

School Sustainability Review – Inglewood and Grand Bay Primary

Nov. 2015



SCHOOL SUSTAINABILITY REVIEW and SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

The Anglophone South District Education Council (DEC) will host Public Consultations as per Provincial Policy 409 *Multi-Year School Infrastructure Planning* to study the sustainability of **Morna Heights School, Grand Bay Primary and Inglewood School.**

Under Policy 409, the DEC will be holding two public information sessions for each school. The Grand Bay Primary and Inglewood School meetings will be combined. The initial meeting will be to deliver the proposal to the public and to allow the DEC and staff to explain the process involved in a Policy 409 review and be available to answer questions about the process.

A second meeting will be scheduled in December to allow the public an opportunity to ask questions about the proposal, voice their concerns and provide feedback to the review.

The first meeting for Morna Heights School is scheduled for Monday, November 9th at 6:30 pm at Morna Heights School

The first combined meeting for Grand Bay Primary and Inglewood School is scheduled for Monday, November 16th at 6:30 pm at River Valley Middle School.

Everyone is welcome to attend, and encouraged to do so. Throughout this process, written feedback can be submitted via email to: asds.schoolreview@gnb.ca or you may send a letter to the attention of Robert Fowler, Chair, District Education Council, 490 Woodward Avenue, Saint John, NB E2K 5N3

Policy 409 - School Sustainability

- 6.4 Determining a school's sustainability
- 6.4.1 A sustainability study will be undertaken if a school falls below one of the triggers as defined in Section 3 or if the DEC determines that a study is warranted.

3.0 Definitions

Trigger refers to measurable and objective criteria consistently applied to all schools. When a school meets or falls below the established thresholds, a sustainability study must occur unless there is an exemption to this process.

Description of Triggers:

- The criteria to be used are:
- Student enrolment trigger refers to a specific threshold based on the current enrolment in the school. For the purpose of this policy, the enrolment threshold is 100 students or less.
- Percentage occupation trigger refers to the current student enrolment as compared to the school's physical capacity. For the purpose of this policy, the percentage occupation threshold is 30 percent or less.

Policy 409 – Section 6.4 Determining a School's Sustainability

6.4.4 A DEC must consider the following criteria when studying a school's sustainability. This list does not preclude a DEC from considering other factors relevant to their local circumstances.

- 1. <u>Low/declining enrolments:</u>
- 2. <u>Health and Safety:</u>
- 3. Quality of Education Programs and Services:
- 4. <u>Transportation:</u>
- 5. <u>Finances:</u>
- 6. Impact on the local community:
- 7. Impact on other schools:
- 8. Economic development.

Policy 409 – Section 6.5 Public Consultation on School's Sustainability

6.5.3 The DEC will ensure that affected persons:

- are provided with information relevant to the proposal;
- have adequate time to consider the information provided; and,
- have adequate time and opportunity to make a presentation to the DEC (i.e. let their views be known either in writing or orally) and are heard impartially at an open DEC meeting.

Policy 409 – Section 6.5 Public Consultation on School's Sustainability

6.5.4 There will be a minimum of three public DEC meetings on the possible closure – one meeting to inform the school community of the DECs' intention and the steps to be followed, a second meeting to provide the opportunity to make a presentation (in writing or orally) and a final meeting to provide the public with the results of the consultation, including an account of the factors considered, as per section 6.4 of this policy, and resulting recommendation being submitted to the Minister.

Policy 409 – Section 6.6 Ministerial Approval of a School Closure

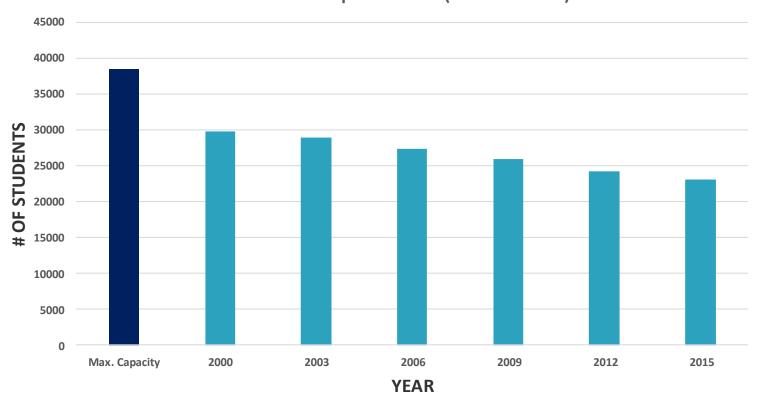
- **6.6.1** A DEC will inform the Minister in writing of a recommendation to close a school, following the public consultation process. The DEC must demonstrate how the requirements of this policy have been applied.
- **6.6.4** The Minister shall normally respond to a recommendation to close a school within a period of time no less than 30 days and not exceeding 60 days.

