



NACKAWIC HIGH SCHOOL

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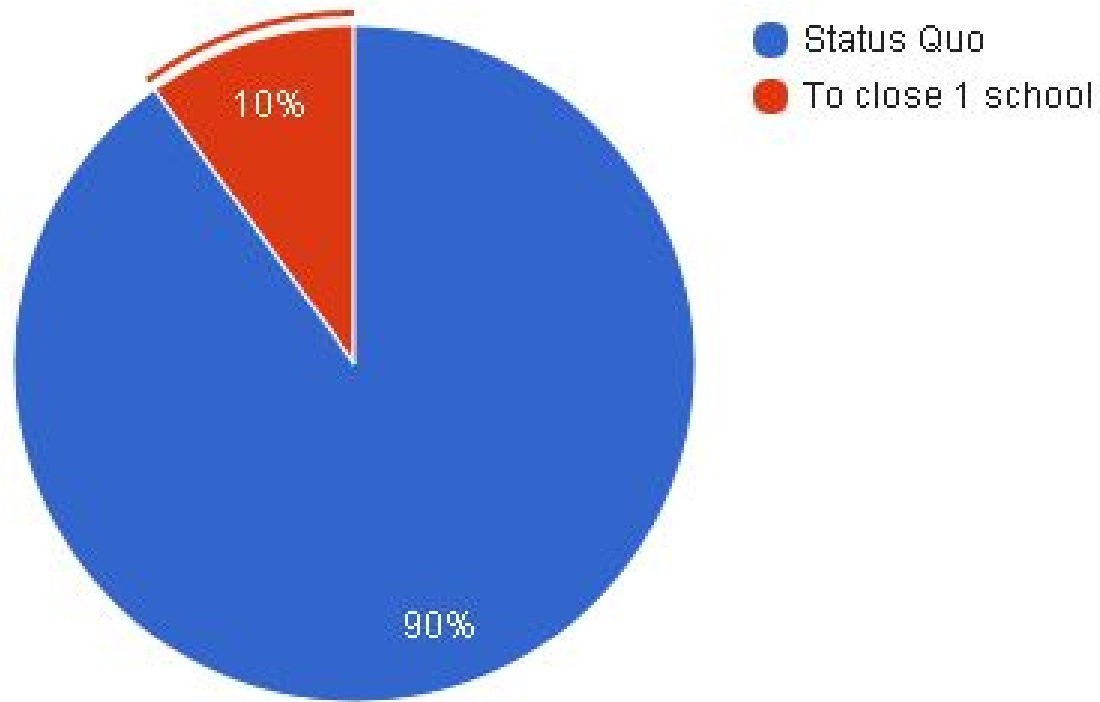
Parent Survey Comments

- Prefer that age groups are separated
- Overcrowding would be a concern
- All schools should be repaired and remain in use
- Too many resources would be lost for our students
- This is causing high anxiety for all involved and believes a decision has already been made
- Closing a school would be the wrong decision

Parent survey comments continued

- High school should be separate from the rest
- A 6-12 would force middle school students to be part of an “older” group, thus causing other issues
- The DEC needs to measure the total cost of this proposal compared to the long term cost to the community

Survey Results



NHS Student Feedback

- Diverse community even though it's a small school. There are different types of people so everybody can find someone to hang out with.
- Easy to get extra help if necessary.
- Offer a lot of different extra-curricular, better odds of making teams/clubs and anybody who wants to participate can participate – pretty much
- Doesn't feel crazy crowded in the halls.
- Everybody is pretty close, so accepting of each other.
- Easier to get students involved in things, so almost everybody participates in something throughout the year...

NHS Student Feedback

- ❑ Whole school activities like the Murder Mystery or Easter Scavenger Hunt, Scooter Races, Tug of War
- ❑ Not intimidating – kids feel safe here
- ❑ Students know the teachers, every student has one teacher that they feel comfortable talking with (whether or not they have them for class)
- ❑ There isn't a big divide between grades, everybody hangs out with everybody
- ❑ A responsible bunch of students
- ❑ Computer lab and gyms are available for use

Economic Development

- For some parents smaller schools are an important part of their decision to move into a community for employment
- Within the next 10 years AVN is predicting the replacement of 180 positions
- The town of Nackawic is recruiting for a second doctor
- Sisson mine potential development could mean extra families/students to the area as well as the NB Power - Mactaquac Dam project - studies how that families will settle here

