



ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Students at Nackawic Elementary, Middle, and High Schools:

On May 21, 2015, the Anglophone West School District Education Council (ASD-W DEC) voted in favor of engaging a sustainability study of the three Nackawic schools (as a cluster), 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	

Millville Elementary School is also being studied in a parallel process, prompting the DEC interest in Nackawic.

The sustainability study follows a process that includes three public meetings, all beginning at 6:30PM. The first public meeting will be for a presentation of facts about the Nackawic schools, in line with, but not limited to, the categories above. This meeting will take place on **Tuesday, September 29th, 2015 at Nackawic Middle School**. 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. This second meeting will take place on **Tuesday, November 24th, 2015 at Nackawic Elementary School**. The third public meeting will occur on **Thursday, January 28, 2016, at a regularly scheduled Public DEC Meeting in Fredericton**. At this time, the District Education Council 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 any/all of the Nackawic schools.
2. Provide for repairs to any/all of the Nackawic schools.
3. Close any/all of the Nackawic schools and move students to other schools for their 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 of important points and dates is included with this letter.

Policy 409 can be found by going to the Government of New Brunswick website (www.gnb.ca) and choosing the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development site under "Departments". Under the title "Quick Links" you can choose "Policies", and this will bring you to a selection of policies, including Policy 409. The direct link to the policy is: <http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/education/k12/content/policies.html>.

By mid-September, you can visit our district website (www.asd-w.nbed.nb.ca), where we will maintain a current section with respect to the sustainability study. Related public information will also be posted there, including letters such as these. A public discussion board will also be available for respectful, constructive comments on the study.

Safety and quality education remain a priority for your children and we look forward to your engagement.

Sincerely,

David McTimoney
Superintendent