



March 20, 2015

Minister Serge Rousselle
Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
Place 2000
250 King Street
Fredericton, NB
E3B 5H1

Dear Minister Rousselle:

I am writing to inform you that the District Education Council for Anglophone West School District met on March 19, 2015, to consider all required criteria pertaining to the sustainability of Coles Island School under Provincial Policy 409: Multi-year School Infrastructure Planning. The study was launched on October 23, 2014, and has followed the guidelines as outlined in Policy 409.

Following the public presentation of the enclosed executive summary, the following motion was presented:

“Move to close the Coles Island School and to move the students to Cambridge Narrows Community School and Chipman Elementary School based on a defined catchment area.”

Upon conclusion of all discussion, the motion was passed.

We acknowledge the fact that Section 6.6 of Policy 409 requires approval of the Minister for any closure of a school, as recommended by a District Education Council. In this instance, the DEC wishes to close Coles Island School and have the students continue their education at Cambridge-Narrows Community School or Chipman Elementary School, depending on where they live. In compliance with Policy 409, we ask for you to review our processes and confirm that our direction is acceptable with your administration.

Enclosed, please find the details of our Policy 409 process. If you require any additional information, please feel free to contact Superintendent David McTimoney or me.

Sincerely,

Mark Noël
Chair, District Education Council
Anglophone West School District