

June 5, 2015

Mr. Mark Noël
Chair, District Education Council
Anglophone West School District
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Fredericton, NB E3B 3B9

Mr. Noël:

I am writing in response to your letter dated April 24, 2015 which includes the District Education Council's recommendation:

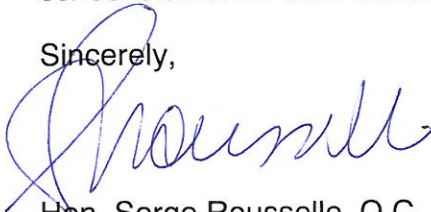
I move that the ASD-W DEC recommend to the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development a closure of Bath Elementary School with the students moving next door to Bath Middle School, forming a K-8 school, while still maintaining the Early Childhood site and programs.

Upon careful review of the information provided in support of the recommendation, I am satisfied that procedural fairness has been respected. Proper consultation and appropriate consideration of the eight criteria, as required in section 6.4.4 of *Policy 409 Multi-year School Infrastructure Planning*, was demonstrated, relevant education options having been considered.

As such, I am approving the recommendation to close Bath Elementary School at the end of this school year with the students moving next door to Bath Middle School, forming a K-8 school, while still maintaining the Early Childhood site and programs.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the DEC as well as staff at the school and school district for their work on this file.

Sincerely,



Hon. Serge Rousselle, Q.C.
Minister

C. Mr. David McTimoney, Superintendent, Anglophone West School District

