

April 16, 2019

Good day families,

On Saturday, April 13, 2019, the Board of Trustees of the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District approved a motion that will see Grade 5 students at St. Bernard's Elementary in Witless Bay join their Grade 6 schoolmates and move to the newly-extended Mobile Central High School (MCHS) in September, 2019.

The Board approved the following motion after considering input from the school community, gathered over the past several months through in-person and online consultations, as well as long-standing concerns over space limitations at St. Bernard's Elementary:

Zone 14: Mobile Central High School system

WHEREAS the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District is committed to providing the best possible educational programs for students; and

WHEREAS a reorganization of schooling in the Mobile Central High School system in Zone 14 is required to achieve that objective,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that:

St. Bernard's Elementary be reconfigured from a Kindergarten to Grade 5 school to a Kindergarten to Grade 4 school and that Grade 5 be assigned to Mobile Central High School effective September 2019, and the Grade 5 students move to Mobile Central High School in 2019.

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED that:

Mobile Central High School be reconfigured from a Grade 6 to 12 school to a Grade 5 to 12 school effective September 2019.

We anticipate that the 10-room (9 classrooms + computer lab) extension at MCHS will be turned over to the District to occupy in the coming weeks. The MCHS administration will work with District staff and the school community to ensure the building is ready to welcome both the Grade 5s and Grade 6s for September, 2019.

The District remains committed to working with the school community to plan for and execute a smooth transition for students, staff, and families. Schools will share further information with the school communities as we move forward with the process. Should you require any further information, please contact the school administration or Dan O'Brien, Director of Schools, at danielobrien@nlesd.ca

Regards,



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