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Dear Ms. Anderson & Ms. Parsons:

I am pleased to reply to your letter sent to Elwin LeRoux, Halifax Regional School Board (HRSB) Superintendent and the Honourable Karen Casey, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development on January 31 requesting an extension to the school review process involving 17 schools in the Auburn Drive and Cole Harbour District Families of Schools.

In responding, I understand Minister Casey responded on February 2 indicating that if the HRSB and School Options Committee (SOC) were in agreement on an extension, it could proceed.

At a Special Board Meeting on February 8, the HRSB governing board passed the following motions:

That the Governing Board approve a revision to the School Review timeline, extending the length of time for the SOC to deliver its report, by up to 90 days.

That the Governing Board include in its correspondence to the SOC that a more ideal timeline for completion of the school review would have them deliver a final report by mid-May, 2017. This would allow the school review process to be completed in this school year.

I trust this provides the SOC with the time required to complete a comprehensive and thorough review. On behalf of the governing board, thank you for agreeing to take part in this process and I look forward to receiving the committee's recommendations.

Sincerely,



Dave Wright
Chair

- c: **Board Members**
 Elwin LeRoux, Superintendent
 Hon. Karen Casey, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development
 Hon. Tony Ince, MLA Cole Harbour – Portland Valley
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