

The Board of Education of the North East School Division, at its regular business meeting today, made resolutions to establish school review committees in two (2) school communities.

Role of the School Review Committee

Section 87.4 of *The Education Act, 1995* sets out the purposes of the school review committee as follows:

- a) to gain an understanding of the board of education's review process and to share information with the board of education to facilitate the development of viable option for the school that is the subject of the review;
- b) to bring forward information and additional considerations to the board of education in the form of written submissions, in the context of school review; and
- c) to share information regarding the review process with the public and to provide the board of education with written feedback from the public as the review progresses.

The Education Regulations, 1986 set out some more detail about the school review committee which must be read in light of the *Act*. The school committee is required by section 95.84(6) to

- a) acquaint itself with the process adopted by the board
- b) describe the impact of each potential outcome of the review process
- c) share the information received from the board with the community and request written feedback from the community, and
- d) share the feedback from the community and the recommendation in light of the feedback.

The type of advice and recommendations that the school review committee can provide are set out in 95.84(5), including a recommendation to discontinue a grade or grades instead of closing the school

Feedback to the Board of Education

The school review committee shares its finding with the board of education before the end of January 2017. The school review committee does the majority of its work between the time of its appointment (no later than November 1) and January when the board makes a motion whether or not it will consider school closure or grade discontinuance. The committee remains in existence however, until the board of education holds a meeting of electors in March 2017.

The school communities in which School Viability Committees are being established are:

- Bjorkdale
- Gronlid

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