

## Feedback Received Through the ESDH Consultation

| What school(s) are you most connected with? |             |                 |               |             | What category best describes you? | Feedback  | Please summarize your feedback regarding this consolidation. |
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| Eastern Shore District                      | Gaetz Brook | O'Connell Drive | Porter's Lake | Other/ None |                                   |   |  |
|   | X           |                 |               |             | Family/Parent/Guardian            |   | Strongly Support   |
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|   | X           | X               | X             |             | Family/Parent/Guardian            | <p>Consolidating Gaetz Brook Junior high with Eastern Shore District High would be a smart way to go. Not only does ESDH desperately need replaced, but GBJH does too. I have children in elementary at O'Connell Drive in grades █ and █. Two more years and my oldest will be heading to junior high.</p> <p>I also work as a sub █ with HRCE. I was recently at GBJH and the school is not suitable for anyone. It is old, worn down and not a place that has a warm welcoming feeling for learning. I was in the art room the other day with a class and I was blown away with the classroom that is in the basement, with no windows and it was extremely dark.</p> <p>Our kids here on the Eastern Shore deserve a place to go that is bright with natural light, windows in each classrooms and not rooms, washrooms a gym etc. that are rundown and in need of serious fixing. At this point with the state of GBJH and ESDH, if they are not up to par for my children then we will be looking into moving them elsewhere.</p> | Strongly Support   |
| X   | X           | X               |               |             | Family/Parent/Guardian            | Gaetz Brook needs replacing one way or another. With the new high school on the way, consolidation makes a lot of sense.  | Strongly Support   |
| X   |             |                 |               |             | Family/Parent/Guardian            | <p>Our Junior High Students currently attend an old and outdated school compared to most students in HRM. It only makes sense financially to replace both schools at once and to share as many resources as possible. Let's provide the Eastern Shore with an updated facility that encompasses all of Junior and Senior High. I assume there can be measures put in place to properly segregate areas to easily allow co-existence without conflict.</p> <p>With new ways of teaching and learning and collaboration being so important, the current facility does not provide these opportunities like other schools have started to do.</p> <p>I would like to correct the letter as it states the SAC sent a letter in 2019, they also sent one in 2018 as I was the █ at the time.</p>   | Strongly Support   |
| X   |             |                 |               |             | Family/Parent/Guardian            | <p>Look at how long it is taking and we still don't have a plan, a date or a location. I think the smart idea would to be to make the school large enough to house GBJH students and if there is a need, later on, to be able to accommodate the grade 7-9 students from OPA.</p> <p>PLAN FOR THE FUTURE and make it a place where people want to raise their kids and have them go to school. I also think we should learn from others and try to make it the most environment friendly school in NS.</p>  | Strongly Support   |
| X   |             |                 |               | X           | Family/Parent/Guardian            | This is definitely not a good idea.   | Strongly Oppose  |
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| X |   |   |   |  | Family/Parent/Guardian | I oppose this proposal, not because I am opposed to a new school for Gaetz Brook but because I feel that including grades 7 and 8 at a new high school will alienate the students who will feed into it from OPA unless they are included as well. School culture is very important and if some students feel a part of the school from grade seven on and some only join in grade nine or ten it may be difficult for them to feel connected to the culture of the school, whereas under the current configuration students feed into ESDH in grade ten at the same time. I am a teacher at OPA and I have also taught at ESDH and I am very aware of how the two schools interact once merged. I fear that this interaction will be altered if one school merges and the other stays separate. I was also a member of the SAC at ESDH when the announcement was made regarding a new school and many of the members felt the same way as I do. Please consult the OPA community as well as it will ultimately impact their children. Thanks very much.<br>[REDACTED]  | Strongly Oppose  |
| X |   | X |   |  | Family/Parent/Guardian |   | Strongly Support |
|   |   | X |   |  | Family/Parent/Guardian |   | Strongly Support |
|   |   |   | X |  | Family/Parent/Guardian | Both Eastern Shore District High and Gaetz Brook are in terrible condition and are not good learning environments for our children. My two concerns are;<br>- If we do not consolidate how long would it take for Gaetz Brook to get new infrastructure?<br>- If we look at consolidating will it slow down the entire process of the new high school as it has already been quite a long time in the works.  | Support          |
| X | X |   | X |  | Family/Parent/Guardian | I'd love to see the schools merge.<br>They already bus together, why not Elmo ate the drive and put grade 7-12 in the same school.<br><br>We've been waiting for a new school for years, let's do this already!!  | Support          |
