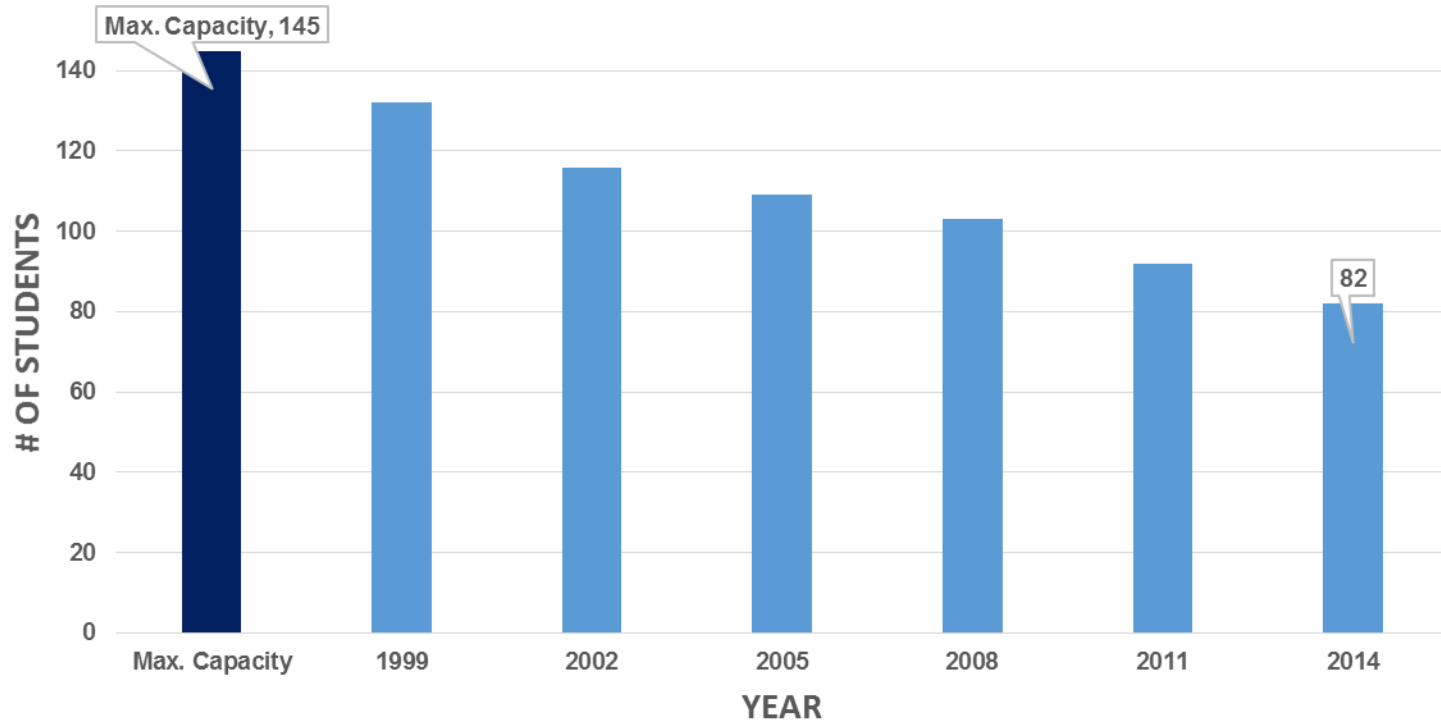
22% Decrease in Enrolment in 14 Years (6389 students)



Max. Capacity	2000	2003	2006	2009	2012	2014
38,505	29,773	28,917	27,259	25,964	24,257	23,384

Norton Elementary Historical Enrolment

38% Decrease in Enrolment in 15 Years (50 students)



Max. Capacity	1999	2002	2005	2008	2011	2014
145	132	116	109	103	92	82

Enrolment - Norton Elementary

Actual 2008 – 2014

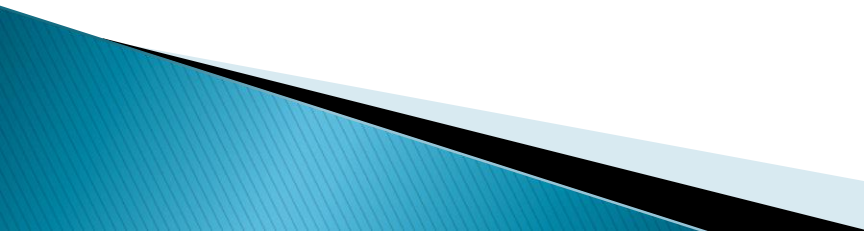
Forecast 2015 - 2020

	Year	K	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Actual:	2008	21	19	13	11	21	18	103
	2009	16	20	19	11	11	20	97
	2010	12	18	18	17	13	10	88
	2011	13	13	15	19	19	13	92
	2012	16	15	13	15	17	17	93
	2013	20	12	17	12	14	17	92
	2014	13	22	9	11	13	14	82
Forecast:	2015	15	13	22	7	11	13	81
	2016	15	15	13	20	7	11	81
	2017	15	15	15	11	20	7	83
	2018	15	15	15	13	11	20	89
	2019	15	15	15	13	13	11	82
	2020	15	15	15	13	13	13	84

