

## Eastern Shore Consultation – Frequently Asked Questions

### ***Why is this happening?***

A new high school for the Eastern Shore area was announced in 2018 as part of the provincial multi-year capital plan.

In 2019, the School Advisory Council (SAC) for Gaetz Brook Junior High asked if this new school could include students from their school, making the capital project a new grade 7-12 school.

The Halifax Regional Centre for Education (HRCE) would like to gather feedback from families, staff and community on the consolidation of these two schools.

### ***Why now?***

It is important to do the consultation before the design of the new school is completed and construction begins.

### ***Which schools are involved?***

The consultation is open to the general public. We are sharing it directly with Eastern Shore District High, Gaetz Brook Junior High, O'Connell Drive Elementary and Porter's Lake Elementary.

The only schools being considered for consolidation are Gaetz Brook Junior High and Eastern Shore District High.

### ***What is the anticipated timeline?***

The process will begin immediately and the community will have until the end of November to share feedback.

### ***Will there be a public meeting?***

We know conducting a consultation during a pandemic needs to be very different. We are offering multiple options for people to select the way that works best for them to share their thoughts and ideas. This will also allow you to provide feedback at the time most convenient. You can learn more in the following video: [http://bit.ly/ESDH\\_Consult](http://bit.ly/ESDH_Consult) .

### ***How can the community participate?***

We have created a number of different options for people to provide feedback. We will be hosting a virtual town hall through Thoughtexchange: <https://my.thoughtexchange.com/scroll/974417728>

In addition, participants can share their feedback in the following ways:

- **HRCE webform:** [www.hrce.ca/node/37694](http://www.hrce.ca/node/37694)
- **Email:** [consult@hrce.ca](mailto:consult@hrce.ca)
- **Phone:** 902-464-2000 ext. 2109
- **Mail:** Eastern Shore Consultation c/o HRCE  
33 Spectacle Lake Drive, Dartmouth NS B3B 1X7

### ***What is Thoughtexchange?***

Thoughtexchange is virtual platform that provides participants with an opportunity to contribute ideas and opinions, see what others have offered, and rate the comments. It's quick and easy. Comments and ratings are provided anonymously. And people can contribute as many times as they want.

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### ***What about people without internet?***

We have created different options for people without internet. You can call us at 902-464-2000 ext. 2109 and someone will record your feedback. You can also mail us at 33 Spectacle Lake Drive, Dartmouth NS B3B 1X7. If you are mailing your feedback, please address submission to: Eastern Shore Consultation c/o HRCE.

### ***Where is the new school going to be located?***

There is a process for determining where the new school will be located. It is not part of this consultation.