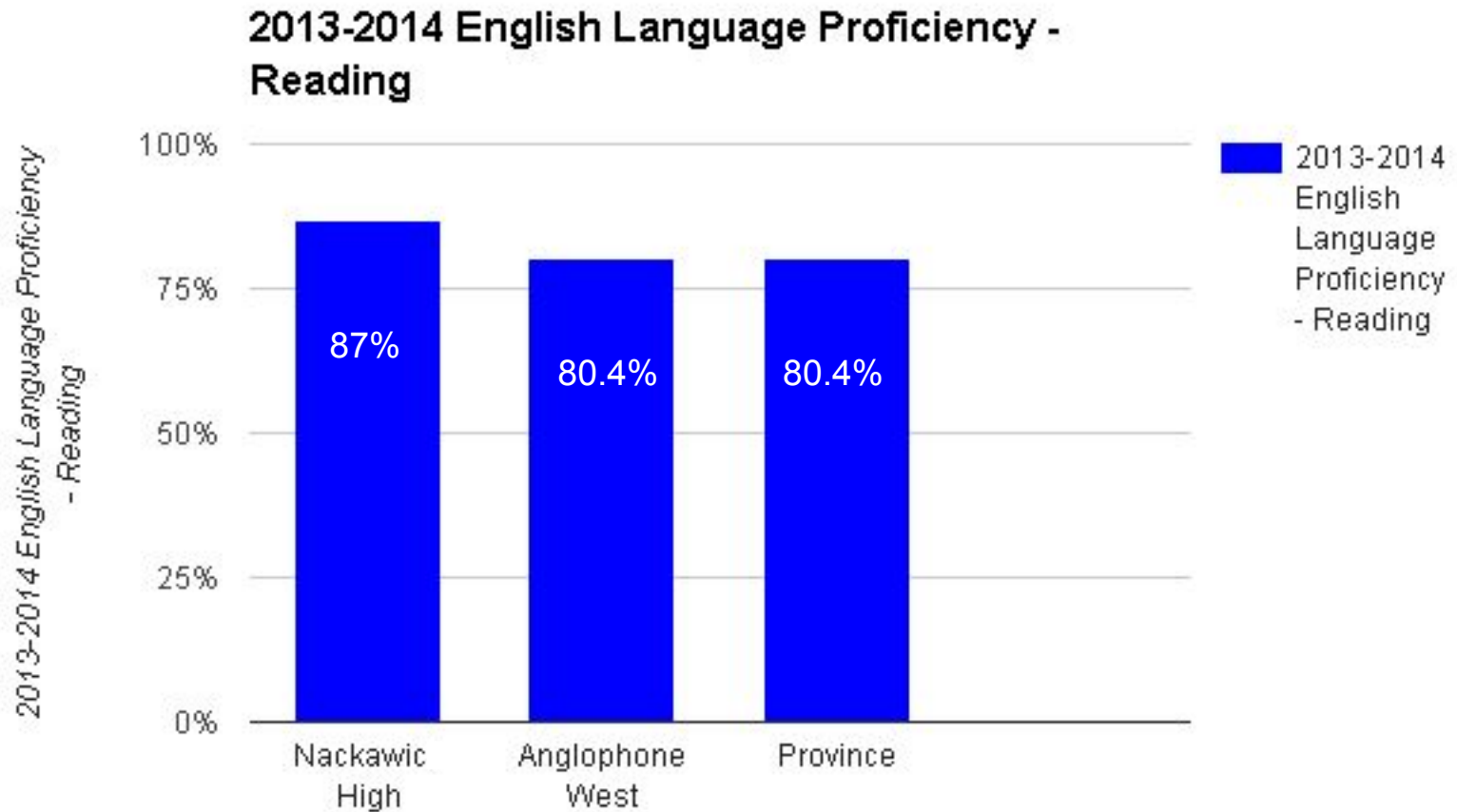
Health and Safety

- Increase in population will have the school trying to separate the two levels of schooling into two areas while dealing with the restraints of limited space
- NHS is already sharing a soccer field with NMS, how would three schools share one field
- Students may have less extra curricular activities due to less space and more students wanting to participate on teams

