

October 31, 2019

Dear Topsail Elementary and Villanova Junior High families,

At the October 26, 2019 public meeting of the Newfoundland and Labrador English School Board, trustees passed a motion to enact the planned configuration for the Holy Spirit High and Mount Pearl Senior High school communities as outlined in the recent school system review process. As outlined in the motion, following the institution of the new intermediate school in Paradise (Grades 6-9), a number of adjustments will take place for schools throughout both school systems.

Background materials, consultation documents and reports remain available on the District website here:

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

Grade configurations and feeder systems for Elizabeth Park Elementary, Morris Academy, Holy Family Elementary, and Topsail Elementary remain substantially unchanged. However, space challenges may continue at Topsail Elementary and Villanova for a few years (2020-23). While not included in the Board's motion, a contingency plan involving Topsail Elementary and Villanova Junior High was discussed among Board trustees. It is as follows:

- Beginning in 2020-21, a contingency has been developed to allow for one Grade 5 Early French Immersion (EFI) class at Topsail Elementary to remain at the school, while the other streams of Grade 5 move on to Villanova Junior High. This would alleviate potential space challenges at Villanova Junior High.
- Beginning in 2022-23, a further contingency has been developed to allow for one Grade 4 EFI class to attend Villanova Junior High a year in advance of the rest of the grade cohort. This would alleviate potential space challenges at Topsail Elementary.

More information on next steps will be provided as the process moves forward in the new calendar year and it is determined the contingency plans are required. In the meantime, the motion passed by the Board of Trustees can be found below.

We sincerely thank you for participating in this process and helping to contribute to the quality of education provided to all students of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Regards,



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**BOARD MOTION - October 26, 2019 (Passed)**

**MOTION:** *Holy Spirit High, 9-12 (CBS) , Mount Pearl Senior High School, 9-12 (Mt. Pearl), Mount Pearl Intermediate, 6-8 (Mt. Pearl), Paradise Elementary, K-6 (Paradise), Octagon Pond Elementary, K-6 (Paradise):*

**WHEREAS** *the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District is committed to providing the best possible educational programs for students; and*

**WHEREAS** *a reconfiguration of schooling in the Avalon Region is required to achieve that objective; and*

**WHEREAS** *a reconfiguration of the school systems, including the feeder systems for Mount Pearl Senior High and Holy Spirit High will address the addition of the new intermediate school to be opened in Paradise; and*

**WHEREAS** *a reconfiguration of these schools systems is predicated on the opening of a new intermediate school to be located in Paradise;*

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** *that:*

*Upon institution of the new Paradise Intermediate School, 6-9, the following changes be made:*

*Paradise Elementary will be reconfigured from a K-6 to K-5*

*Octagon Pond Elementary will be reconfigured from a K-6 to K-5*

*Students from Paradise Elementary and Octagon Pond Elementary will attend the Paradise Intermediate school (6-9) once opened*

*Mount Pearl Intermediate will be reconfigured from 6-8 to 6-9*

*Mount Pearl Senior High will be reconfigured from 9-12 to 10-12*