| X |   |   |   |  | Family/Parent/Guardian | Combining the two schools would have an extremely negative impact on the students, as a recently graduated student myself from eastern shore district high I can give this perspective. If Gâtez brook jr high was to be included in this new school, the kids who come from opa would come a few years later making it more difficult to adapt. When both schools feed into the high school at the same time everyone is experiencing the same sense of newness. This would cause social disruptance in the lives of students, oyster pond students would be outsiders. The age and maturity difference between jr high and high school is much different, if you combine these schools you will be exposing young teens to drugs, smoking and sex at a young age, older grades will be hooking up with younger students, this is something you may not consider but will unfortunately happen. I agree gâtez brook needs to be replaced but this is not the time or place to do so, it is just convient money wise leaving students to deal with the consequences. I hope you take these factors into consideration. Thank you for your time. | Strongly Oppose  |
| X |   |   |   |  | Family/Parent/Guardian |   | Strongly Support |
| X |   |   |   |  | Family/Parent/Guardian |   | Strongly Support |
| X |   |   |   |  | Student                |   | Strongly Support |
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| X |   |   |   |  | Family/Parent/Guardian | I would love a new high school for my children. I think it would be best to keep it in Musquodoboit Harbour or further east, as the district/area goes quite far east and those students need to feel included as well. Porters lake has had a few new schools recently and we in Musquodoboit Harbour and eastward have not. The library is in the harbour and it makes sense to have a school close to the library as i see students spending time there. The school is the heart of our community, so keep it in the harbour or move it more east. I feel that gaetz brook Jr high should not be included in the new school as it would put the Jr. High students coming from Oyster Pond at a disadvantage, as the gaetz brook students would have 3 year advantage over oyster pond students and i would fear the oyster pond students would be viewed as " outsiders" as they enter that school much later than the others.   | Strongly Oppose  |
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| X | X | X |   |  | Family/Parent/Guardian |   | Strongly Support |
|   |   |   | X |  | Family/Parent/Guardian | Before moving here we had considered a home in Mt Uniacke, but ultimately the idea of their P-12 school gave me bad vibes. I get the same feeling here. 12 year olds and 18 year olds should not be in the same school. Let the 12-14 yos have their own school. To me it seems safer.  | Strongly Oppose  |
| X |   |   |   |  | Family/Parent/Guardian | No issue with consolidation but why not merge GBJH with OPA? A newer school that's already built and has the capacity for extra students at the Junior High level? Or are you more concerned with the higher populace in Porters Lake and their votes come election time? The high school was announced to be replaced in 2018. 2 years later and the Minister for Education is still dragging his feet in collusion with ████████ MLA who wants to put the new high school in an industrial park in Chezzetcook and spend \$11M of taxpayers dollars building an interchange on Highway 7 to facilitate this supposed master plan! The technical report on the existing high school site was completed and sent to the Minister 5 months ago and still nothing has been announced. If there is nothing wrong with the existing site in Musquodoboit Harbour then why hasn't this school been designed and on the way to being built And why has it taken a whole year for the Minister to ask for public input into the consolidation of these schools since the Gaetz Brook Junior High SAC submitted their request? And where oh where in the published site selection process does it say that an SAC has the right to ask for inclusion of a junior high into an announced high school. The Minister for Education and his department have not been transparent in this issue and not forthcoming to constituents which is a huge failure and smacks of an abuse of power! | Neutral          |
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|   | X | X |   |   | Family/Parent/Guardian | <p>GBJH and ESDH are both in dire need of full renovations and/or re-builds.</p> <p>Although I have reservations about 12 yr olds and 17+yr olds possibly socializing together in a 7-12 school, I'm hopeful that a consolidation of the 2 schools would allow for adequate distancing/separation between the junior high age and high school age students so this would not be an issue. This is my biggest concern with the proposal.</p> <p>The students on the Eastern Shore at the two schools in question have not had the same recreational and/or technological opportunities as their peers located closer to central Halifax and have been receiving their education in outdated and potentially unsafe buildings that do not have access to adequate and safe drinking water.</p>   | Strongly Support |
|   | X |   |   |   | Staff Member           |  | Support          |
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| X |   |   |   | X | Family/Parent/Guardian | <p>Why is OPA not even on the list of schools involved? This would effect our students too ESPECIALLY if combining the school effects the location. As a parent to 4 children living at the far east end of the ESDH boundaries (currently attending OPA, but will be ESDH students) I am deeply concerned of the prospect of moving the school any farther west. I feel like our voices aren't being heard down here at all. The bus ride is already very long for students in ship harbour and little harbour, and moving the school even farther away isn't really reasonable. Worse yet, I fear if our high school bounday might be changed, sending our kids to sheet harbour if the new school is moved too far west, which would be a big social hurdle for OPA students for adjusting. We need our rural schools replaced NOT moved closer to the city!!!!</p> <p>I think if the schools must consolidate, so be it. BUT PUT THE SCHOOL IN MUSQUODOBOIT WHERE IT BELONGS. Porters lake may have more population density, but they are not the only people in this district!!!!!!</p> | Oppose           |