Anglophone School District - South

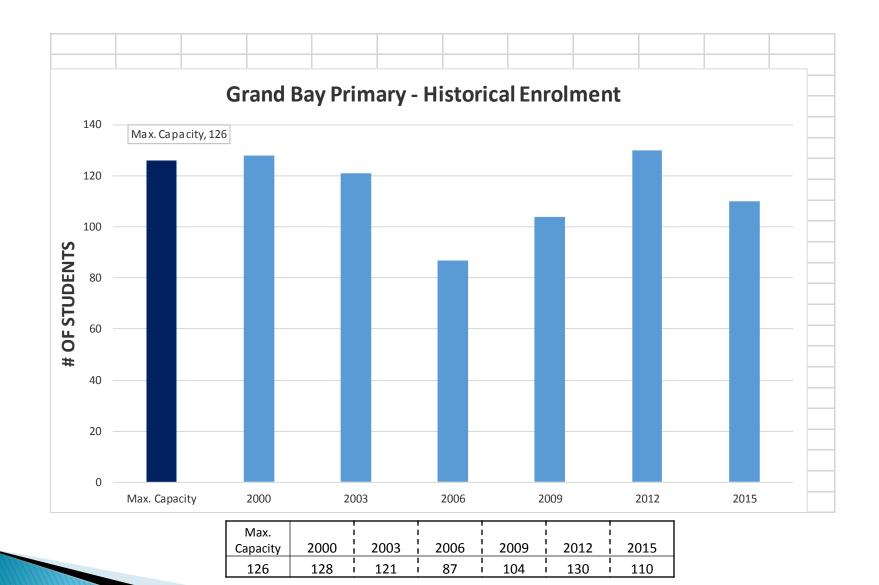
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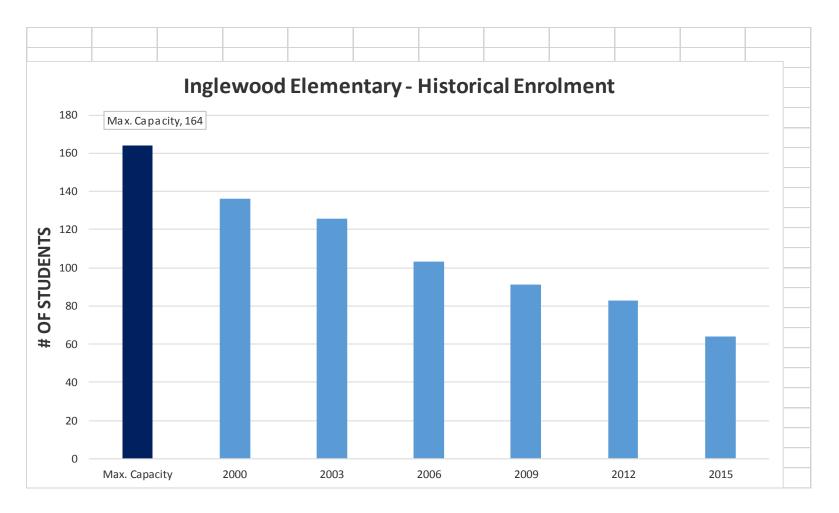
- ASD-S runs from Sussex Corner to Campobello Island Three Education Centres:
- St. Stephen Ed. Centre (SSEC) 15 schools
- Saint John Ed. Centre (SJEC) 32 schools
- Hampton Ed. Centre (HEC) 25 schools
- \$214 million budget, 3400 permanent employees
- Major challenges:
 - Fiscal reality
 - Aging infrastructure 45–55 avg. yrs. of age depending on Centre
 - Declining enrolment

Anglophone School District - South Historical Enrolment 23% Enrolment Drop in 15 Years (6738 students)



Max.			!	!	! !	
Capacity	2000	2003	2006	¦ 2009	2012	2015
38505	29773	28917	27259	25964	24257	23035





Max. Capacity	2000	2003	1	2006	1	2009	 	2012	 	2015
164	136	126	I	103	1	91		83	i	64

