

NEWS RELEASE

August 10, 2016

Notice of Motion Tabled at Special Meeting of the Board

The Board of Trustees of the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District tabled a notice of motion at a special meeting held on August 10, 2016. The notice of motion may result in the closure of Whitbourne Elementary in June 2017, with students rezoned to attend Woodland Elementary September 2017.

A *District Information Booklet (School Community)* containing the rationale for closure and information provided to the Board of Trustees is available on the website and hard copies are available for pick up on August 10, 11 and 12, 2016 from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Whitbourne Elementary. If you are unable to obtain a copy of this document at these times please contact the District at 758-2372 to make arrangements for one. The *District Information Booklet (School Community)* does not contain the items identified as tabs 20, 21 and 22 of the Index to the Memorandum to the Board of Trustees as these are the online and electronic submissions made by parents and school community members during the prior consultations and copies of the presentations made at the public hearing on April 4, 2016. These documents are not included as they contain personal information of school community members and students.

A feedback form is available on the District website for members of the school communities to provide their comments to the Board of Trustees and an email address is also available <u>ccsfeedback@nlesd.ca</u>. Online feedback will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. September 16, 2016.

A public consultation session will be held on Monday, September 19, 2016 which will allow members of the school community the opportunity to present to the Board of Trustees. This consultation will be held in the gymnasium of Whitbourne Elementary and will begin at 5:00 p.m. The Board reserves the right to limit the time for each presentation, typically 10 minutes, and information on registering to make a presentation is available on the District's website.

Another special meeting of the Board of Trustees to vote on the notice of motion will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at District Conference Centre, 40 Strawberry Marsh Road, St. John's.

All members of the school community 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 758-2372 if verbal feedback is preferred, or fax 758-2387.

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