| X |   |   |   |   | Family/Parent/Guardian | I'm ok with the schools being combined, just don't take ESDH from Musquodoboit Harbour.  | Support          |
| X |   |   |   |   | Family/Parent/Guardian | I believe the 2 schools should be combined. It makes financial sence as Gaetz Brook Jr. High is in need of replacement as well as Eastern Shore District High. It is beneficial to all students and staff of both facilities in our area. I went to school there 30 years ago and there was problems then and more now. I do not care where the school is located as long as it is built ASAP. Health and saftey for all persons students and staff should be first and foremost not location.   | Strongly Support |
|   | X |   | X |   | Family/Parent/Guardian | Grade 7 and 8 are to young to be in school with grades 10,11,12. Too many different influences and bullying  | Strongly Oppose  |
|   |   | X |   |   | Family/Parent/Guardian | I think it is a positive plan to consolidate the schools closer to the porters lake area to promote growth in the community.   | Strongly Support |

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| X |   |  |   |  | Staff Member           | <p>The new PSP is designed with aligning grade 9-12s. This should be the make up of the new school and it should include the grade 9s from OPA. They should have been involved in this process as they are part of the high school population. As a mother of an OPA student and a teacher at ██████ for the past ██████. It is very frustrating to see the lack of consideration to the full catchment area of ESDH. The fact that this is even the question being asked is 100% politically motivated as Gaetz Brook isn't on the EECD list of capital projects (2018-2024). Where is the money going to come from. My biggest fear is the features needed in a new school would be reduced to the basics to cover the cost. ESDH needs to have a Skilled Trades lab, wood shop, dance room, gym with seating and science lab space. This can't be lost due to politics. Please make the best decisions for our students and do not ignore half of our catchment area due to political pressure. I am sure the EECD has hundreds of hours of research supporting the Gr 9-12 model and its benefits. This is the recommended model - allow ESDH to built inline with other new HRCE builds JL and Island View.</p>   | Oppose           |
|   | X |  | X |  | Family/Parent/Guardian | <p>I believe, anytime consolidation could be considered - it should. This maximizes infrastructure costs and makes better use of tax dollars.</p> <p>The difficulty (as read on the Thought Exchange) is the determination of location. I am interested to read that people think the location was chosen when, in all the meetings I attended - it was not. The business commission submitted a proposal however so did DTIR - these were not the same location.</p> <p>Unfortunately, I firmly believe this consolidation plan will become increasingly complicated by locale.</p> <p>There needs to be (as I know exists) a 'scored metrics' to determine locale - completed and presented to the communities services along the Eastern Shore. There will be pros/cons to any location however placing on a scoring scale allows people to understand the trade-offs needed for consolidation.</p> <p>School, hospital and other government infrastructure projects have far reaching effects and bring out VERY personal feelings - specifically "whose child be on the bus longer" and "how many children living in different areas". These issues can be addressed with the metrics noted above; presented in an understood manner that allowed for more robust (but less "me, personally" focused.</p> <p>Thank you for including me,<br/>██████</p> | Strongly Support |
| X |   |  | X |  | Family/Parent/Guardian | <p>I think that our schools are becoming to big and impersonal. Gaetz Brook deserves a new build as much as ESDH, however, I do not feel it should be together. Growing up is hard enough these days. With such a wide age gap, I do not think that putting 7 to 12 together a good idea. Students need a place where they can go, feel safe and fit in.</p>   | Strongly Oppose  |
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| X | X | X | X |  | Community Member | <p>If the decision is made to combine the two schools, the project should carry the same budget as two individual schools so we can do it right and not cut corners. The facility and grounds should be built with enough space to accommodate full sized sports fields (soccer/rugby/football and softball/baseball), ample parking for students, staff and community use, have at least a double-sized gymnasium with ample seating and at least one full sized basketball court, with proper hardwood flooring, that can be used for both school and community use.</p> <p>The facility should include a community recreation section with at least one full-time staff member, with exercise and weight room facilities that can be used for school use during the school day and community use after 4pm. This could be shared space with the rooms used for yoga, dance, drama, and PAL, with lockable teacher offices and storage rooms for each school and community use.</p> <p>There should be a true auditorium/theatre or at least a "cafetorium" where fine arts courses like drama and film &amp; video classes can take place as well as community programs like theatre, films, conferences and presentations can be hosted.</p> <p>There should be a full service eat-in cafeteria that runs all day and offers a variety of hot meals and grab-and-go snacks. A well-run cafeteria can generate sizeable discretionary income for the school to be put toward many other amenities for staff and students.</p> <p>This facility should be in the same vein of Citadel High, not a barebones school simply with two wings and expensive tables and chairs. We have an opportunity to spark growth in our community and provide a facility that can be useful and accessible for a wide range of applications.</p> <p>If we're going to do it, let's do it right so we don't find ourselves behind the curve and longing for another new facility in ten years. If we're not going to put in the large investment to do it right, I don't support combining the schools because at least that will give us a second chance down the road when Gaetz Brook gets its turn to be replaced.</p> | Support |