Enrolment by Year by Grade for Grand Bay Primary Actual 2009 – 2015

Forecast 2016 - 2021

	_			Grade	Level			_
	Sept 30	K	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Actual:	2009	30	41	33				104
	2010	49	34	38				121
	2011	36	54	36				126
	2012	38	37	55				130
	2013	38	33	37				108
	2014	30	40	33				103
	2015	39	31	40				110
Forecast:	2016	37	40	31				108
	2017	37	38	40				115
	2018	37	38	40				115
	2019	37	38	40				115
	2020	37	38	40				115
	2021	37	38	40				115

¹⁾ Used average K enrolment over last 7 years for K projections.

²⁾ Moved all grade levels ahead by one year, +/- the average gain/loss from grade transition over the last 6 yrs.

Enrolment by Year by Grade for Inglewood Elementary Actual 2009 – 2015

Forecast 2016 - 2021

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	_			Grade	Level			_
	Sept 30	K	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Actual:	2009				37	25	29	91
	2010				25	37	23	85
	2011				27	27	37	91
	2012				31	29	23	83
	2013				22	33	29	84
	2014				27	22	33	82
	2015				12	28	24	64
Forecast:	2016				26	13	27	66
	2017				26	27	12	65
	2018				26	27	26	79
	2019				26	27	26	79
	2020				26	27	26	79
	2021				26	27	26	79

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Grand Bay Primary - Background

- K-2 Primary school built in 1947
- Max capacity for Grand Bay Primary is 126 students
- Has 6 classrooms
- 110 students enrolled as of Sept. 2015 (unofficial)
- Grand Bay Primary is at 87% capacity as of Sept. 2015
- Enrolment has remained consistent over last 15 years
- For Early French Immersion, students go to Westfield Elementary
- Grand Bay Primary students go to Inglewood then River Valley for Middle and Saint John area for High School
- Grand Bay Primary has a small gym, a playground that requires some work, green space mostly on a side hill and insufficient parking
- Grand Bay Primary is not wheelchair accessible

Inglewood Elementary - Background

- 3-5 Elementary school built in 1960
- Max capacity for Inglewood is 164 students
- Has 6 classrooms
- ▶ 64 students enrolled as of Sept. 2015 (unofficial)
- Inglewood Elementary is at 39% capacity as of Sept. 2015
- Enrolment has dropped by 72 students over the last 15 years
- For Early French Immersion, students go to Westfield Elementary
- Inglewood Elementary go to River Valley for Middle and Saint John area for High School
- Inglewood Elementary has a small multi-purpose type room for a gym, small playground, sufficient green space with ballfield, and sufficient parking space
- Inglewood Elemetary is not wheelchair accessible

Grand Bay Primary - Capital Improvement Projects Required

	<u>Project</u>	<u>Cost</u>
•	Building Interior – Interior Finishes	\$ 30,000
•	Building Interior - Washrooms	85,000
•	Building Exterior – Walls	50,000
•	Mechanical & Electrical – Heating and Ventilation	220,000
•	Building Interior – Interior Accessibility – Lift	150,000
•	Building Exterior – Windows	<u>150,000</u>
	Total	\$ <u>685,000</u>

Inglewood Elementary - Capital Improvement Projects Required

	<u>Project</u>	<u>Cost</u>
•	Mechanical & Electrical – Water Supply and Sewage	\$ 10,000
•	Building Exterior – Drainage	60,000
•	Building Interior - Washrooms	50,000
•	Building Exterior – Roofs	70,000
•	Mechanical & Electrical – Heating and Ventilation	140,000
•	Building Exterior – Accessibility	120,000
•	Building Exterior – Exterior Walls	<u>180,000</u>
	Total	\$ <u>630,000</u>

Grand Bay Primary - Capital Improvement Projects Completed Since 2010

<u>Project</u> <u>Cost</u>

Sept. 2015 Building Exterior – Playground & Playfield

\$ 20,000

Inglewood Elementary School - Capital Improvement Projects Completed Since 2010

Project

Cost

Sept. 2015 Building Interior – Interior Walls

\$ 20,000

Grand Bay Primary

STAFFING:

	<u>Description</u>	FTE's (Full Time Equiv	<u>/alents)</u>
•	Teacher FTE's		8.10*
•	Clerical Staff (1 - 10 month)		.86
•	Custodial (40 hrs. week)		1.00
•	Ed. Assistants (EA)(4-10 mo	onth, 30 hrs./wk.)	<u>3.30</u>
	Total		<u>13.26</u>

