

NEWS RELEASE

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Sacred Heart, Donald C. Jamieson Motion Will Not Move Forward: Board

The Newfoundland and Labrador English School Board held its regular public meeting today (Saturday, Feb. 1) in St. John's, where trustees discussed a number of issues and made decisions relative to the business of the Board.

School System Review - Marystown Central High System

The Board of Trustees gave notice that a motion to reconfigure Sacred Heart Academy in Marystown to Grades K-4 and Donald C. Jamieson Academy in Burin to Grades 5-7 will no longer be put forward for a vote at the March 28, 2020 public meeting of the Board. Both schools currently serve Grades K-7 and, with the Board's decision today, those schools will remain status quo.

"As we moved through the review process, trustees determined the programming considerations were not such that a reconfiguration of Sacred Heart and Donald C. Jamieson was necessary at this time," said Goronwy Price, Chair of the Board of Trustees.

This was the second of two motions related to the Marystown Central High School System Review. The Notice of Motion to close Pearce Junior High (Grades 8-9) and reconfigure Marystown Central High to Grades 8-12 is still under consideration, and the Board of Trustees will vote on that motion, as planned, at the March 28 meeting.

A public meeting will be held at Marystown Central High on March 2, 2020, beginning at 6 p.m., to allow parents and others to make representation to the Board on the remaining motion to close Pearce Junior High and reconfigure Marystown Central High to Grades 8-12.

The School System Review process is under way in four other systems where school closures are being considered, including the Dorset Collegiate system, the Stephenville High and Piccadilly Central High systems, the Phoenix Academy system, and the Glovertown Academy school system. Trustees are expected to vote on all other previously outlined Notices of Motions at the March 28 public meeting of the Board. For more information on ongoing school system reviews, see:

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

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