

Anglophone South School District (ASD-S) Multi-year infrastructure planning

Saint John Inner City Schools

October 2016

Policy 409:

6.7 Grade Reconfiguration

Millidgeville North School

6.7.1

The duty to consult is less for grade reconfigurations than for school sustainability studies and so, the timeframe for consultation can be much shorter, based on the DEC's discretion. However, the DEC must still demonstrate that the process was consistent with the principles of procedural fairness when they inform the Minister of the proposed grade reconfiguration.

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The DEC will advise the Minister in writing when the school district intends to reconfigure grades and will then consult parents on the proposal.

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After consultation, the DEC will inform the Minister of the school district's final decision on the grade reconfiguration.

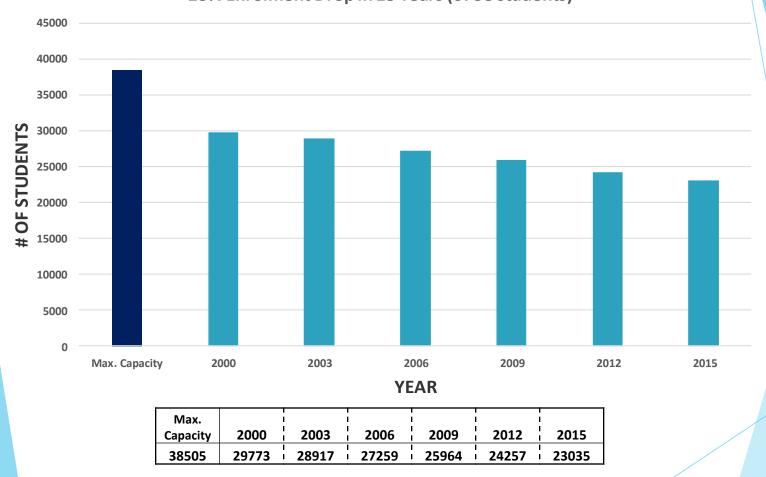
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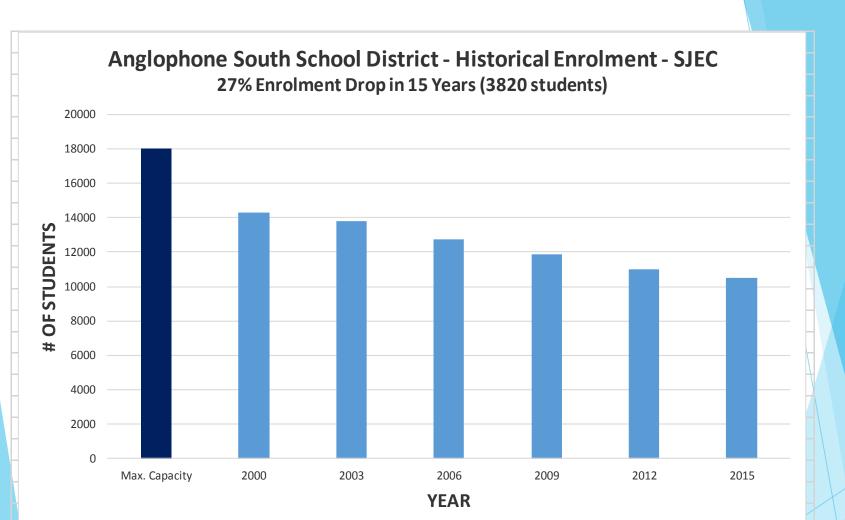
Once the Minister has been officially informed of a reconfiguration, the superintendent shall inform parents of the relocation of students. Sufficient notice must be provided to permit relocated students and their families to participate fully in the programs and activities offered in the new school.

Anglophone South School District (ASD-S) *Multi-year infrastructure planning*

- Quick Facts:
 - 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 tighter budgets
 - Aging infrastructure 46–58 avg. yrs. of age depending on Centre
 - Declining enrolment

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





Max.		l	!	l	l	
Capacity	2000	2003	2006	2009	2012	2015
18037	14325	13809	12745	11880	11015	10505

Saint John Inner City Schools Multi-year Infrastructure Planning

- DEC requested review of 7 schools in central Saint John
- 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 Fall 2015:
 - Millidgeville North (3-8)
 - Centennial (K-5)
 - Hazen White/St. Francis (K-8)
 - M. Gerald Teed Memorial (K-2)
 - St. John The Baptist/King Edward (K-8)
 - Prince Charles (K-8)
 - Princess Elizabeth (K-8)

Saint John Inner City Schools Multi-year Infrastructure Planning

District Education Council Planning Guidelines:

- Examine potential of grade reconfiguration to K-5 & 6-8.
- Goal is for reconfigured K-5 to have approximately 400 students.
- Vacate leased facilities if possible (St. John The Baptist/King Edward and Hazen White/St. Francis).
- Reconfiguration to provide full Middle School program.
- Provide spaces for Early Childhood facilities.
- Diverse groups of students in each school continued community partnerships.
- Schools require green space & sufficient parking for staff.

