



March 27, 2015

Minister Serge Rousselle
Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
Place 2000
250 King Street
Fredericton, NB
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Dear Minister Rousselle:

As a follow-up letter to you pertaining to the sustainability of Coles Island School under Provincial Policy 409: Multi-year School Infrastructure Planning, it was brought to my attention that the wording of the motion, as written on the March 20, 2015 letter to you, is not the exact statement made by the mover. Although the intent of the motion was clearly understood by Council that night, we felt it necessary to write to you again so that you would have the exact wording and there would be no room for a misunderstanding. I have reviewed the video of that portion of the meeting to confirm the motion:

“Move that the ASD-W District Education Council recommend to the Minister of Education that the Coles Island School be closed, effective June 30, 2015. Further to this action, that the elementary students living South of the intersection of Routes 10 and 105 be transferred to Cambridge-Narrows School and that the elementary students living North of the intersection of 10 and 105 be transferred to Chipman Elementary School.”

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.

If you require any additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

David McTimoney
Superintendent