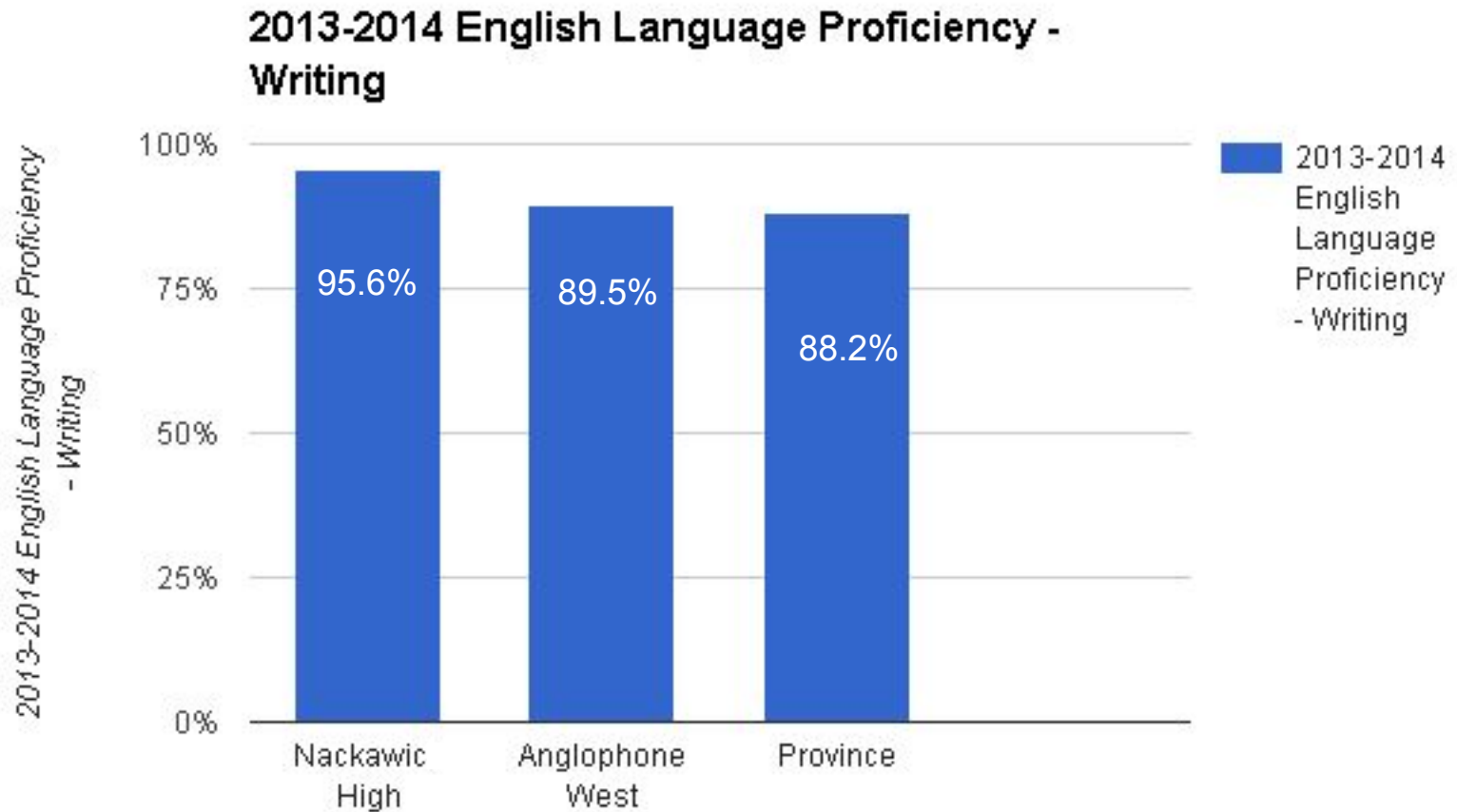
Impact on Learning

- Kids feel a connection with the school and supported by the staff
- Some kids need their “own space” to be able to learn. How will that happen with limited classrooms? NBACL works with some students at NHS and private space is required
- NHS was at or above district percentages for most years for reading and writing assessments

Provincial Assessments



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Impact on Community

- Catchment areas could be reviewed to reduce the overpopulating concerns at Leo Hayes, thus increasing enrollment at NHS. This may be one of the most cost efficient solutions
- There is limited rental space in Nackawic, how would closing a school affect this?
- Loss of jobs

Quality Education

Tobique Valley School (6 -12)



Tobique Valley Visit

- Tobique has an enrollment of 200 students
- If NHS became a 6 - 12 school, they would have over 400 students
- Tobique has a much larger gym then NHS
- Tobique has two full science labs
- What would NHS lose to accommodate more students?

Finances

- Total cost of adding four new classrooms, not including the repair of the damaged wing, is estimated at \$1 million.
- Based on a space utilization study, the school is being used appropriately for a high school setting, without a lot of room to spare
- If the school were to remain a 9-12, the repair of the damaged wing, may not be needed

STATUS QUO

- Parents
- Community
- Students