> Age of Buildings:

School	Year Built
Centennial (K-5)	1966
Hazen White St. Francis (K-8)	1961
M. Gerald Teed Memorial (K-2)	1963
Millidgeville North (3-8)	1967
Princess Elizabeth (K-8)	1949
Prince Charles (K-8)	1954
St. John Baptist/King Edward (K-8)	1948
Average Age of Buildings	58 yrs.

Maximum and Functional Capacity:

School	Max. Capacity	Functional Capacity
Centennial (K-5)	318	69.20%
Hazen White St Francis (K-8)	432	33.60%
M. Gerald Teed Memorial (K-2)	336	57.10%
Millidgeville North (3-8)	1058	39.70%
Princess Elizabeth (K-8)	547	81.50%
Prince Charles (K-8)	439	36.70%
St John Baptist/King Edward (K-8)	453	51.70%
TOTAL	3583	50.70%

Note: Max. Capacity is each available classroom filled to max. number of students allowed, Functional Capacity is current enrolment divided by max. capacity, 85% is recommended value.

Saint John Inner City Schools Historical Enrolment:

				Inc./(Decr.) Over Last	
School	2015	2009	2000	15 Yrs.	%
Centennial (K-5)	220	268	347	(127)	-38.60%
Hazen White/ St. Francis (K-8)	145	148	211	(66)	-30.70%
M. Gerald Teed Memorial (K-2)	192	162	260	(68)	-23.69%
Millidgeville North (3-8)	420	395	708	(288)	-41.26%
Princess Elizabeth (K-8)	446	431	458	(12)	-2.82%
Prince Charles (K-8)	161	202	206	(45)	-23.20%
St. John Baptist/King Edward (K-8)	234	223	255	(21)	-9.46%
TOTAL	1818	1829	2576	(676)	-27.11%

Saint John Inner City Schools Condition of Buildings:

School	FCI*	Rated Condition
Centennial School	0.12	Poor
Hazen-White/St. Francis School	0.11	Poor
Prince Charles School	0.05	Fair
Princess Elizabeth School	0.06	Fair
St. John the Baptist/King Edward School	0.05	Fair
Millidgeville North School	0.004	Good
M. Gerald Teed Memorial School	0.03	Good
Overall Average School Condition	0.06	Fair

Note: Facility Condition Index (FCI) is a measure for Facility Planners to equate the amount of deferred maintenance to the space of a building for comparison. A rating of *Poor* or *Fair* does not mean a building is unsafe or unfit for use. Older buildings often have more deferred maintenance than newer buildings. (e.g. the deferred maintenance can require upgrades to modern heating, ventilation and control systems that did not exist when the building was constructed).

Saint John Inner City Schools Ernst & Young Recommendations:

- ▶ 1) Build a new 6-8 middle school (600 students) for the Saint John Inner City.
- > 2) Millidgeville North becomes a K-5 school with Early French Immersion.
- Option 1: M. Gerald Teed Memorial could be amalgamated into Millidgeville North - M. Gerald Teed Memorial is closed.
- Option 2: Centennial could be amalgamated into Millidgeville North if boundaries are looked at -Centennial is closed.
- Option 3: M. Gerald Teed Memorial and Centennial are closed with a new K-5 school in central/north area.

Saint John Inner City Schools Ernst & Young Recommendations:

- > 3) Prince Charles School becomes a K-5 school.
- Amalgamate St. John the Baptist/King Edward School into Prince Charles School - St. John the Baptist/King Edward is closed.
- 4) Princess Elizabeth School becomes a K-5 school with Early French Immersion. An addition would be required pending a structural review of the building. A new facility may be required.
- Amalgamate Hazen-White/St. Francis School into Princess Elizabeth School - Hazen White/St. Francis is closed.