Note:

- 1) Used an average K number calculated from 10 years of official K numbers.
- 2) Moved the other grade levels ahead by one year.
- 3) Deducted average of 2 students lost to grade 3 EFL per year.

Norton Elementary - Background

- ▶ K-5 Elementary school built in 1923
 - ▶ Max capacity for Norton is 145 students
 - ▶ 82 students enrolled as of Sept. 2014
 - ▶ Norton is at 56.55% of capacity as of Sept. 2014
 - ▶ Enrolment has declined by 38% since 1999 (132 students)
 - ▶ Norton does not have Early French Immersion (EFI)
 - ▶ Students would go to Sussex Elementary for EFI
 - ▶ Norton students proceed onto Sussex Middle then onto Sussex High
 - ▶ Norton has a multi-purpose type gym
 - ▶ Norton is not handicapped accessible
 - ▶ New playground was built with community support in 2012
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Norton Staffing

STAFFING:

<u>Description</u>	<u>FTE's (Full Time Equivalents)</u>
▶ Teacher FTE's	6.80*
▶ Clerical Staff	1.00
▶ Custodial	1.00
▶ Educational Assistants	<u>5.00</u>
Total	13.80

* includes Principal

Norton Elementary - Capital Improvement Projects Completed

<u>Project</u>	<u>Cost</u>
▶ Roof replacement (2005)	\$40,776
▶ Fire Prevention – (2002)	33,565
▶ Building Interior Renovation (2001)	32,002
▶ Major Capital Renovation (2000)	<u>10,148</u>
Total	\$116,491

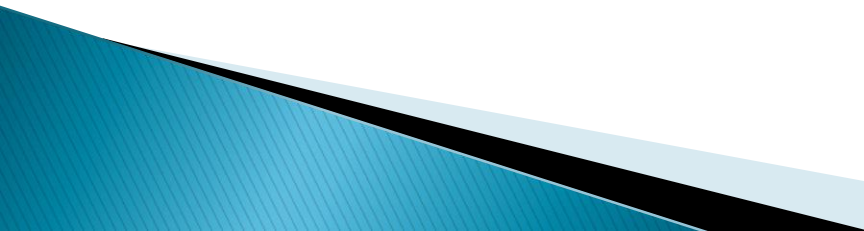
Norton Elementary - Capital Improvement Projects Required

<u>Project</u>	<u>Cost</u>
▶ Building accessibility – installation of a lift	70,000
▶ Building interior – washroom upgrade	72,600
▶ Building mechanical – new ventilation system	220,000
▶ Building exterior – new siding and exterior windows	175,000
▶ Building mechanical and electrical – interior lighting	<u>15,000</u>
▶ Total	\$ 552,600

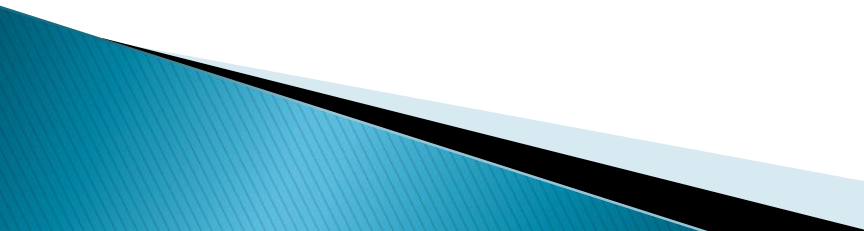
Norton Elementary - Annual Operating Costs 2013/14:

▶ Light, power and heat	\$17,426
▶ Minor repairs	6,024
▶ Snow plowing	5,000
▶ Garbage removal	4,990
▶ Sewage & water	<u>2,275</u>
▶ Sub-total	\$35,715
School Instructional Budget	14,214
School Salaries & Benefits	<u>890,000</u>
Total Yearly Operating Costs	<u>\$939,929</u>

