

*Western Regional Office - Programs Division  
Office of the Assistant Director of Education*

November 28, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians:

As you are aware, the Newfoundland and Labrador English School Board is undertaking a review of the Appalachia High School system. The process includes consultation with school councils, administrators, and the school communities.

At the November 25, 2017 meeting of the Board the following notice of motion was tabled:

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

WHEREAS school closure is required to achieve that objective;

BE IT RESOLVED that:

Our Lady of Mercy Elementary and Appalachia High School will consolidate effective September 2018.

As a result of this notice of motion, a public feedback process will be undertaken and will include the opportunity for online feedback and a public school community meeting. School community feedback and other information will be reviewed by the Board of Trustees prior to a vote on the notice of motion, scheduled to occur at a public meeting February 3, 2018.

A school community meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the gymnasium of Appalachia High School. Members of the school community who would like to make a presentation to the Board of Trustees may do so at this time. Presenters are asked to contact Jackie Crane at 758-2381 or [jackiecrane@nlesd.ca](mailto:jackiecrane@nlesd.ca) by 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 20, 2017 to register. Presentations are to be 10 minutes in length and an electronic copy is to be provided for the records of the Board.

It is extremely important for members of the school community to provide their feedback during this process and an online feedback form is available on the website of the District ([www.nlesd.ca](http://www.nlesd.ca)). Online feedback will be accepted until Monday, January 22, 2018.

If a member of the school community does not have Internet access they can call 637-4000, if verbal feedback is preferred, or fax 634-1828.

Sincerely,



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