



September 4, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians of Students at McAdam Avenue School,

On May 24, 2018, the Anglophone West School District Education Council (ASD-W DEC) voted in favor of engaging a sustainability study on McAdam Avenue 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:

**Enrollment  
Impact on Community**

**Health and Safety  
Finances**

**Quality Education and Services  
Economic Development**

**Transportation  
Impact on Other Schools**

The McAdam Avenue School had been identified as a trigger school for enrollment below 100 students. The McAdam Avenue School was identified on ASD-W Major Capital Projects lists as priority #3 for the consideration of a new school combined with Nashwaaksis Memorial School. Therefore, the DEC has decided to start the sustainability study at this time.

The sustainability study follows a process that includes three public meetings, all beginning at 6:30PM. The first public meeting will be for a presentation of facts about McAdam Avenue School, in line with, but not limited to, the categories above. This meeting will take place on **Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at McAdam Avenue School**. 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 is shared below, as well as, following the first meeting. The second meeting will take place on **Thursday, October 25, 2018 at McAdam Avenue School**. The third public meeting will occur on **Thursday, January 24, 2019, at a regularly scheduled Public DEC Meeting at the Fredericton High School Tom Morrison Theatre**. 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 (Section 6.4.2):

- 1. Maintain the status-quo at McAdam Avenue School.**
- 2. Recommend to the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development to invest dollars into repairing McAdam Avenue School.**
- 3. To recommend to the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development to build a new school, closing McAdam Avenue School, and combine with Nashwaaksis Memorial School for students continued education.**

To form an organized agenda, we are asking presenters to register at least one week in advance of the 2<sup>nd</sup> public meeting. Presenters can be individual or as a group and we can offer a laptop computer, an in-focus projector and a screen if you require these items to support your presentation. To register, please complete the registration form that can be found on our website ([www.asd-w.nbed.nb.ca](http://www.asd-w.nbed.nb.ca)), then follow the prompts to the McAdam Avenue School sustainability site, or at the school. These registrations need to be submitted to Carol.Clark-Caterini, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, by e-mail at [carol.clark-caterini@gnb.ca](mailto:carol.clark-caterini@gnb.ca), fax at 444-5264, or by mail to 1135 Prospect Street, Fredericton, NB, E3B 3B9. These registrations must be received no later than **Thursday, October 18, 2018**. The required information is outlined on the registration form. While we hope to allow for as much time as needed for any presenter, a reasonable timeline may need to be established based on the number of registrations received.

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 of important points and dates is included with this letter.

Policy 409 can be found by going to the Government of New Brunswick website ([www.gnb.ca](http://www.gnb.ca)) as well on our website, under the sustainability study section. By mid-September, you can visit our district website ([www.asd-w.nbed.nb.ca](http://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.

We look forward to seeing you as either a presenter or member of the audience at our upcoming meetings.

Sincerely,

Catherine Blaney  
Acting Superintendent  
Anglophone West School District