^{*} includes Administration

Inglewood Elementary

STAFFING:

	<u>Description</u>	FTE's (Full Time Equiv	<u>alents)</u>
•	Teacher FTE's		4.50*
•	Clerical Staff (1 - 10 month)		.86
•	Custodial (40 hrs. week)		1.00
•	Ed. Assistants (EA)(3-10 mc	onth, 30 hrs./wk.)	<u>2.48</u>
	Total		8.84

^{*} includes Administration

Grand Bay Primary - Annual Operating Costs 2014/15:

Lights, power and heat	\$ 27,849
Minor repairs	9,090
Snow plowing	2,533
Garbage removal	2,770
Sewage	2,362
Cleaning supplies	<u>1,437</u>
Sub-total	\$ 46,041
School Instructional Budget	11,612
School Salaries & Benefits	<u>717,702</u>
Total Yearly Operating Costs	<u>\$775,355</u>

Inglewood Elementary - Annual Operating Costs 2014/15:

Lights, power and heat	\$ 25,598
Minor repairs	7,285
Snow plowing	3,933
Garbage removal	3,284
Sewage	1,890
Cleaning supplies	<u> 176</u>
Sub-total	\$ 42,166
School Instructional Budget	9,621
School Salaries & Benefits	430,375
Total Yearly Operating Costs	<u>\$482,162</u>

Grand Bay Primary – School Activities & Support Programs

- Hot Lunch program 5 times per week (Organized by Home & School)
- Breakfast program Emergency Cupboard Snack Program
- Walking Club seasonal
- Movie Nights / Craft Night monthly (Organized by Home & School)
- Community Enrichment activities (multi-age activities in extra curricular areas such as Yoga, knitting, baking, science, math etc.). Involve community members and provide a list of activities for students to choose from. This is done once per week for a 3-6 week block and lasts approximately 45 minutes.
- Star of the Week
- Christmas and Spring Dinner Hosted by The Church of the Resurrection

Grand Bay Primary – School Activities & Support Programs (cont.)

- Fun Day Hosted by Grand Bay Home & School
- Co-Curricular Field Trips (Apple Picking, Museum, City Market and Uptown Tour)
- PALS Sponsored Events to Rockwood Park, Seadogs Tickets for students, school supplies
- Peer Mentors Grade 2 students assist younger students on the playground and develop leadership skills
- Public Speaking Leadership Club Grade 2 students make morning announcements and lead student body through reciting our mission, vision, etc.
- Green Team a recycling club
- Reading Buddies Younger and older students partner to encourage a love of Reading
- WITS assemblies and lessons

Grand Bay Primary – School Activities & Support Programs (cont.)

- Minds Up Curriculum implemented November 2015
- Mad Science yearly
- ELF tutoring
- Safe Arrival in conjunction with attendance matters
- Butterfly project Grade 2 raise and release butterflies yearly
- Kindness is Contagious -a week dedicated to anti-bullying and kindness / empathy building
- Literacy / Math Nights to encourage an understanding of curriculum outcomes and strategies in the parent committee.
- Volunteer Librarian
- Grandparent reader volunteers
- CHAT To the Future sponsoring a child in Uganda

Inglewood Elementary – School Activities & Support Programs

- Cross country, soccer & other sport jamborees
- Visits to Crane Mountain
- Pals in the Park
- Mad Science
- Home and School movie night & craft night
- Chat to Future family dance fundraiser
- Thumbuddies
- School & District Chess Tournament
- Regional Heritage Fair (NB Museum)
- Drama Production for Community (at RVMS)
- Apple Orchard Planting
- International Day of Pink

Grand Bay Primary & Inglewood Elementary – Businesses Located in and/or Supporting the School Community

- Church of the Resurrection Hosts Christmas and Spring Dinner
- Grand Bay Baptist Church Hosts Grand Bay Primary's Christmas Concerts and other musical entertainment.
- Shades of Green provides mulch and gardening material for Community Clean up Day
- Co-op (now closed) supporter of breakfast program, Christmas
 Dinner and fund raiser
- Crane Mountain Landfill Grant provider, and educational field trip provider
- Sobeys Currently soliciting their support (letter sent)
- Pizza Delight Sponsored classroom Pumpkin Contest
- Papa Johns
- Grassroots Restaurant
- Home Hardware (Sponsors Marigold Project)

Grand Bay Primary & Inglewood Elementary – Businesses Located in and/or Supporting the School Community (cont.)

