

December 5 , 2019

Good day St. Mary's Elementary and Hazelwood Elementary families,

Thank you to everyone who shared their thoughts with us on the potential to change the current grade configuration of St. Mary's Elementary to K-4, with Grade 5 and 6 students to attend Hazelwood Elementary. All voices matter, so we appreciate your crucial and valued participation.

Upon the conclusion of the ThoughtExchange consultation on November 29, a total of **154** people shared **440** thoughts, with **12,788** ratings. With respect to the survey demographics, 89 per cent of the participants identified as part of the St. Mary's Elementary school community. District staff has completed a review of the feedback provided and compiled a report, which can be accessed here: <http://bit.ly/Review2019WVH>

Meanwhile, it is clear from the ThoughtExchange feedback and discussions with the St. Mary's Elementary school community that further consultation is required. Therefore, the December 7 Board meeting will not include any consideration of motions related to St. Mary's Elementary or Hazelwood Elementary. The meeting will, however, include an update to the Board Trustees. Moving forward, the District will provide additional options to the school communities for comment before a potential motion is considered by the Board of Trustees. The Waterford Valley High school system review webpage has therefore been updated to include a revised presentation (to that presented to the St. Mary's Elementary and Hazelwood Elementary school councils on October 30 and Nov. 4) and adjusted timelines.

As always, information on the Waterford Valley High School System Review Process is available on the District's website, or directly here: <https://www.nlesd.ca/schools/schoolreview/2020/system-wvh.jsp>

Should you have any questions about this review, please contact Michael Tobin, Director of Schools for the Waterford Valley High school system at 758-2377 or via email at michaeltobin@nlesd.ca

Thank you for your continued input and interest in the future of our students.

Regards,



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