



ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT
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May 28, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians of Students at Forest Hill Elementary School,

On May 24, 2018, the Anglophone West School District Education Council (ASD-W DEC) voted in favour of undertaking a sustainability study of Forest Hill Elementary School, under the process outlined in the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Provincial Policy 409: Multi-year School Infrastructure Planning. This policy serves as a foundation for determining the sustainability of a school, taking into account many aspects, such as:

Enrolment	Health and Safety	Quality Education and Services
Transportation	Impact on Community	Finances
Economic Development	Impact on Other Schools	

The Forest Hill Elementary School had not been identified as a trigger school, but was identified on ASD-W Major Capital Projects lists as priority #4 for the consideration of a new school combined with Liverpool Street School. Therefore, the DEC has decided to start the sustainability study at this time.

The sustainability study follows a process that includes three public meetings. The first public meeting will be for a presentation of facts about Forest Hill Elementary School, in line with, but not limited to, the categories above. The second public meeting will allow for interested individuals, stakeholders and parties to present information to be considered in the decision-making process. A registration process for this meeting will be shared following the first meeting. The third public meeting will occur in **January 2019**, at a Public DEC Meeting. At this time, the DEC will discuss the study and vote on a final recommendation. That recommendation will be one of three possibilities (Section 6.4.2):

1. **Maintain the status-quo at Forest Hill Elementary School.**
2. **Provide for repairs to Forest Hill Elementary School.**
3. **Build a new school, closing Forest Hill Elementary School and combine with Liverpool Street School for students continued education.**

The Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development must approve recommendation #2 or #3, if made by the DEC.

The staff of Anglophone West School District will gather and organize information that will be presented at the first meeting. As mentioned above, the meeting will be open to the public. We will also inform affected persons (beyond parents) through a public notice.

A timeline will be produced and dates/times/locations for all the public meetings will be confirmed, in the near future.

Policy 409 can be found by going to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development website at <http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/education.html> and clicking on "Policies", leading you to "Policy 409".

In the near future, you can visit our district website (www.asd-w.nbed.nb.ca), where we will maintain a section with respect to the sustainability study. We will post related public information, including letters such as this. An email address will also be available for respectful, constructive comments on the study.

Sincerely,

Catherine Blaney
Acting Superintendent
Anglophone West School District