
Office of the Regional Executive Director of Education

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Families,

I am writing with a progress update on the new schools planned for Broad Street. I thought you might find it helpful to know some of the key processes that take place from the time a new school is announced until the time it opens.

For anyone new to the Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE), the provincial government is building two new schools – a Pre-Primary to Grade 8 and a Grade 9 to 12 – to address enrolment growth within the Charles P. Allen Family of Schools. The targeted completion date for both schools is the 2023-2024 school year.

School Principals

The principals of the new schools have been appointed:

- Susan Casey, currently the principal of Rocky Lake Elementary, will be the principal of the Pre-Primary to Grade 8 school.
- Sean MacDonald, currently the principal of Herring Cove Junior High, will be the principal of the Grade 9 to 12 school.

Both principals will play important roles prior to the school openings, especially in areas such as planning, programming and staffing.

School Steering Team

The next phase of the project involves a committee known as the School Steering Team (SST). The role of the SST is to provide input to government to support the design process. Amy MacLeod, former school principal at Basinview Drive and a resident of Bedford will act as the facilitator for the SST.

Members of the SST include:

- Both school principals (Susan Casey and Sean MacDonald);
- A member from each School Advisory Council in the Charles P. Allen Family of Schools;
- Staff from the HRCE;
- Staff from the Departments of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal and Education and Early Childhood Development.

The first meeting of the SST will take place in the next couple of months. The agendas and minutes for all meetings of the SST will be posted on the HRCE website to keep community members up-to-date on the progress of the project.

School Boundaries

A process to determine the boundaries for the schools is planned for the 2021-2022 school year. We will have more information to share with the community on this process in the fall of 2021.

Programming

Since the announcement of the new schools, the most common question asked is:

“Will the new schools have French Immersion?”

Both schools will offer French Immersion. More information and specific questions about programming will be answered as we get closer to opening the schools.

More Information

This is an exciting time! As we progress through the planning and construction, please know that we will work closely with the new school principals and the provincial government to keep you informed.

We have also created a page on the HRCE website where we will post updates, agendas, minutes, photos and more. The link is https://www.hrce.ca/new_broadstreet_schools.

With thanks,



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