- Glens Bakery
- Medicine Shop provides in-service to teachers on Epi-Pens, etc.
- Grand Bay Baptist Church & Community Centrum Evacuation Sites
- Town of Grand Bay Provides assistance for Marigold Project
- R.C.M.P Weekly visits from members to make connections with students
- Volunteer Fire Dept. Fire Safety

Grand Bay Primary & Inglewood Elementary – Businesses Located in and/or Supporting the School Community – Other Businesses

- B-Hive Bowling
- Dooly's Westfield Golf & Country Club
- Human Performance Centre
- Trinity Therapeutic Massage
- Aromas Food Court
- Cakestruck
- Home of the Chicken Man
- Jodi's Pizza and Bakery
- Pizza Delight
- Pumpkin Patch
- Tim Horton's
- Village Square Bake Shop
- Big Mike's Barber Shop
- Cutting Edge Hairstylist

- Grand Bay Nail Studio
- Hair Revolution
- Totally You Skin Care
- River Valley Insurance
- Harrigan Insurance
- Kelly Insurance
- Dr. Clark Dentist
- Medical Centre
- Owens Hearing Care
- Darlene's Home Support
- Grand Bay Redemption Centre
- The Pampered Touch for dogs
- River Valley Veterinary Clinic
- Emergency Solutions Inc.
- Welcome Wagon
- Wine & Stein
- River Valley News

Grand Bay Primary & Inglewood Elementary – Businesses Located in and/or Supporting the School Community – Other Busineses

- Lance Timmins Photography
- W.C. MacLeod Builders
- Freedom 55 Financial
- Home Town Woodworking
- Bill Fairbairn Remax
- Nora Wills Remax
- Millennium Home Builders
- Keel Construction
- Exit Reality
- Grand Bay Liquor Store
- Grand Bay Guardian Drug Store
- Home Hardware

- Bank of Nova Scotia
- Brideau's Auto Sales
- Wayne's Auto World
- Blanchard Taxi & Parcel Delivery
- Grand Bay Circle K
- Scholten's
- Westfield Country Store
- Tiny Treasures After School
- River Valley Pre-School

Multi-year Infrastructure Planning:

- DEC requested review of schools in the Grand Bay –
 Westfield and Morna area
- The Dept. of EECD provided the funding
- Ernst and Young (E&Y) was commissioned
- The following schools were visited by E&Y and District staff in Spring 2015 – Grand Bay Primary, Inglewood, Westfield, Morna Heights, & River Valley
- Other schools possibly impacted Saint Rose & Islandview
- Report received by the DEC in Oct. 2015
- Four possible scenarios presented to the DEC

Recommended Proposals for Grand Bay Primary and Inglewood Elementary:

- Proposal 1 and 2: Close Grand Bay Primary and Inglewood Elementary
 - Move students to Westfield Elementary (Proposal 2 same as 1 except for review of Morna Heights school boundary)
- Proposal 3: Close Grand Bay Primary and Inglewood Elementary and move students to a new school once it is built in central location
- Proposal 4: Close Grand Bay Primary & Repurpose Inglewood Elementary for Early French Immersion (EFI) only
 - All non-FI moved to Westfield Elementary

Proposal 1: Close Grand Bay Primary, Inglewood Elementary and Move Students to Westfield Elementary:

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		Total Enr	olment b	y Grade	Level to	r 2014-1	5
School Name	K	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Brown's Flat School	5	8	7	9	6	8	43
Grand Bay Primary School	30	40	33	-	-	-	103
Inglewood School	-	-	-	27	22	33	82
Westfield School	40	42	37	46	74	45	284
Morna Heights School (Part 2a)	11	10	11	12	13	10	67
Total for Scenario 1 (Part a):	86	100	88	94	115	96	579

	French	Immersi	on Enrol	ment by	Grade L	evel for 2	2014-15
School Name	K	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Brown's Flat School	•	•	-	•	•	•	-
Grand Bay Primary School	•	•	-	•	•	•	-
Inglewood School	•	•	-	•	•	•	-
Westfield School	•	•	-	35	55	22	112
Morna Heights School (Part 2a)	•	•	-	•	•	•	-
Total for Scenario 1 (Part a):	0	0	0	35	55	22	112