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| X |   |  |  |  | Family/Parent/Guardian | <p>Both schools are dated, and GBJH is even more of a priority than ESDH, but I'm not sure that combining the two is the best solution.</p> <p>Our school communities are spread out, from East Ship Harbour to Lake Echo, which makes it challenging to settle on a location that won't require students to endure long bus commutes. Ultimately, I think our catchment area is too large for a single building.</p> <p>Students cycle in and out of schools over the years but the facility itself is part of a larger community, which is another reason location should not be overlooked. Schools add to the vibrancy of community, they keep local businesses afloat, and offer recreational and social opportunities to locals when the school day ends.</p> <p>The greater community was a consideration at Citadel High, with the addition of the Spatz theatre, and in Middle Musquodoboit by locating the Forestry Complex and Rec Office in the elementary school. It was a consideration in Porters Lake too, when the Rec facilities were added to the new elementary school. So why not build two schools, in two different communities?</p> <p>Porters Lake has three schools, and 2 of which are within walking distance to the Superstore shopping plaza, gas station, restaurants, Metro X, and the highway exit. Why not add a Hr High wing to Porters Lake Elementary or O Connell Drive, and build a new high school in Musquodoboit Harbour, where there is a community hospital, gym, RCMP detachment, ice rink, library, bank, and trail — all within a 2 km radius.</p> <p>The location debate is contentious and potentially divisive, and I'm just not convinced that combining the two schools is the best idea anyway.</p> <p>A side note:<br/>Students from OConnell, Porters Lake Elementary, Gaetz Brook AND OPA will all attend the new high school, but OPA wasn't listed as an option in Thought Exchange. I hope that is an oversight that will be corrected.</p> | Oppose           |
| X | X |  |  |  | Family/Parent/Guardian | Excellent idea. Both schools will be replaced at once and the larger population will help with the type of facilities and programming.   | Strongly Support |
| X | X |  |  |  | Family/Parent/Guardian | I think our students and our community deserve new schools/facilities. The reasons are endless. Please help us to show our children that they deserve a quality space along with a quality education. I do not care where the building/buildings are built. I would like to see our community come together to support our youth. Consolidation of the 2 schools would offer greater potential for programming, the sharing of facilities as well as leadership opportunities for the older students. In my opinion, there should be designated areas for the students of varying age groups but I'm sure this is something that has been considered in other areas in the province.   | Strongly Support |

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| X | X |  |   |  | Family/Parent/Guardian | <p>In February 2019, The dept of transportation and infrastructure was tasked to begin technical evaluation of the existing site. By March 2020, the task was completed, and included a request from the Minister to consider the inclusion of Gaetz Brook Junior High. The ESDH project had been set to begin fiscal 2019, 2020. The treasury board has approved the inclusion of GBJH . We are now almost 2 years out from the beginning of site selection, and still no announcement, instead, we are getting a little community survey, when the feeling of the community is known. We are told not to expect site selection to be announced until at least January 2021. Something is very wrong. Speculation and gossip is rampant, and sometimes vicious. Our students are being left behind. This process has to be accelerated. Political fear seems to be the sand in the gears.</p>  | Strongly Support |
| X | X |  | X |  | Family/Parent/Guardian | <p>As I student I attended both of these schools. My children attended/attend these schools as well. Not much had changed in 30 years. ESDH has received minor upgrades and Gaetz Brook none. It looks like a dump both inside and outside. Many parents have chosen not to send their children to Gaetz Brook beacuse of the state of the facility. They have attended out of area schools. It lacks classroom, colaborative and collective spaces. The gym is outdated and small. There are no science labs or facilities to use. The Inclusive education spaces are inadequate It is the ONLY school facility in the family that has not been replaced in the last 25 years. The layout of the school is dark and isolating. There are no common spaces for gathering. No art spaces. No spaces with natural light. No independent spaces. No physical exercise spaces. No performance spaces. The outdoor fields are sinking into the original marsh that the school was built on (I ran the local soccer association and we use those fields and have filled in many spots many times over the year with sink holes appearing). Many staff over the years have developed various odd type cancers and illnesses while at or shortly after retiring from Gaetz Brook AND ESDH!