

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## Statement from the Chair of the Board of Trustees Regarding Court of Appeal Decision

Please find below a statement from Goronwy Price, Chair of the Board of Trustees for the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District.

"The Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador, Appeal Division ruled today that the previously appointed Board of Trustees did not have the authority to close Whitbourne Elementary on April 16, 2016. As a result of this ruling, the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District will prepare Whitbourne Elementary for school opening in September 2017.

"Our immediate focus is on ensuring that Whitbourne Elementary will be ready and welcoming for students in September 2017, which we are confident will happen. While there may be some challenges ahead, our efforts will ensure a safe, caring, and socially-just learning environment focused on student achievement and I am confident our staff will accomplish this work in the coming weeks."

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