

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

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

The Newfoundland and Labrador English School Board is undertaking a review of the Appalachia High School System with the potential for Our Lady of Mercy Elementary and Appalachia High School becoming one K-12 school, beginning in September 2018. The process includes consultation with school councils, administrators, and the school communities.

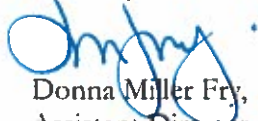
The Newfoundland and Labrador English School District has compiled an information booklet which contains details about the impacted schools. Members of the school communities are encouraged to review the information booklet and then provide feedback to the District. The booklet, further information about the process, and an online feedback mechanism can be found on the District website: <https://www.nlesd.ca/schools/schoolreview/2017/systemaph.jsp>. Online feedback will be accepted until Thursday, November 16, 2017.

Should the Board decide to proceed with the process to review the Appalachia High School System a notice of motion will be made at the public meeting of the Board of Trustees scheduled for November 25, 2017 in St. John's at the District Conference Centre, 40 Strawberry Marsh Road. If a notice of motion is made, a school community meeting will be scheduled for January 2018 and a further opportunity to submit feedback will be provided. A vote on the notice of motion would occur at the February 3, 2018 meeting of the Board of Trustees.

All members of the school communities are encouraged to provide their feedback to the Board of Trustees to help inform the process. 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.

Should you have any questions on this matter please contact Delores Clarke-Genge, Senior Education Officer, at 637-4014 or [deloresclarkegenge@nlesd.ca](mailto:deloresclarkegenge@nlesd.ca).

Sincerely,



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