



ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Students at Bath Community School,

I want to update you on the status of K-8 students attending Bath Community School.

During the 2014-15 school year, the District Education Council (DEC) for Anglophone West School District (ASD-W) conducted a sustainability study on Bath Middle School and Bath Elementary School. In April, 2015, the DEC concluded its study by recommending that Bath Elementary School close and Bath Middle School host all students, from Kindergarten to Grade 8. In September, 2015, the Bath elementary students moved to Bath Middle School to form a new K-8 setting in the newly named Bath Community School (BCS). Moving ahead, renovations were clearly required to BCS.

To accommodate the significant amount of work required, all K-8 students moved to Bath Elementary School for the 2018-19 school year. The renovation continued until February, 2019, when it was determined by Government of New Brunswick (GNB) officials that the extent of repairs and renovations needed was well beyond what had been anticipated. Materials in the building containing lead and asbestos were the biggest contributing factors.

GNB examined the viability of the project and the impact on students very carefully. The health and safety of students was, and continues to be, the main consideration and priority of government. After much consideration, GNB determined that the construction work on Bath Community School could no longer continue and an alternative long-term solution would need to be found.

A tender call has been placed for the demolition of Bath Community School (the former middle school) and it is anticipated this work will occur in the months ahead.

The ASD-W DEC now must revisit the options for the K-8 students of Bath. This DEC plans on placing this topic on the agenda of the first public meeting of the year at the Woodstock Education Center on September 19 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Council will discuss next steps for the future of schooling for K-8 students in the Bath catchment area. In the meantime, students will remain at the Bath Elementary School location for 2019-20.

As we continue to move through the process of determining future direction, I am committed to keeping you informed. Thank you for your patience and support through this process.

Sincerely,

David McTimoney
Superintendent