



ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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May 31, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians of Students at Gesner Elementary School Community,

On May 23, 2019, the Anglophone West School District Education Council (ASD-W DEC) voted in favour of undertaking a sustainability study of Gesner 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 District Education Council identified new schools in the Oromocto area on their Major Capital Project list for the 2019-2020 school year. Therefore, the DEC has decided to start the sustainability study at this time.

The sustainability study follows a process that includes three public meetings. The first public meeting will be for a presentation of facts about Gesner 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 the **Spring of 2020**, at a Public DEC Meeting. At this time, the DEC will discuss the study and vote on a final recommendation. That recommendation will be one of three possibilities (Section 6.4.2):

- 1. Maintain the status-quo at Gesner Elementary School.**
- 2. Provide for repairs to Gesner Elementary School.**
- 3. Build three new K-8 schools, closing Gesner Elementary School and combine with other area schools for students' 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 inform affected persons (beyond parents) through a public notice.

A timeline will be produced and dates/times/locations for all the public meetings will be confirmed, in the near future.

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.

Sincerely,

Catherine Blaney
Acting Superintendent
Anglophone West School District