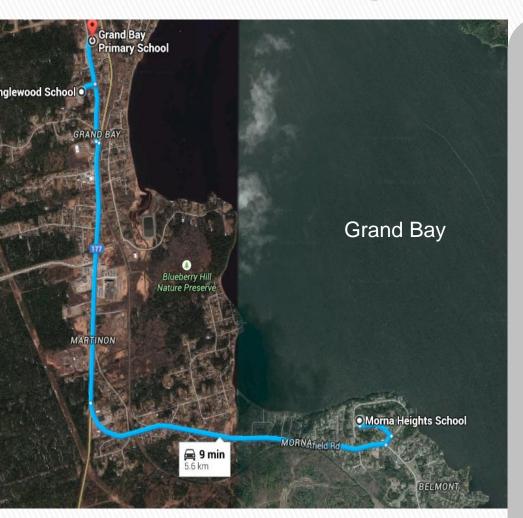
Westfield Elementary potential for amalgamation

- Proposal 1: Westfield amalgamation would have a student population of 579 (based on 2014-15 enrolment)
- This exceeds the District's preferred capacity for K-5 schools in the Grand Bay area (max of 400 - 500 students)
- Minimum number of classrooms required for the student grade configuration is 29
- Westfield has 19 spaces originally designated as classrooms. Potential to add classrooms in existing space does not meet capacity for Scenario 1
- Removing Morna Heights from the scenario leaves 512 students, which still would require 25 classrooms
- Proposal 1 is not considered feasible based on the difficulty to divide Morna Heights school boundary, the District's maximum number of students would be exceeded and the number of required classrooms exceeds capacity
- Note: From Ernst and Young Study

Proposal 1 & 2: Close Grand Bay Primary and Inglewood Elementary and Move Students to Westfield Elementary - Summary:

- Proposal would also include closure of Morna Heights
- Morna Heights boundary is not easily divisible in Proposal 1 or 2
- Busses would drive through one school boundary to get to another
- Westfield would be over capacity and would exceed
 District's preferred range of 400 500 students for K-5
- Challenging topography & property boundaries at Westfield School would limit possible additions
- Therefore, this proposal would not be recommended

Proposal 3: Build New K-5 School to Replace Morna, Grand Bay Primary and Inglewood:



Construction of a new K-5 Grand Bay school: Scenario 3

- Proposal 3 included closing Grand Bay Primary (K-2), Inglewood (3-5) and Morna Heights (K-5) for replacement with a new school (K-5) that is centrally located (possibly near Grand Bay)
- The District noted there has been discussion about a potential new school for this area with the DEC
- Morna Heights School is 5.2 km (approximately an 8 minute drive) from Inglewood School via Westfield Road
- Morna Heights School is 5.6 km (approximately 9 minute drive) from Grand Bay Primary via Westfield Road
- New school boundary is created by merging the current school boundaries for Grand Bay Primary and Morna Heights School
- Proposal 3 eliminates students having to switch from Grand Bay Primary to Inglewood School at grade 3
- Note: From Ernst and Young Study

Proposal 3: Build New K-5 School to Replace Grand Bay Primary, Inglewood & Morna Heights-Summary:

- New school boundary would be created by merging the current school boundaries for Grand Bay & Morna
- Morna Heights School is 5.2 km from Inglewood School and 5.6 km from Grand Bay Primary via Westfield Road
- If proposal is approved, the new school design would be based on 330 projected students (435 Max. capacity with Early French Immersion (EFI))
- The EFI program would be offered between Westfield and the new school
- If proposal is approved, to reduce impact on student transportation, a central location would be recommended but final decision rests with Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DTI)

Proposal 4: Inglewood Becomes French Immersion School for Grand Bay – Westfield Area, Grand Bay Primary would be Closed - Summary:

