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Families,

Thank you to everyone who took the time to share feedback on the proposed school configuration changes for the 2026–27 school year. We heard from many of you and appreciate the thoughtful input, questions, and concerns you shared.

Your feedback has helped inform our planning. After careful consideration, we will be moving forward with a revised approach:

- **Kingswood Elementary** will become Pre Primary–Grade 6, as proposed.
- **Hammonds Plains Consolidated** will, based on feedback, remain a Pre Primary–Grade 5 school. After Grade 5, Hammonds Plains students will attend Madeline Symonds for Grade 6.
- **Madeline Symonds Middle School** will become Grade 6–Grade 9, and Grade 9 students will remain at MSMS, as proposed, instead of attending West Bedford.

We recognize that changes like these can bring questions and uncertainty. Our goal is to balance enrolment pressures while supporting student well-being, program continuity, and smooth transitions. Your input played an important role in shaping this outcome.

We also heard a continued call for additional infrastructure. The province has announced plans for two new schools in the Bedford area. We look forward to these future additions, which will help stabilize enrolment and reduce the need for similar changes in the years ahead.

We will continue to keep you informed as we prepare for September. You can expect further details in the coming weeks.

Thank you again for your engagement and partnership.

Sincerely,

Steve Gallagher
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