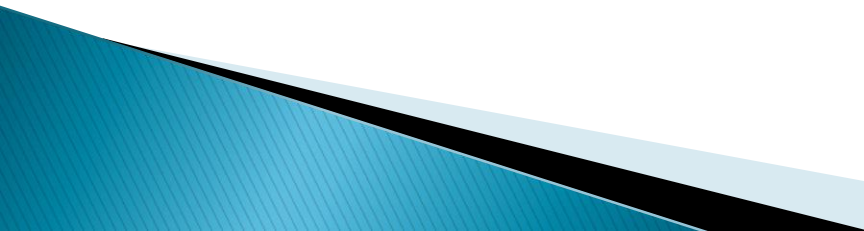
Proposal: Close Norton

- ▶ Majority of students (70%) will go to Apohaqui
 - ▶ Apohaqui (AES) is 11 kms away from Norton
 - ▶ Apohaqui is K-5 Elementary built in 1964
 - ▶ Expansion in 1986 - gym, classrooms, library and administration area added
 - ▶ Max capacity for Apohaqui is 170 students
 - ▶ 82 students enrolled as of Sept. 2014
 - ▶ Apohaqui has excess capacity, at 49% of capacity as of Sept. 2014
 - ▶ Apohaqui does not have EFI
 - ▶ Apohaqui handicapped accessible on main floor
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Proposal: Close Norton (cont.)

- ▶ 12 students to Belleisle Elementary (BES)
 - ▶ 8 students to Dr. AT Leatherbarrow (Dr. ATL) and Hampton Elementary (HES)
 - ▶ BES is 12 kms from Norton
 - ▶ Dr. ATL/HES is 17 kms from Norton
 - ▶ BES is K-5 Elementary built in 1969
 - ▶ Dr. ATL is K-2 built in 1974
 - ▶ HES is 3-5 built in 1969
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Proposal: Close Norton (cont.)

- ▶ Excess capacity at HES and BES
 - ▶ Dr. ATL is close to capacity but new modular will be added Sept. 2015
 - ▶ All three schools are handicapped accessible
 - ▶ HES and BES have full size gym
 - ▶ DR. ATL has multi purpose type gym
 - ▶ BES does not have EFI
 - ▶ HES has EFI
 - ▶ BES and AES students go to SES for EFI
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Norton and Apohaqui - School Activities and Support Programs

▶ Norton Elementary

- School use by community:
 - TOPS weight loss group
 - Ladies volleyball group
 - Zumba group
- *Teachers fitness* program afterschool
- Norton recreation program, summer program and Canada day activities
- Newly constructed playground: used by community & daycare
- Daycare right across the street after school program

▶ Apohaqui Elementary

- Food cupboard for students who need breakfast or lunch
- Hot lunch three days a week
- Karate three nights a week
- After school program in the school Lisa playhouse

BES and Dr. ATL - School Activities and Support Programs

▶ Belleisle Elementary

- School use by community:
 - Valley Ball Monday
 - Karate Wednesday Friday
 - Fitness for women Tuesday and Thursday
- Hot lunch program on Tuesdays and Thursday each week