</p> <p>We want a new school for heading into the middle of the 21st century.<br/>Our children deserve a new up to date and healthy school for our community, teachers and students to be.<br/>Having the 2 schools together would allow for better spaces for all students and more subject variety for all.</p> <p>The only other option to replace Gaetz Brook would be to add it into the Porters Lake Elementary school building (they have had declining enrollment since the Fench school opened) and take over the commujnity centre space as well for Junior High - making it a P-9 like Oyster Pond Academy. OPA is too far to take students to. And most familiies who live past Musq Hbr and go to OPA seem very happy with having a school closer to their community and turning OPA to a P-12 is an option too (moving the new HS/JH further west).</p> <p>Redesigning the boundaries is an option too.<br/>Make Bell Park an elementary school for all students from Lake Echo - like it used to be. And bring them east to Gaetz Brook (new school) like they used to do years ago. Reconfigure Porters Lake schools.</p> | Strongly Support |

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| X |   |   |   | X | Community Member       | I have concerns about inequity in educational opportunities where some students will enter a grade 6 to 12 school which, by its very nature will have better resources for subjects such a science and technology. It's also easier to attract quality teaching staff to a school where there are opportunities for teaching not just junior high students, but high school grades too. These opportunities should not exclude existing and future students at Oyster Pond Academy. For that reason, I believe that the school system should be looked at as a whole. Combining GBJH and ESDH may be advantageous and fiscally prudent, but excluding the OPA students needs from the discussion may be a long term problem. This may be achieved by all grade 7 to 12 students being in the same school, or by some rotation of staff or students to maximize use of resources. The school should ideally remain located in the core of Musquodoboit Harbour as this is a safe, walkable community for students. The economics of the area and the location of the new school are not mutually exclusive as the two are interdependent. I support the idea only with the considerations as above. | Support          |
| X | X |   |   |   | Family/Parent/Guardian |  | Strongly Support |
|   |   | X |   |   | Family/Parent/Guardian | I think that idea is a wonderful thing for the community of Eastern Shore. I know Gaetz Brook is an older school that would need to be considered for a rebuild soon so it would not only be good for the community but also a cheaper consideration. I larger school would be cheaper than two brand new ones. We are a smaller community and I know larger ones have benefitted from the similar types on consolidation. It would also put the Eastern Shore on the map as far as families considering moving to this area. Schools are one of if not the top thing young families look at when moving and I think it is now our turn! Our students deserve a new , safe and happy learning setting. I am strongly supporting this consolidation!  | Strongly Support |
|   | X |   |   |   | Family/Parent/Guardian | Gaetz Brook badly needs a new school. It is run down and the parking lot area is awful. Id also like to see the extended district area for students to attend there. My daughter has to reapply every single year even though the school bus stops at the end of my driveway! It's stressful to think we would have to take her out of the school she has been attending the past couple years when the bus already comes here to begin with.  | Strongly Support |
| X |   |   | X |   | Family/Parent/Guardian |  | Strongly Oppose  |
|   |   | X |   |   | Family/Parent/Guardian | This is an incredible opportunity to maximize the facilities offered to the students and the community. I strongly support the idea.   | Strongly Support |
| X |   |   |   |   | Family/Parent/Guardian | I do not agree with adding GBJH to ESDH. My children filter through the OPA school system. Combined the 2 schools means that those children are forming bonds LONG before the children of OPA attend. High School is a hard enough transition. ALL Children starting at ESDH should be coming in with the same first day of school jitters and not just a handful of students  | Strongly Oppose  |
| X | X |   | X |   | Family/Parent/Guardian | Both Gaetz Brook and Eastern Shore High school are in great need of replacing.Consolidating both schools together would result in meeting the needs of the community in a expedient manor.I feel that Gaetz Brook school is in such a sad state that it is not a healthy environment for students and this has been the situation for the past 10 years.There is no doubt that both schools are well past their use and here is an opportunity to fix the problem by looking at the problem as a whole.  | Strongly Support |

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| X | X |   | X |  | Family/Parent/Guardian | <p>Extracurricular activities, labs, equipment, facilities, infrastructure and teacher supports (French immersion, IB, extra help) are woeful when compared to urban/suburban schools. Consolidating resources should enable improvements in all areas and enable students to chose to remain in school on the eastern shore as opposed to transferring to schools in the city.</p> <p>A larger school should enable larger facilities that should also be leveraged by the community after hours and on weekends. Depending on location, this can enable decommissioning of older community infrastructure and increase funding investment in the school.</p> <p>Safe Water supply must be addressed, and fast.</p>  | Strongly Support |
