

**HALIFAX REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD
FOCUS ON LEARNING: SCHOOLSPLUS**

PURPOSE: The purpose of this report is to inform the Governing Board on SchoolsPlus.

BACKGROUND: SchoolsPlus responds to Commissioner Nunn's recommendation (2006) to improve coordination and collaboration in delivery of our programs and services for child, youth, and families. Originally piloted six years ago, SchoolsPlus was launched in four schools within the Citadel High Family of Schools. It has since expanded to schools within the Dartmouth, J L Ilsley, Sackville and Cole Harbour High Families of Schools.

The vision for SchoolsPlus is that schools become a convenient place for government and other services to be delivered to families. Some of the programs and services offered include public health, mental health, justice services, recreational resources, and training workshops, to name a few.

This integrated approach makes it easier for professionals to collaborate with each other on behalf of children, youth, and families. Families are served in a welcoming accessible place that they are already familiar with – their child's school.

CONTENT: PowerPoint Presentation: Towards Integrated Service Delivery – An Overview of SchoolsPlus.

COST: N/A

FUNDING: Funding for this ongoing support is provided by Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

TIMELINE: N/A

RECOMMENDATIONS: It is recommended that the Governing Board accept this Focus on Learning: SchoolsPlus report for information.

COMMUNICATIONS:

| AUDIENCE | RESPONSIBLE | TIMELINE |
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