

December 18, 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On May 9, 2024, the District Education Council held the third public meeting concluding the sustainability study for the six elementary and middle schools in the Town of Oromocto as well as Burton Elementary School.

At that meeting, the Council voted in favour of closing all seven schools being studied, after the completion of three new K-8 schools to be located within the Town of Oromocto. The seven schools are: Assiniboine Avenue Elementary School, Burton Elementary School, Gesner Street Elementary School, Harold Peterson Middle School, Hubbard Elementary School, Ridgeview Middle School, and Summerhill Street Elementary School.

This decision and the district study report was shared with the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development and senior staff within the department. In line with Policy 409, the Minister was required to approve the recommendation of the DEC prior to the decision becoming final. The Minister and her staff were to review the study information for procedural fairness and in reaching a final conclusion.

The Minister has written to the School District with approval of the recommendation by the council. Her letter, received earlier this week, and all relevant documents and information pertaining to the study can be viewed on our website <u>here</u>.

It's worth noting that this project will not begin until funding is approved by the Province of New Brunswick. With the placement of the project on the Stable Department Infrastructure Priorities List, we are hopeful funding and work on the project will begin in the next few years. When the time comes, district and school staff will work diligently to provide communication as the project moves along.

Sincerely,

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