Enrolment By Grade Level: Low Middle School Numbers

SCHOOL	K	1	2	3		4		5		6		7		8		Grand
	ENG	ENG	ENG	ENG	FI	ENG	FI	ENG	FI	ENG	FI	ENG	FI	ENG	FI	Total
Cent	44	42	49	25		32		28								220
HWSF	21	23	24	18		13		11		11		11		13		145
MGT	60	66	66													192
MNS				22	58	28	42	35	35	38	31	39	22	48	22	420
Pr.Chrls	20	25	13	21		24		19		13		14		12		161
PES	52	37	37	40		34		28		38	32	29	48	51	20	446
SJBKE	41	40	30	33		21		21		15		18		15		234
Total	238	233	219	159	58	152	42	142	35	115	63	111	70	139	42	1818

- Middle School numbers are very low:
 - Hazen White/St. Francis 35
 - Prince Charles 39
 - Saint John The Baptist/King Edward 48
 - Millidgeville North 125 English, 75 EFI
 - Princess Elizabeth 118 English, 100 Late Fl
 - ► Total 365 English, 175 French

Recommendation To Build New Middle School

- Currently no middle schools (6-8) within the Saint John Inner City.
- Many schools are configured as K-8, with a small middle school population.
- Based on Sept. 30, 2015 enrolment, there are 540 middle school students within the Inner City schools.
- > 540 students is an acceptable sized school based on EECD Planning Guidelines that notes middle schools generally will not exceed 700 students.

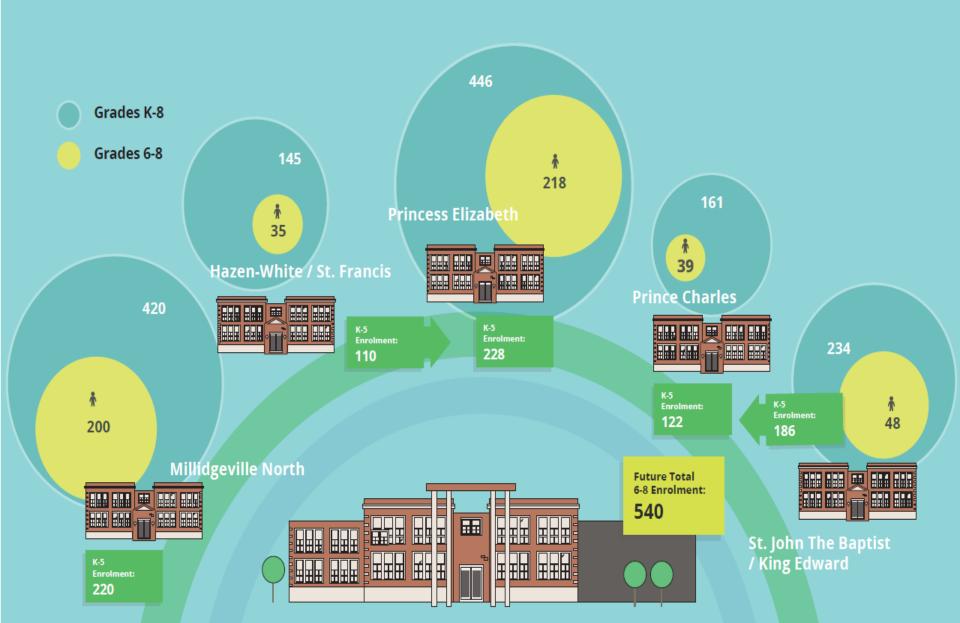
Recommendation To Build New Middle School

- Millidgeville North has the space available to reconfigure the school to become the Inner City middle school, however, the nearest school (M. Gerald Teed Memorial) does not have space to accommodate another 220 K-5 students.
- If Princess Elizabeth were to be reconfigured to the Inner City middle school, Hazen-White/St. Francis and Centennial Schools would not have sufficient space for the additional 228 K-5 students.
- Recommend a new 600 student 6-8 middle school for the Inner City if the grade reconfiguration of K-5 and 6-8 is implemented.
- This would create a mixed community school, which is a noted important criteria for the District.



Capital Planning: Inner City Saint John

Recommended New Middle School: Projected Future Enrolment



Recommendation To Build New Middle School

- The new school design would have 24 classrooms based on an even distribution of 200 students per grade.
- The 10-year projected utilization for the new 6-8 school with 577 students is 84%.
- Construction cost estimate of \$24.6M to \$25.6M, depending on the cost of the land and site chosen.
- ► Total size of the school is estimated to be approximately 8,778 m^{2.}
- Based on logistics for student busing, locating the school in the central area of the Inner City would be most ideal; however, finding a site with sufficient available land that is suitable for construction of a new school is often a challenge within a city.
- The Planning Guidelines for Educational Facilities recommends a site size of 24 acres for a middle school of 600 students.