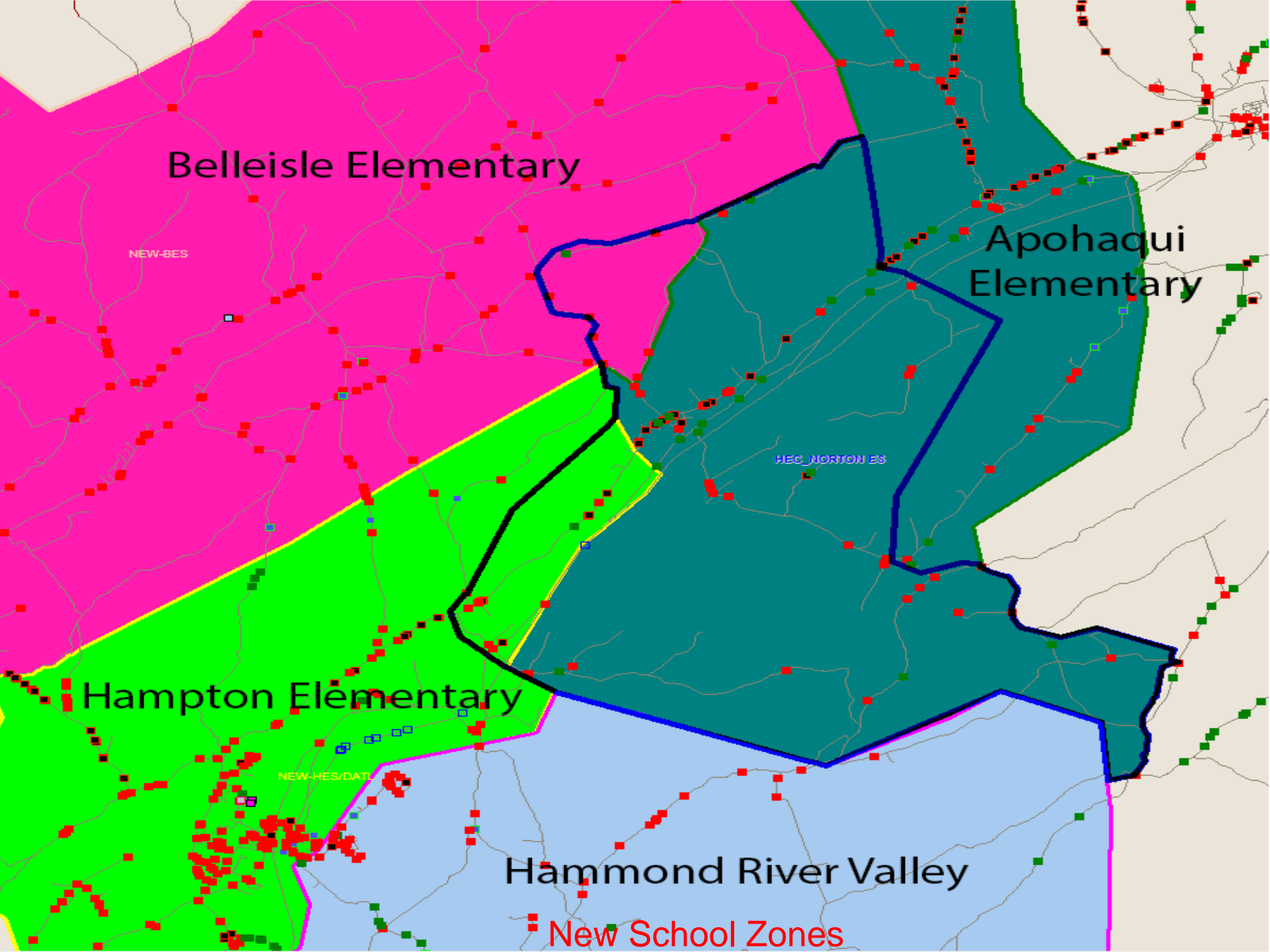
▶ Dr. ATL

- School use by community:
 - Elf's, Cubs and Scouts use the school every week
 - Communities in bloom use the school seasonally
 - Martial arts twice a week
- Breakfast snack program
- Hot lunch program once a week
- Lunch and learn program two times per week with HHS
- Grade 2 friendly helper program

Hampton Elementary (HES) - School Activities and Support Programs

▶ Hampton Elementary

- School use by community:
 - Hall preschool program in the morning four days per week
 - YMCA and seeds program in the church next to the school
 - Basketball two nights per week
 - Karate two nights per week
 - Lacrosse Friday night
- Classroom based breakfast program
- Hot lunch program on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday each week
- After school programs include mad science, art and writer program
- Year round greenhouse program for students



Belleisle Elementary

Apohaqui Elementary

Hampton Elementary

Hammond River Valley

New School Zones

NEW-BES

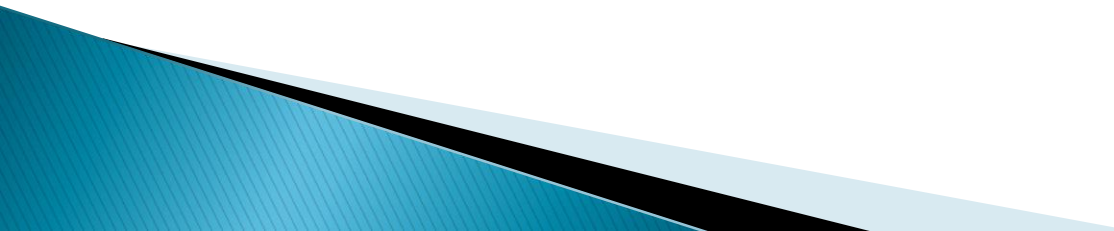
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NEW-HES/DAT

Transportation

- ▶ 88% of Norton students get a bus
- ▶ Norton boundary will be split between AES, BES, and Dr. ATL/HES
- ▶ Majority will be added to AES zone
- ▶ Bell. Rd., Mercer Settlement Rd., Route 870, Route 124 (#600+) and Parleeville Rd. to BES
- ▶ Bloomfield Ridge area will go to HES/Dr. ATL
- ▶ Avg. increase in travel distance is 7.7 kms
- ▶ Avg. increase in time spent on bus 12 min.
- ▶ Longest trip will be 37 minutes (was 22 min.)

Re-purpose of Norton School:

- ▶ School District would be willing to sit with community partners to discuss possibilities
 - ▶ If Norton 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 –
- ▶ This presentation will be posted to ASD-S website at: **<http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-S/>**

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