

June 21, 2019 **(UPDATED)**

Dear Parents/Guardians:

At the June 8, 2019 meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District, trustees passed a motion to conduct a formal review of the entire Waterford Valley High school feeder system. The system includes Hazelwood Elementary (K-6), St. Mary's Elementary (K-6), Cowan Heights Elementary (K-7), St. Matthew's Elementary (K-7), St. John Bosco School (K-9), Beaconsfield Junior High (7-9), and Waterford Valley High (10-12).

This review, which will be conducted during the 2019-20 school year, is necessitated by enrollment pressures at St. Mary's Elementary, where the school's population currently exceeds its capacity, and where there will be further pressures on available classroom space in the coming years. Meanwhile, excess capacity is available at nearby schools.

It is important to note that **no school closures** are being contemplated as part of this review. There may, however, be an opportunity to adjust catchment areas (attendance zones) and/or grade configurations to address the overcrowding at St. Mary's Elementary.

The process of the review will include:

- consultation with school councils within the feeder system;
- an online information package for members of the school communities; and,
- an online mechanism for members of the school communities to provide feedback to the Board.

Further information on this process will be provided in the coming months. It is important to note that **no decisions have been made** and, if any change is to occur at the end of the review process, it will be implemented no sooner than September, 2020.

Should you have any questions about this review, please contact Wilhelmena Hardy, Director of Schools for the Waterford Valley High school system at 758-2762 or via email at [wilhelmenahardy@nlesd.ca](mailto:wilhelmenahardy@nlesd.ca).

Sincerely,



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