

May 13, 2015

Mr. Mark Noël  
Chair  
District Education Council  
Anglophone West School District  
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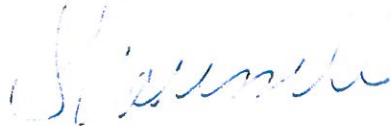
Mr. Noël:

I am writing in response to your letter dated March 20, 2015, which includes the District Education Council's recommendation "...that the Coles Island School be closed on June 30, 2015. Elementary students living south of (the intersection of) Highway 10 and Route 105 attend Cambridge Narrows Community School. Elementary students living north of (the intersection of) Highway 10 and Route 105 attend Chipman Elementary School."

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 Coles Island School. 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

