

March 29, 2016

Mr. Mark Noël Chair, District Education Council Anglophone West School District 1135 Prospect Street Fredericton, NB E3B 3B9

Mr. Noël:

I am writing in response to your letter on behalf of the District Education Council (DEC) for the Anglophone West School District dated January 29, 2016 advising me the DEC has passed a motion regarding Millville Elementary School. I understand the DEC wishes to close Millville Elementary School and have the students continue their education at Nackawic Elementary School, in a K-5 setting.

Upon careful review of the information provided in support of the recommendation, I am satisfied that procedural fairness has been respected. Proper consultation and appropriate consideration of the eight criteria, as required in section 6.4.4 of *Policy 409 Multi-year School Infrastructure Planning*, was demonstrated as well as relevant education options were weighed.

As such, I am approving the recommendation. Having said this, I appreciate the efforts of the District Education Council and school district staff in regards to the recent work involving the sustainability of schools.

Sincerely,

Hon. Serge Rousselle, Q.C.

Minister

C. Mr. Josh Nowlan, Senior Project Manager, Project Planning and Administration, Educational Facilities and Pupil Transportation, EECD

Mr. Thomas Weber, Director, Educational Facilities and Pupil Transportation

Mr. David McTimoney, Superintendent, Anglophone West School District