|   |   |   | X |  | Family/Parent/Guardian | <p>I agree that there is a great need for both schools to be replaced. However I am opposed to the younger children being exposed to the older students. I am concerned that there would be more exposure to smoking, drugs, alcohol, inexperienced drivers. I am concerned about younger students being vulnerable, and impressionable, being taken advantage of or bullied. I would prefer the junior high students to be incorporated into a separate wing of an elementary school. I think it's in the best interest of the students to keep the schools separate. I understand that from a financial perspective this might not be feasible. Also in light of the pandemic and the possibility that social distancing is the new normal, it would be better to keep students separated as much as possible. Thanks</p> | Oppose           |
|   | X | X |   |  | Family/Parent/Guardian |   | Strongly Support |
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|   | X | X |   |   | Family/Parent/Guardian | <p>It seems clear to me that from an existing expense point of view combining Gaetz Brook into a new high school would make sense. Saving on general maintenance for an aging Gaetz Brook as well as, fuel, utilities, busing costs, etc. need to be considered. A new school would provide students coming into their middle years a safe, healthy, and engaging environment that cannot be met for long at Gaetz Brook.</p> <p>Another topic needs to be discussed as well and that is placement of the proposed new school....combined or not. It needs to be constructed closer to the town of Porter's Lake. Porter's Lake geographically is better suited to service the entire area. Not to mention the positive economic impact it would bring. Consider high school students looking for part time after school jobs. Porter's Lake can provide that. Consider the extra activities in the town during the school year that will help local business thrive. Consider the fact that the Porter's Lake immediate area is now a sought after location for families moving outside of the city and is growing rapidly. A school in the area NEEDS to support that continued future growth and be part of its prosperity. The current high school location does not meet any of these points and is difficult for families to come and go and support their children. I would also assume that a consolidated Porter's lake area school would provide our awesome teachers a better work life balance as well as make it easier to fill support positions within the new school.</p> <p>I am looking forward to this initiative for our community! Thank you!</p> | Strongly Support |
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|   | X |   | X |   | Family/Parent/Guardian |  | Support          |
| X | X |   |   |   | Family/Parent/Guardian |  | Strongly Support |
| X | X | X |   |   | Family/Parent/Guardian | Curriculum is most important! Second to that, resources to support the curriculum. The building is less important, while it is a resource, it's one of many. The school yard/area is critical. I'd like my kids to have a rural feeling school experience, not a city/urban experience.  | Neutral          |
| X |   |   |   |   | Family/Parent/Guardian |  | Neutral          |
| X |   |   |   |   | Family/Parent/Guardian | This leaves the junior highs at OPA out of the loop for 3 years before joining in grade 10. If you move GBJH, I think OPA junior high should be moved as well.   | Strongly Oppose  |
| X |   |   |   | X | Family/Parent/Guardian | My children attend oyster pond academy. I am concerned where they go to a P-9 school and how it will effect them if ESDH and GBJH merge to one school. Will Oyster Pond 7-9 move to join as well. If 7-9 OPA students do not move over and join until grade 10, will there be problems when they merge at grade 10 because of all the friend clicks/social clicks/sports already made over the several years the students will be together in the one school and OPA the outsider merging in the middle at grade 10. Will OPA students have a disadvantage be the new students joining in later?   | Oppose           |
| X |   |   |   |   | Family/Parent/Guardian | Eastern shore district high is a huge part of the community. I do not feel the two schools should be combined. The two schools should stay separate and the high school should stay in musquodoboit harbour  | Oppose           |
| X |   |   |   |   | Family/Parent/Guardian | Having ESDH and GBJH join together as one is very concerning when it comes to introducing OPA students to this school at the tender age of grade 10. It's bad enough the bullying and fitting it battles our students have.  | Strongly Oppose  |

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|   |   |  |   | X | Family/Parent/Guardian | As long as the new school is still in Musquodoboit Harbour. Moving it closer to Porter's Lake would make the bus ride for students from Lake Charlotte over an hr.   | Support          |
| X |   |  |   |   | Family/Parent/Guardian | My concern is where the location will be. Students from OPA have to go to Eastern Shore as well. If the new school is any further West then students who bus from Ship Hbr and beyond have a very long bus ride if the school is moved any further away.<br><br>Jr High students especially grades 7 and 8 are still part kid and part young adult. I think putting 12 and 13 year olds with 17 and 18 year olds could be very hard for them. They are self conscious enough at this age. Let them be kids awhile longer without any further pressures added.  | Strongly Oppose  |
|   |   |  | X |   | Family/Parent/Guardian | I think it makes perfect sense to combine them. There could be more resources for our kids in one location instead of have to spend them between multiple schools.   | Strongly Support |
