



ASD-W

Anglophone School District West

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Good morning,

This letter is written to families and staff that are associated with Fredericton High School, Bliss Carman Middle School, George Street Middle School, Leo Hayes High School, Nashwaaksis Middle School, Devon Middle School, Oromocto High School, Harold Peterson Middle School, Ridgeview Middle School, and all elementary and K-8 schools that feed into any of these nine schools. The letter will also be posted publicly on our website.

On May 31, 2024, I wrote to families and issued a public letter concerning bell schedules for this group of nine schools that saw significant changes to their bell schedules. Other schools in the Oromocto and Fredericton area were impacted to a lesser extent but would have students feed into these nine middle and high schools. The letter shared much background information and rationale behind the decision that was made for this school year. That letter and a copy of bell schedules for all schools in Anglophone West School District (ASD-W) can be found on our website at:

[2024-25 School Times for ASD-W Schools – Anglophone School District West](#)

A commitment made in this May 31 letter was that we would consult with families, staff, the public, and the business community regarding the Wednesday/Friday scenario for elementary schools in Fredericton and Oromocto, keeping in mind the impact this has on bell-schedules. Plans have now been made for this consultation.

ASD-W has secured the organization of “*Porter O’Brien*” to take the lead in soliciting feedback from families, staff, community organizations, and other relevant stakeholders. Consultants from this group will collect information in the following manner:

1. Use of an electronic, anonymous survey that will be shared with families, staff, community organizations, and other relevant stakeholders during the week of November 18, 2024. This survey will remain open until the end of the workday of December 20, 2024. For those who wish to complete the survey but are unable to do so electronically, arrangements will be made at your local school to participate.
2. A meeting with [interested ASD-W staff](#) to listen to a short presentation and then participate in café-style conversations to provide relevant feedback. There will be two sessions that ASD-W staff can choose from:
 - Tuesday, November 26 from 4:30 to 6:00 at the Oromocto High School Theatre
 - Monday, December 9 from 4:30 to 6:00 at the Fredericton High School Tom Morrison Theatre

3. A meeting with families and interested members of the public to listen to a short presentation and then participate in café-style conversations to provide relevant feedback. There will be three sessions that families and the public can choose from:

- Monday, December 2 from 6:30 to 8:30 at the Nashwaaksis Middle School Theatre
- Tuesday, December 3 from 6:30 to 8:30 at the Oromocto High School Theatre
- Tuesday, December 10 from 6:30 to 8:30 at the Fredericton High School Tom Morrison Theatre

Porter O'Brien has already begun examining the history of Wednesday/Friday afternoons and preparing for the consultation. A final report sharing findings from the consultation is scheduled to be provided to ASD-W at the end of January. ASD-W will use this report to help in making decisions for the future regarding bell-schedules and Wednesday/Friday afternoons. Relevant legislation and collective agreements will also contribute to the decision-making process.

The consultation report provided to ASD-W from *Porter O'Brien* will be made public in February.

Should you have any questions pertaining to this consultation, please reach out to *Porter O'Brien* at jackie@porterobrien.com.

I hope you will consider participating in the important consultation.

Sincerely,

David McTimoney
Superintendent