


February 28, 2019

Mr. Rob Fowler  
Chair  
District Education Council  
Anglophone South School District  
490 Woodward Avenue  
Saint John, NB E2K 5N3

**Subject: Review of Subdistrict Boundaries**

Dear Mr. Fowler: 

In preparation for the 2020 District Education Council (DEC) elections, the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development is conducting a review of subdistrict boundaries, as per section 36.21 of the *Education Act*. This legislated review aims to address any concerns related to subdistrict boundaries or electoral zone configurations that may have arisen during the time since the last DEC election.

When DEC's were established in 2000, decisions regarding the placement of subdistrict boundaries were based on a combination of factors, including school catchment areas, communities of interest, municipal boundaries, provincial electoral boundaries, geographic characteristics and population. The school districts and subdistricts are defined as groupings of the 9-1-1 civic communities that form part of each New Brunswickers civic address. The *School District and Subdistricts Regulation 2001-24* identifies the current district and subdistrict configurations. The regulation can be found on the Department website here: <http://laws.gnb.ca/en/ShowPdf/cr/2001-24.pdf>

It is intended that the first stage of this consultation be undertaken during the next couple months. The Policy and Planning Division of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and Elections New Brunswick will work with you to address any issues raised and develop a proposal for changes that may be required. It would be appreciated if you would discuss with your DEC and relevant district staff any concerns you may have respecting the subdistrict boundaries in your area.

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**Please provide a response in writing, including any suggestions for subdistrict modifications, before April 12, 2019. If your DEC recommends that the subdistrict boundaries remain as is for your district, please indicate this in writing within the specified timeframe.**

Letters are also being sent to Members of the Legislative Assembly to inform them of this process. They will be advised to contact you directly or through your school district office if they have any concerns to share with your DEC. We will ask them to respond to you before March 8, 2019 to provide you with enough time to submit your written response to the Department.

Any amendments to subdistrict boundaries must be reflected in *School Districts and Subdistricts Regulations* (2001-24) before October 31, 2019 as per section 36.21(3) of the *Education Act*. Therefore, your cooperation in respect to the timeframe is appreciated to ensure appropriate planning and preparation.

If you have any questions, please contact Melodie Reid, Policy and Planning Division at 506-444-2572 or by email at [Melodie.Reid@gnb.ca](mailto:Melodie.Reid@gnb.ca).

Sincerely,



Dominic Cardy  
Minister

cc. Zoë Watson, Superintendent, Anglophone South School District