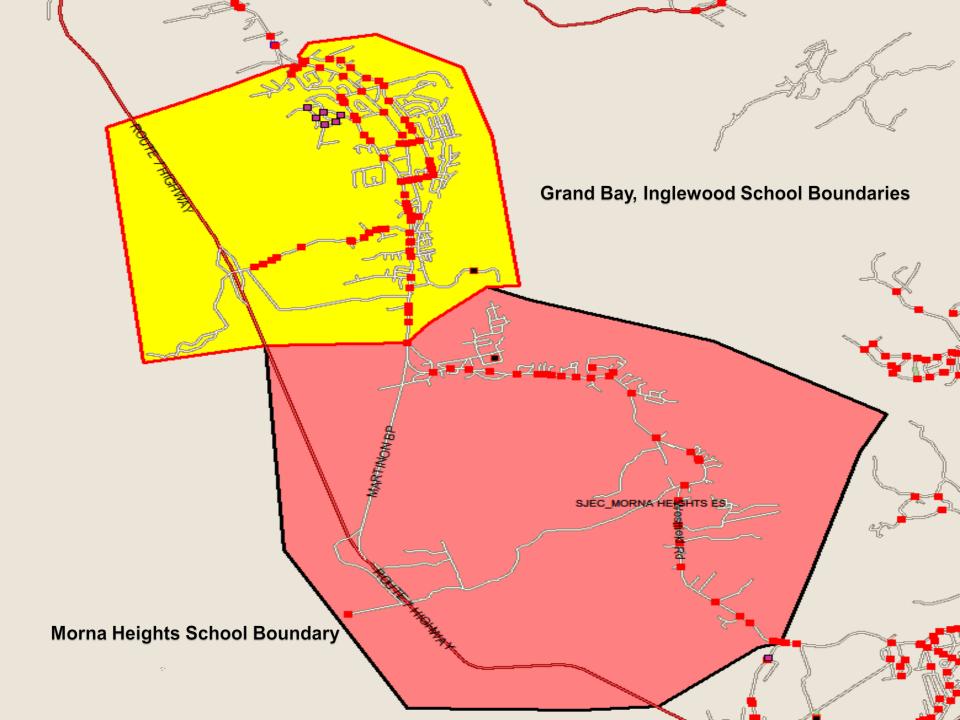
- Based on 2014-15 enrolments, Inglewood would require five classrooms for the 112 students enrolled in Early FI
- If Early FI entry is lowered to grade 1, it is projected that Inglewood School would require up to nine classrooms
- Significant addition would have to be built onto Inglewood School for this proposal (estimate \$5.9 million)
- Inglewood students would have to be relocated for at least part of the renovation
- Westfield School would also require a refurbishment (estimated cost of \$3.7 million)
- Due to the high estimated cost of refurbishment (60% of the cost of a new school), the unknown hidden costs when dealing with refurbishing an older building, the issue of relocating Inglewood students during construction, and the fact that an EFI only school would not be the norm in the District or the Province, this proposal would not be recommended

Grand Bay Primary - Transportation

- Two busses currently serve Grand Bay Primary
- Have 43 walkers and 67 on buses
- Average distance to Grand Bay Primary for bussed students is around 2 kms, max is around 3 kms
- Average time to Grand Bay Primary for bussed students is around 11 minutes, max time is around 20 minutes
- If proposal is accepted and new school built at central location, bus run distances and times would be comparable to current service

Inglewood Elementary - Transportation

- Two busses currently serve Inglewood Elementary
- Have 29 walkers and 35 on buses
- Average distance to Inglewood Elementary for bussed students is around 2 kms, max is around 4 kms
- Average time to Inglewood Elementary for bussed students is around 9 minutes, max time is around 26 minutes
- If proposal is accepted and new school built at central location, bus run distances and times would be comparable to current service



Summary of Factors that Support Recommendation to Close Grand Bay Primary and Inglewood Elementary

- Low/Declining enrolment:
 - Max capacity for Inglewood is 164 students, 64 enrolled as of Sept. 2015
 - Grand Bay Primary is near capacity but has only 110 students
- Quality of Education Programs: New School serving a larger population will be able to provide more programs and services:
 - Full K-5 with Early French Immersion
 - Larger gym facilities and full accessibility
 - Full service cafeteria with a cafetorium

Finances:

- Possible yearly savings of up to \$1 million in operating expenses
- Future capital repair costs of \$1.315 million would be eliminated
- All school equipment including technology and furniture would be put to use in other schools – this would save in equip./furniture replacement
- More efficient use of limited resources i.e. Facilities, Information Tech., Subject
 Co-ordinators all will have fewer schools to cover

Health & Safety:

Grand Bay Primary school leaks when it rains

Thank You for Attending!

- Next meeting –scheduled for December 8th.
- This presentation will be posted to ASD-S website at: http://web1.nbed.nb.ca/sites/ASD-S/

Written feedback can be submitted:

- via email to <u>asds.schoolreview@gnb.ca</u>
- Or send a letter to the attention of:

Robert Fowler, Chair District Education Council 490 Woodward Avenue Saint John, NB E2K 5N3