

Office of the Regional Executive Director of Education

October 8, 2020

Dear Families:

A new high school for the Eastern Shore area was announced in 2018 as part of the provincial multi-year capital plan.

Last year, the School Advisory Council (SAC) for Gaetz Brook Junior High asked if this new high school could include students from their school, making the capital project a new grade 7-12 school.

The Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE) would like to gather feedback from families, staff and community on the consolidation of these two schools.

We know conducting a consultation during a pandemic needs to be very different. We are offering multiple options for people to select the way that works best for them to share their thoughts and ideas. This will also allow you to provide feedback at the time most convenient. You can learn more in the following video:
http://bit.ly/ESDH_Consult.

Virtual Town Hall

We will be hosting a virtual town hall through Thoughtexchange. This platform provides participants with an opportunity to contribute ideas and opinions, see what others have offered, and rate the comments.

It's quick. It's easy. It's done anonymously. Contribute as many times as you want. Click the link below to give it a try!

- **Thoughtexchange:** <https://my.thoughtexchange.com/scroll/974417728>

Other ways to provide input

We have created a number of opportunities for you to share your feedback between now and the end of November.

- **HRCE webform:** www.hrce.ca/node/37694
- **Email:** consult@hrce.ca
- **Phone:** 902-464-2000 ext. 2109
- **Mail:** Eastern Shore Consultation c/o HRCE
33 Spectacle Lake Drive, Dartmouth NS B3B 1X7

Timeline

This is an exciting opportunity. It is our intention to accept submissions until the ***end of November*** with a report and recommendation completed by December 18.

More Information

In addition to the video, we have created a page on our website for this consultation: www.hrce.ca/consult.

I look forward to your feedback.

Many thanks,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Elwin LeRoux".

Elwin LeRoux,
Regional Executive Director

- c: Dwight Lucas, Principal, O'Connell Drive Elementary
- Shawn Marsh, Principal, Porters Lake Elementary
- David Reed, Principal, Gaetz Brook Junior High
- Jennifer Murray, Principal, Eastern Shore District High