



Office of the Superintendent

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Parents/Guardians,

On September 14, the Halifax Regional School Board approved a motion to start the school review process for all schools in the Auburn Drive High Family of Schools and all schools in the Cole Harbour District High Family of Schools, with the exception of schools in Eastern Passage which were reviewed last year. Your school will be part of this review.

The Board made this decision based on information contained in *Report #2016-09-39: Recommendation to review Cole Harbour District High Family of Schools & Auburn Drive High School Family of Schools*. You can review this report at: <http://www.hrsb.ca/sites/default/files/hrsb/2016-09-39.pdf>.

The school review process will take between six and nine months to complete. It is a process established by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD) and includes a set of criteria and guidelines that school boards must follow. If you are interested in learning more about school reviews, visit the HRSB website at: <http://www.hrsb.ca/about-hrsb/operations-services/school-review-process>.

In accordance with the school review process, a School Options Committee (SOC) will now be formed. The SOC will include two School Advisory Council (SAC) members from each school involved in the review. It will be led by an independent facilitator. The SOC will review the schools and make recommendations to the Board based on the following mandate:

- *perform a Review of the schools named above from the Cole Harbour District High and Auburn Drive High Schools Family of Schools following the requirements of the provincial School Review Policy;*
- *provide a written report with recommendations, consistent with the review objectives and reference criteria, to the Governing Board through the Superintendent; and*
- *include in the report:*
  - *grade configuration of each school and*
  - *revised boundary or catchment areas*
  - *school(s) identified for permanent closure.*

**Get involved! Contribute!** Stay connected by attending one of your school's SAC meetings and plan to participate at the public engagement sessions. Look for updates on the HRSB website and from your school. The recommendations of the SOC are very much to be determined by the input and engagement of the community. Please get involved and have a hand in determining the future of our schools.

Regards,

Elwin LeRoux  
Superintendent

cc: School Principals, Auburn Drive Family of Schools  
School Principals, Cole Harbour District Family of Schools  
Governing Board Members, Halifax Regional School Board