

HALIFAX REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD
Boundary Review for New Eastern Passage High School

PURPOSE: To seek direction from the Governing Board to complete a boundary review to establish a catchment area (boundary) for the new Eastern Passage High School.

BACKGROUND: This boundary review process is being recommended in accordance with Policy B. 003 *Creating School Populations Procedures*.

Section 2.0 states in part:

A boundary review process will be recommended for the following reasons:

2.1 to respond to changes in demographics, and

2.3 to respond to new school construction and other conditions that may be identified by the Superintendent, from time to time.

(Halifax Regional School Board Policies and Procedures)

CONTENT: In July 2013, EECD announced the construction of a new high school for the Eastern Passage Community. Site Selection was completed with the EECD announcement on April 16, 2015 that the Eastern Passage Common is the approved location for the new school.

The design capacity of the school will provide accommodation for approximately 540 students. However, a Boundary Review is required to establish a catchment area for the new school, which will determine projected enrollment.

The junior high student cohort from Eastern Passage presently feeds into Cole Harbour District High School. Therefore, the determination of the Eastern Passage High School boundary will result in a change of enrollment at Cole Harbour District High School, once implemented. A separate process will be initiated following the Eastern Passage High School Boundary Review, to respond to the enrollment impact at Cole Harbour District High School.

The boundary review process is subject to compliance with Policy B.003 *Creating School Populations*. A copy of the policy and procedures may be accessed at:

<http://www.hrsb.ns.ca/files/downloads/pdf/board/policy/sectionb/b.003-creating-school-populations.pdf>.

COST: Cost is approximately \$5000.

FUNDING: Costs of a boundary review would be funded within the overall Board operations budget.

TIMELINE: September 2015 to February 2016

APPENDICES: See the Long-Range Outlook for defined catchment areas and enrollment projections for schools within the Cole Harbour District High Family of Schools.

RECOMMENDATIONS: The Governing Board direct staff to complete a boundary review of Cole Harbour District High Family of Schools to establish a catchment area (boundary) for Eastern Passage High School.

COMMUNICATIONS:

AUDIENCE	RESPONSIBLE	TIMELINE
Principals at impacted schools	Director School Administration	Upon Approval
School Advisory Councils impacted	Director School Administration	Upon Approval

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