
Regional Executive Director of Education

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Families,

In December, I submitted to the Honourable Zach Churchill, Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development, a report with a recommendation to consolidate Gaetz Brook Junior High (GBJH) and Eastern Shore District High (ESDH) when a new school is built on the Eastern Shore.

I am pleased to inform you that earlier today, I received confirmation that the Minister has accepted the recommendation. The new school will be designed and constructed as a Grade 7 to 12 school. The provincial government announced this consolidation along with the site selected for the new school in a news release today. You can read it at: <https://novascotia.ca/news/release/?id=20210202002> .

I want to again thank everyone who offered their input during the consultation process.

Next Steps

Planning for a new school is tremendously exciting! As we progress through the planning and construction, please know that we will work closely with your school principals and the provincial government to keep you informed.

We have created a page on the HRCE website where we will post updates, photos and information on the various processes leading up to the opening of the school. The link is <https://www.hrce.ca/new-eastern-shore-school> .

Stay safe. Stay well.



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