Recommendation To Build New Middle School What is a Middle School Program?

- Sense of ownership in the school. Students feeling connected to their school is important. Student voice is heard and respected.
- High degree of participation in school wide and school system wide activities, including sports, clubs built on student interests, drama, music, chess, coding, science, Heritage Fairs, etc.
- Middle school students are growing and changing during these transition years between childhood and adolescence.
- Rigorous academic expectations for all students.
- Challenging integrated and exploratory curriculum. Interdisciplinary teaching teams. Professional Learning Communities. Teachers working together.
- Varied teaching approaches, goal setting, projects, portfolios, teacher teams, self assessment, demonstrating learning, community projects.

Millidgeville North to K - 5 School Option 1 - Amalgamate M. Gerald Teed

- Based on Sept. 30, 2015 enrolments, Millidgeville North School has 220 3-5 students and M. Gerald Teed Memorial School has 192 K-2.
- The City of Saint John has a contract for the Community Centre attached to M. Gerald Teed Memorial School which will have to be considered in future plans.
- The two schools are 2 km apart and their combined K-5 student population is at the maximum capacity of 400 students set by the District.

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Millidgeville North to K - 5 School Option 2 - Amalgamate Centennial

- Based on Sept. 30, 2015 enrolments, Millidgeville North School has 220 3-5 students and Centennial has 220 K-5 students.
- Based on 2015-16 (without running projections), there would be enough space available for the required 23 classrooms under the current grade configurations.
- Population for combined school would be 440, which is just over the guideline of a maximum of 400.
- MGTM Early French Immersion would go to MNS which would put the population even higher over the 400 guideline.
- With this option, boundaries would have to be looked at for MNS and PES to split populations, including EFI between the two K-5 schools.

SCHOOL	K	1	2	3		4		5		6		7		8		Grand
	ENG	ENG	ENG	ENG	FI	Total										
Cent	44	42	49	25		32		28								220
MNS				22	58	28	42	35	35							220

Saint John Inner City Schools Millidgeville North

Source of EFI Students:

	EFI
	Forecast
School	2016
Centennial (K-5)	12
Hazen White St Francis (K-8)	2
M.Gerald Teed (K-2)	27
Out of Zone Schools	1
Princess Elizabeth (K-8)	9
Prince Charles (K-8)	7
St John Baptist/King Edward (K-8)	9
TOTAL	67

Millidgeville North to K - 5 School Option 3 New K - 5 School

- Another option is the District/DEC could review boundaries and determine the potential of building a new K-5 elementary in a central/north location. This would mean redistributing the students within Millidgeville North, Princess Elizabeth and a new K-5 school, in addition to the proposed new middle school.
- Examining the number of K-5 students for the boundary distribution (970):

		Total Enrolment by Grade Level for 2015-16										
School Name	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total	K-5	6-8
Centennial School	44	42	49	25	32	28	•	•	•	220	220	-
Hazen-White/St. Francis School	21	23	24	18	13	11	11	11	13	145	110	35
Princess Elizabeth School	52	37	37	40	34	28	70	77	71	446	228	218
M. Gerald Teed Memorial School	60	66	66	•	•	•	•	•	•	192	192	•
Millidgeville North School	-	•	-	80	70	70	69	61	70	420	220	200
Total for School:	177	168	176	163	149	137	150	149	154	1,423	970	453

Millidgeville North to K - 5 School Option 3 New K - 5 School (cont.)

- Look to evenly distribute enrolment between the three schools, each school would be around 323 students.
- This would close 4 schools: St. John the Baptist/King Edward, Centennial, Hazen-White/St. Francis and M. Gerald Teed Memorial Schools and build a new K-5 and new middle school pending capital fund availability and approval.
- Overall cost of plan with the addition of a new K-5 will increase significantly and may diminish chance of plan being approved and moving forward.

Thank You for Attending!

- Next meeting dates, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.:
 - Wednesday, October 26 Princess Elizabeth School
 - Thursday, October 27 Prince Charles School
 - Tuesday, November 1 M. Gerald Teed Memorial School
 - Wednesday, November 2 St. John the Baptist/King Edward School
 - Monday, November 7 Centennial School
 - Monday, November 14 Hazen-White/St. Francis
- 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:
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