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To the Parents/Guardians of Students at Hazen-White/St. Francis School:

On August 22, 2018 the Anglophone South School District Education Council (DEC) voted in favour of beginning Phase 3 of a sustainability study for the Saint John Central City Schools under the process outlined in the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Provincial Policy 409: Multi-year Infrastructure Planning.

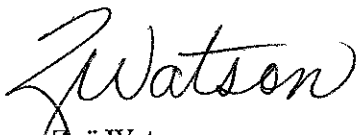
The purpose of this letter is to provide you with information on the process and invite you to attend a meeting of all parents from Hazen-White/St. Francis School on Wednesday, November 28, 2018 at 6:30 pm at the school. The meeting is being held to discuss all aspects of Phase 3 of the sustainability study and the proposed changes to your school.

Last year Hazen-White/St. Francis was part of Phase 2 of the sustainability study for the Saint John Central City Schools. On April 11, 2018 the DEC made a motion to ask for a new K-5 school, centrally located, to replace Centennial and Hazen-White/St. Francis, with middle school students attending Millidgeville North. This fall, the DEC are continuing with Phase 3 of their plan which involves M. Gerald Teed, Princess Elizabeth and Millidgeville North. As part of this plan, the DEC made a motion on August 22, 2018 to examine a reconfiguration of Hazen-White/St. Francis to a K-5 school with the grades 6-8 students moving for fall 2019. Members of the DEC recently met with the PSSC to discuss this proposal.

The process for introducing a grade reconfiguration is explained in Policy 409 of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. The direct link to the policy is: <https://www2.gnb.ca/content/dam/gnb/Departments/ed/pdf/K12/policies-politiques/e/409A.pdf> It states that the District will consult parents on the proposal. After consultation, the DEC will inform the Minister of the final decision on the grade reconfiguration. The Minister was informed in a letter dated September 4, 2018 that we would begin the public consultation.

No final decision has been made on reconfiguration and we would encourage you to come out to the meeting and learn about Phase 3 of the proposal and share your thoughts.

Yours truly,


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Superintendent

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