| X |   |  |   |   | Family/Parent/Guardian | the geographic area is vast and current ESDH location is fair and evenly distributed. moving ESDH to any other location would mean undue wait and bus times. I do oppose GB amalgamation with ESDH. there should be distinct segregation between grades 7-9 and grades 10-12.<br>Gaetz Brook is a much newer school than ESDH so why abandon it ? I am certain social studies concluded that mixing of the formative age group in grades 7-9 and senior grades 10-12 is detrimental on social outcomes or you would not have all the p1-6 , p1-9 built. its a shame the education board is so ready to waste our tax dollars by scraping 2 schools. ESDH is old and tired and needs so many upgrades. Spend funds on it. instead of spending everywhere else but the Eastern Shore. How I wish we could be taken seriously for a change! | Strongly Oppose  |
| X |   |  |   |   | Family/Parent/Guardian | I realize they need a new school, my problem is you consolidate these two schools you are putting oyster pond academy children as the outcast on the community. As of now the gaetz brook and opa kids join high school at the same time, so they have equal opportunities there if you consolidate the schools opa children do not get the same opportunities. Eastern shore has been on the list for new school for years it's time to get it in action. Now they want gaetz brook involved that will take so much longer concentrate on eastern shore then do gaetz brook. Why not add on the the elementary schools for jr high?   | Oppose           |
| X |   |  |   |   | Family/Parent/Guardian | The consolidation of the schools leaves oyster pond academy children out for opportunities and when they join the high school at grade 10 is will makes them feel like it's not their school too and the other kids could have a upper hand. Also the opportunities they get left out on is wrong. Add on the the elementary schools and get them there all the same opportunities and they all arrive together for grade 10   | Oppose           |
| X | X |  |   |   | Family/Parent/Guardian | It is more important that the building get started than where it goes . I am all for the schools combining as long as we can get started soon  | Neutral          |
| X |   |  |   |   | Family/Parent/Guardian | My daughter will be attending Eastern Shore High School and I think it's a great idea to integrate the 2 schools into a new building   | Support          |

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| X |   |   | X |   | Community Member       | Yes! We need a new high school AND junior high. The current schools are old and the children in our community deserve facilities equal to other communities. The new high school was announced over 2 years ago and still no ground has broken. If we don't consolidate then we will be waiting another 20 years for new junior high. It also makes economic sense given the population here to combine the two. Let's get moving - combine the schools and move forward.  | Strongly Support |
| X | X | X |   |   | Family/Parent/Guardian | The best comment so far, is so accurate: "Pretend it's Bedford, and get it done!"  | Strongly Support |
| X |   |   |   |   | Community Member       | <p>It is disappointing to see that the newest amendments to the school site selection process made on June 25, 2019 are being ignored causing an unnecessary delay in the process of replacing ESDH. In Minister Churchill's own words, "The new, simplified process can significantly reduce this time so families don't have to wait longer than necessary to benefit from a new school."</p> <p>The first steps in the new school site selection process is for the Minister to "indicate whether the school building is intended to replace 1 or more existing school buildings" and to "request DTIR's recommendation for an appropriate site for the school building." Considering that the technical report was requested of DTIR well over a year ago and that the final report was "imminent" for completion back in February 2020, it's hard to imagine that the request to have GBJH added in has not caused a significant delay to the replacement of ESDH. And it quite clearly does not follow the new process.</p> <p>The government has not been forthcoming with the results of the technical report, so it casts significant doubt on the actual reason behind this consultation to include GBJH in the replacement plan.</p>  | Strongly Oppose  |
|   |   |   |   | X | Family/Parent/Guardian | <p>First I would like to know why OPA isn't being included in this?</p> <p>As a parent of children at OPA I am very concerned as to how including Gaetz Brook this will isolate my children.</p> <p>A school is suppose to feel like community if OPA children are left out of that community when they move to the High School they will be isolated. It is a poor decision to include the Gaetz Brook Children.</p>  | Strongly Oppose  |
| X | X | X | X |   | Staff Member           | <p>I really like the idea of consolidating the schools. I'm speaking as an [REDACTED] who provides service to all schools within the Eastern Shore family. In my role, it would mean more days spent in the new building, if it were reconfigured to a 7-12 school.</p> <p>One item that is consistently an issue with itinerant staff is space. With an increase in the number of professions that provide service in schools (SLPs, Psychologists, Social Workers, LD teachers, Coaches, Schools Plus staff etc) we are often required to ensure we don't overlap services days to ensure we have space to work. However, this also means that our ability to collaborate and consults to support student outcomes becomes limited. I often dream of the work that could be done were there adequate space for multiple specialists to spend time in a school at the same time (e.g. small groups, parenting sessions, information sessions and private consultation for staff etc.) All this to say, if it is looking like there is a strong probability of a consolidated school, I would strongly encourage consideration for ample itinerant rooms for such staff, as well as secure offices for itinerant staff who currently have their home school designated as either Gaetz Brook or Eastern Shore.</p> | Support          |
