



September 20, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians of Students at Bristol Elementary School,

On September 19, 2019, the Anglophone West School District Education Council (ASD-W DEC) voted in favour of undertaking a sustainability study of Bristol Elementary School, under the process outlined in the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Provincial Policy 409: Multi-Year School Infrastructure Planning. This policy serves as a foundation for determining the sustainability of a school, taking into account many aspects, such as:

**Enrolment
Transportation
Economic Development**

**Health and Safety
Impact on Community
Impact on Other Schools**

**Quality Education and Services
Finances**

The sustainability study follows a process that includes three public meetings. The first public meeting will be for a presentation of facts about Bristol Elementary School, in line with, but not limited to, the categories above. The second public meeting will allow for interested individuals, stakeholders and parties to present information to be considered in the decision-making process. A registration process for this meeting will be shared following the first meeting. The third public meeting will occur in March, 2020, at a Public DEC Meeting. At this time, the DEC will discuss the study and vote on a final recommendation.

The study may lead to several outcomes, including maintaining the status quo, repairing the school, grouping schools together, closing the school or placing some students elsewhere (Policy 409, Section 6.4.3). Another option that may be put forward is the construction of a new school. The concept of a new, K-8 school in the Carleton North High School catchment area has been placed on the District Major Capital Construction Priority list for government, submitted each year by our Council.

The Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development must approve any recommendation made by the DEC for a school closure. Likewise, government must approve the building of any new school facility or significant infrastructure improvement through the capital construction process.

The staff of Anglophone West School District will gather and organize information that will be presented at the first meeting. As mentioned above, the meeting will be open to the public. We will also inform affected persons (beyond parents) through a public notice.

The meetings for Bristol Elementary School are scheduled to be on the following dates:

- **Public Meeting #1 – Saturday, November 30 at 1:00PM at Bristol Elementary School**
- **Public Meeting #2 – Saturday, January 25 at 1:00PM at Bristol Elementary School**
- **Public Meeting #3 – Thursday, March 19 at 6:30PM at Carleton North High School.**

It should be noted that sustainability studies for Florenceville Middle School, Florenceville Elementary School and Bath Community School are also being conducted during this period of time. All four studies will be concluded on March 19, 2020.

Policy 409 can be found by going to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development website at <http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/education.html> and clicking on “Policies”, leading you to “Policy 409”.

In the near future, you can visit our district website (www.asd-w.nbed.nb.ca), where we will maintain a section with respect to the sustainability study. We will post related public information, including letters such as this. An email address will also be available for respectful, constructive comments on the study. We welcome your participation.

Sincerely,

David McTimoney
Superintendent