

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **School Board Issues Notices of Motion Related to Five School System Reviews**

The Board of Trustees of the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District has issued six Notices of Motion related to five school system reviews previously announced at its October 26, 2019 meeting. These Notices of Motion indicate proposal(s) being considered in the coming months, and take into account meetings already held with school councils and initial consultations with the school communities. A vote on each motion is expected to be held at the March 28, 2020 regular public meeting of the Board.

“No decisions have yet been made with respect to these school system reviews,” said Goronwy Price, Chair of the Board of Trustees. “These Notices of Motion give formal notice to the school communities of the proposals being considered following initial review and consultation. Next steps involve further review and analysis and a further consultation with the school communities involved. Where school closures are being considered, a separate public meeting will be held with the school community prior to the March 28, 2020 meeting of the Board.”

The school system reviews referenced are as follows:

- Stephenville High School and Piccadilly Central High School Systems
- Dorset Collegiate School System
- Glovertown Academy School System
- Phoenix Academy and Gill Memorial Academy School Systems
- Marystown Central High School System

The proposed changes are included in the Backgrounder below.

Information on next steps, including further consultation opportunities, will be posted in the coming days on the individual school system review webpages here:

<https://www.nlesd.ca/schools/schoolreview/index.jsp>.

Meanwhile, the Board also addressed two other ongoing school system reviews involving potential grade reconfiguration and/or catchment reviews, where no school closures are being considered.

### **Holy Trinity High School System Review**

See: <https://www.nlesd.ca/schools/schoolreview/2020/system-hth.jsp>

The Board approved a motion to reconfigure Juniper Ridge Intermediate from Grades 5-7 to Grades 5-8, with Holy Trinity High to move from a Grades 8-12 school to Grades 9-12, effective September 2020. This change was necessary to alleviate enrolment pressures at Holy Trinity High. Further information on implementation will be provided to the school community in the new year.

### **Waterford Valley High School System Review**

See: <https://www.nlesd.ca/schools/schoolreview/2020/system-wvh.jsp>

The Board was also provided an update on the status of the Waterford Valley High School System Review, which was necessitated by enrolment pressures at St. Mary's Elementary (K-6). The school is currently experiencing capacity issues which are expected to continue in the years ahead. A proposal to reconfigure St. Mary's Elementary to K-4 and move Grades 5-6 to nearby Hazelwood Elementary was put to the school community. Following consultation, the District determined it would conduct further analysis on additional options. A revised timeline for completion of the review has been posted on the school review webpage and a decision is anticipated at a later regular public meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Reports on the initial consultation results, facilitated through ThoughtExchange, are available on the respective school system review webpages. ThoughtExchange is an online consultation tool used by school districts throughout North America to enable maximum participation in consultations used to inform school board decisions.

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## BACKGROUND

On December 7, 2019, the Board of Trustees of the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District gave Notice of Motions for the following school systems. No decisions have yet been made. Following additional review, analysis and public consultation, the Board of Trustees is expected to vote at its March 28, 2020 regular public meeting whether the following changes will occur.

**Stephenville High School and Piccadilly Central High School Systems** - Stephenville High (9-12), Pathfinder Learning Centre (L.S. Eddy) (10-12), Stephenville Middle (6-8), Stephenville Elementary (4-5), Stephenville Primary (K-3); Piccadilly Central High (9-12), St. Thomas Aquinas (K-8), Our Lady of the Cape (K-8), Lourdes Elementary (K-8).  
See: <https://www.nlesd.ca/schools/schoolreview/2020/system-shpch.jsp>.

- *St. Thomas Aquinas (K-8) will close effective June, 2020.*
- *Stephenville Elementary (4-5) will close effective June, 2020.*
- *Stephenville Middle School will be reconfigured from Grades 6-8 to Grades 4-7.*
- *Stephenville High School will be reconfigured from Grades 9-12 to Grades 8-12.*
- *All students attending Stephenville Elementary will attend Stephenville Middle School.*
- *Stephenville Primary School student attendance zone will be rezoned to include the current student attendance zone for St. Thomas Aquinas. Stephenville Middle School student attendance zone will be rezoned to include the current student attendance zone for St. Thomas Aquinas. Stephenville High School student attendance zone will be rezoned to include the current student attendance zone for St. Thomas Aquinas.*
- *All students who previously attended St. Thomas Aquinas K-8 and who are currently attending Piccadilly Central High will continue to attend Piccadilly Central High until completion of high school.*
- *The Pathfinder Learning Centre (L.S. Eddy) (10-12) will relocate to the site of the former Stephenville Elementary.*

**Dorset Collegiate School System** - Dorset Collegiate (7-12), Green Bay South Academy (K-6), Brian Peckford Primary (K-3).

See: <https://www.nlesd.ca/schools/schoolreview/2020/system-dc.jsp>

Conditional upon the opening of an extension to Dorset Collegiate to accommodate K-6 students from Green Bay South Academy (K-6) and Brian Peckford Primary (K-3):

- *Dorset Collegiate will be reconfigured from Grades 7-12 to Grades K-12;*
- *Green Bay South Academy (K-6) and Brian Peckford Primary (K-3) will close;*



- *The student attendance zone for Dorset Collegiate will be rezoned to include the current student attendance zones for Green Bay South Academy (K-6) and Brian Peckford Primary (K-3).*

Again, any changes to this system would be conditional on the construction of an extension to Dorset Collegiate.

**Glovertown Academy School System** - Glovertown Academy (K-12), Charlottetown Primary (K-3).

- *Charlottetown Primary school, K-3, will close effective June 2020.*
- *Students attending Charlottetown Primary will attend Glovertown Academy K-12 effective September, 2020.*
- *The student attendance zone for Glovertown Academy will be rezoned to include the current student attendance zone for Charlottetown Primary.*

**Phoenix Academy and Gill Memorial Academy School Systems** - Gill Memorial Academy (K-12), Phoenix Academy (K-12), Sandstone Academy (K-6).

See: <https://www.nlesd.ca/schools/schoolreview/2020/system-pa.jsp>

- *Sandstone Academy K-6 will close effective June, 2020 and all students will attend Phoenix Academy K-12 effective September, 2020.*
- *The student attendance zone for Phoenix Academy will be rezoned to include the current student attendance zone for Sandstone Academy.*

**Marystown Central High School System** - Marystown Central High (10-12), Pearce Junior High (8-9), Sacred Heart Academy (K-7), Donald C. Jamieson Academy (K-7):

See: <https://www.nlesd.ca/schools/schoolreview/2020/system-mch.jsp>

### **Motion #1**

- *Pearce Junior High, 8-9 will close effective June 2020.*
- *Marystown Central High will be reconfigured from Grades 10-12 to Grades 8-12.*
- *Students attending Pearce Junior High will attend Marystown Central High (8-12) effective September, 2020.*

### **Motion #2**

- *Sacred Heart Academy will be reconfigured from Grades K-7 to Grades K-4.*
- *Donald C. Jamieson Academy will be reconfigured from Grades K-7 to Grades 5-7.*
- *Effective September 2020, students will attend the appropriate school in accordance with the new grade configuration.*



- *Sacred Heart Academy student attendance zone will be rezoned to include the current student attendance zone for Grades K-4 for Donald C. Jamieson Academy.*
- *Donald C. Jamieson Academy student attendance zone will be rezoned to include the current student attendance zone for Grades 5-7 for Sacred Heart Academy.*

