

April 1, 2019

Ms. Zoë Watson Superintendent Anglophone South School District 490 Woodward Avenue Saint John, NB E2K 5N3

Dear Ms. Watson:

I am writing in response to your letter on behalf of the District Education Council for the Anglophone South School District in which you advise that the following motions were passed:

- ... "to reconfigure Millidgeville North School (currently grades 3-8) to a middle school (grades 6-8)".
- ... "to convert M. Gerald Teed (currently K-2) to a K-5, with either an addition to the school or the closure of M. Gerald Teed and the construction of a replacement school". This would allow for the accommodation of grades 3-5 students from Millidgeville North School.
- ... "to reconfigure Princess Elizabeth School (currently K-8) to a K-5". The DEC would ask the Department for a full facility analysis of Princess Elizabeth School or a new school, depending on cost. Middle school students would move to Millidgeville North only when M. Gerald Teed is able to accept the grades 3-5 students from Millidgeville North.
- ... "to reconfigure Hazen-White/St. Francis (currently K-8) to a K-5, with grades 6-8 students moving to Millidgeville North effective September 2019."

Regarding the motion concerning M. Gerald Teed, in keeping with *Policy 409 - Multi-year School Infrastructure Planning*, and 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 and relevant education options, as required in section 6.4.4 of Policy 409, was demonstrated.

As such, I am approving the recommendation. Having said this, a new addition or a new school project would need to be prioritized and requested by the DEC as part of a future Capital Budget submission. The submitted project would then be evaluated as part of EECD's capital budget process. Should an amalgamation be proposed, the project would also be contingent upon results of 409 sustainability studies for other schools.

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I appreciate the work of the District Education Council and the school district staff.

Sincerely,

Dominic Cardy

Minister

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