



ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Minister Serge Rousselle
Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
Place 2000
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Minister Rousselle:

As you are aware, the Anglophone West School District is currently engaged in three sustainability studies within the district. Among those is a study on Bath Middle School.

Now that we are into the study, we have found that an interpretation of Policy 409 has limited our possibilities for a final decision. Specifically, it has been confirmed that, should the District Education Council (DEC) wish to make a recommendation to you, as Minister, to close Bath Middle School in favor of the creation of a K-8 School that would incorporate the elementary students from Bath Elementary School (next door), the requirement would be to close the doors of Bath Middle School and move the students into the Bath Elementary facility. While the concept of a K-8 school is feasible, it is very clear that should this be a result, the Bath Middle facility would be the preferred building.

To account for this and to allow for a continued responsible study, the DEC has broadened the scope of the process to include Bath Elementary School.

On January 22, 2015, the DEC held its monthly public meeting at Bliss Carman Middle School in Fredericton. After some discussion, the following motion was presented:

"That the District Education Council broaden the scope of the Bath Middle School sustainability study to include Bath Elementary School"

The motion was passed.

In accordance with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Provincial Policy 409 (Multi-Year School Infrastructure Planning), Section 6.4.1, this letter will serve purpose as written notice to you, as Minister, of a change to our study, effective immediately. It should be noted that this change does not preclude a final decision on the study...it simply allows for an additional option to consider.

On behalf of the District Education Council, I wish to assure you that we will follow the process outlined in Policy 409, pertaining to sustainability studies. We will adjust our timeline to account for this change. In doing so, we will ensure quality public consultation and transparent sharing of information.

We plan on writing to you, again, with the results of our study.

Sincerely,

Mark Noel
Chair, District Education Council
Anglophone West School District

PS As a point of clarification from my October 28, 2014 letter to you sharing our intention to conduct three sustainability studies, our intention is to write to you again in March, 2015 (as opposed to March, 2014, as written). I apologize for the clerical error.