



**DISTRICT EDUCATION COUNCIL  
Superintendent's Monitoring Report**

<b>POLICY NAME</b>	<b>Closure of Schools</b>		
<b>POLICY NUMBER</b>	<b>ASD-W-EL7</b>	<b>Number of Reports per year</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Date of Report</b>	<b>March 19, 2015</b>		
<b>Date of Previous Report (s) This School Year</b>	<b>October 23, 2014 (moved from September 25, 2014, by approved motion)</b>		
<b>Date of Future Report (s) This School Year</b>	<b>N/A</b>		
<b>Report Filed by:</b>	<b>David McTimoney, Superintendent</b>		
<b>Report Supported by:</b>	<b>Shawn Tracey, Director of Finance and Administration Many District Office Staff</b>		

**REPORT:**

- **The policy calls for the District Education Council (DEC) to have steps in place if considering the closure of a school. The steps need to align with Provincial Policy 409 – Multi-year School Infrastructure Planning. There is a requirement to ensure that persons affected by a school closure are given sufficient notice and fully informed about the process, are provided with relevant documentation, have adequate time to consider the information as well as seek advice and consult with others (should they wish) and have adequate time to prepare a presentation for DEC, being heard impartially**
- **The policy outlines a series of steps, with timelines, regarding the process of studying the sustainability of a school**
- **The DEC has been engaged in three sustainability studies, as launched at the October 23, 2014 Public DEC Meeting**
- **A detailed timeline and plan has been followed, with the culmination of two studies (Coles Island and Stanley) scheduled for tonight**
- **The Superintendent has facilitated the sustainability studies with tremendous support from district staff. The DEC has been actively engaged in the studies for a period of five months**

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- **The communities of Coles Island and Stanley were active participants in the sustainability studies**
- **The Superintendent and staff have prepared two reports for tonight, each containing the necessary documentation to allow the DEC to make an informed decision on the sustainability of the two schools in question...namely Coles Island School and Stanley Elementary/High School. The Council has had access to this information along the way as well as an opportunity to discuss, ask questions and reflect**
- **The Superintendent recommends the DEC make a motion on each of the two studies, bringing them to a conclusion tonight**
- **An executive summary is included in this report, one for each school setting**
- **The sustainability study for Bath Elementary and Middle Schools will continue, reaching a conclusion at the April 23, 2015 public meeting**

**Appendices:**

- **A - Executive Summary - Coles Island School Sustainability Study**
- **B - Executive Summary - Stanley School Sustainability Study**

**Superintendent's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_**DEC Chair Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_