



ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Students at Coles Island School,

On October 23, 2014, the Anglophone West School District Education Council (ASD-W DEC) voted in favor of engaging a sustainability study of Coles Island School, under the process outlined in the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Provincial Policy 409: Multi-year Infrastructure Planning. This policy serves as a foundation for determining the sustainability of a school, taking into account many aspects, such as:

Enrolment	Health and Safety	Quality Education and Services
Transportation	Impact on Community	Finances
Economic Development	Impact on Other Schools	

The sustainability study follows a process that includes three public meetings. The first public meeting will be held on **Thursday, November 20, 2014** at Coles Island School. This is also the night of the previously scheduled monthly Public DEC Meeting. If you wish to attend the entire Public DEC Meeting, it will begin at **5:30PM**. If you wish to attend the portion of the meeting specific to the public consultation as a part of the sustainability study, it will begin at **7:00PM**. This portion of the meeting will be for a presentation of facts about Coles Island School, in line with, but not limited to, the categories above. The second public meeting will occur on **Thursday, January 15, 2015**, and will allow for interested individuals, stakeholders and parties to present information to be considered in the decision-making process. This meeting will start at **6:30PM** and be held at Coles Island School. A registration process for this meeting will be shared following the first meeting. The third public meeting will occur on **Thursday, March 19, 2015**, at Priestman Street Elementary School in Fredericton. An opportunity for people to watch the meeting virtually will be made for the location of Coles Island School. At this time, the District Education Council will discuss the study and vote on a final recommendation. That recommendation will be one of three possibilities:

1. Maintain the status-quo at Coles Island School.
2. Invest dollars into the infrastructure/programming at Coles Island School.
3. Close Coles Island School and move students to another school for their continued education.

The Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development must approve recommendation #2 or #3, if made by the DEC.

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 do our best to inform affected persons (beyond parents) through a public notice.

Policy 409 can be found by going to the Government of New Brunswick website (www.gnb.ca) and choosing the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development site under "Departments". Under the title "Information", you can choose "Policies", and this will bring you to a selection of policies, including Policy 409. The direct link to the policy is: <http://www.gnb.ca/0000/policies.asp>

Alternatively, you can visit our district website (www.asd-w.nbed.nb.ca), where we will maintain a current section with respect to the sustainability study. Related public information will also be posted there, including letters such as these. A public discussion board will also be available for respectful, constructive comments on the study.

Safety and quality education remain a priority for your children.

Sincerely,

David McTimoney
Superintendent