| X |   |   |   |   | Family/Parent/Guardian |  | Support          |

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| X |   |   |   |  | Community Member       | I think that the replacement for Eastern Shore District High School, which had been announced with great fanfare several years ago and should have been underway by now, would be further delayed by the process required for the possible addition of Gaetz Brook  | Oppose           |
| X | X |   |   |  | Family/Parent/Guardian |   | Strongly Support |
|   | X |   | X |  | Family/Parent/Guardian |   | Oppose           |
| X |   |   |   |  | Family/Parent/Guardian | I think there is a concern with having junior high and high school students, based on age and development level, in the same school. It's why in the past they have not been<br>I would be concerned if the School was consolidated and moved further west. As a parent of kids living in Ship Harbour I believe the school should be located centrally. Keeping bus time to a minimum for all students.<br>While there seems to be a view to putting schools in remote areas I believe schools should be located in a community. It allows the kids to be active participants in the community by finding jobs, volunteering at the library and seniors facility and being active in community events. | Strongly Oppose  |
| X | X |   |   |  | Family/Parent/Guardian | We feel as though the consolidation of these two schools is not a good idea based on the grade levels of these two schools currently. We feel that having students from grads 7-12 in the same building would have a negative impact on all those attending.<br><br>A new school comprised of students from grades 9-12 would be the proper age of students to be sharing the same building with. We feel that the maturity levels of grade 7&8 students to be too young and impressionable to be paired with the older grades in the same building.  | Strongly Oppose  |
| X | X | X |   |  | Family/Parent/Guardian | I do believe it is beneficial for the collaboration of gaetz brook with the new eastern shore school development. Gaetz brook is in as rough shape as Eastern Shore so it would make sense to combine them into one new and efficient school. Speaking as a parent it makes me uneasy sending my child to school where the school doesn't even pass their water standards test let alone the other issues that surround the school.<br><br>I hope you take my thoughts into consideration.<br><br>Have a nice day,<br><br>██████  | Strongly Support |
|   |   | X |   |  | Family/Parent/Guardian | My daughter is in grade six. I hate the idea of grade 7s mixing with grade 12s. At the same time, we are really in need of two schools and I'm not optimistic that another junior high is an option on it's own. I wish a compromise with a Grade 9 to 12 was an option.  | Oppose           |
| X | X | X |   |  | Family/Parent/Guardian | I would follow the suggestions of the SAC at Gaetz Brook Junior High as long as there was some separation, physical or otherwise between the Junior high and High school students.  | Strongly Support |
|   | X | X |   |  | Family/Parent/Guardian |   | Strongly Support |
|   | X | X |   |  | Family/Parent/Guardian |   | Strongly Support |

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|   |   | X |   |  | Family/Parent/Guardian |   | Strongly Support |
| X |   |   |   |  | Community Member       | I would like to see the two schools consolidated at a site in Musquodoboit Harbour in order to give all students access to the facilities and amenities of MH.  | Strongly Support |
| X |   |   |   |  | Family/Parent/Guardian | <p>I do not have any big concerns with having both junior and senior high school students in the same facility, My child is in the lower elementary side of Oyster Pond Academy, and thus far it appears that junior high students are separated from the elementary kids quite well (although we are still in the lower grades, so I may not see it yet). I don't know that I would support my grade 7 student (when the time comes) mixing with grades 10-12, so as long as that separation is still possible I can be open to the idea. I can also see the benefit of gaining more programs by having a larger school.</p> <p>That said, I am quite concerned about the following:</p> <p>(1) Having the project delayed to allow time to redesign or reconfigure to consider adding junior high students. Right now my children face the very real possibility of attending the same high school that their grandparents went to. I think the project needs to move forward so that students in rural NS can have access to the same opportunities as students within the city.</p> <p>(2) Ensuring that the school remains in Musquodoboit Harbour. By adding students from Gaetz Brook, I worry that there will be more pressure to move the facility closer to Gaetz Brook or Chezzetcook. The school should remain in Musquodoboit Harbour. If adding additional students makes having the school in Musquodoboit less viable due to site constraints such as water availability or lot size, than I am opposed to joining the two.</p> | Neutral          |
| X |   |   |   |  | Student                | I do not believe that the two schools should be merged into one. I believe this because I think it is set up well how it is. The junior high gives students a nice transition from elementary to high school which I do not think would happen if students went straight from elementary to high school. I also don't think it would work well considering students from Oyster Pond Academy would still be entering this high school at grade 10 so it would make more sense for Gaetz Brook students to do the same.  | Strongly Oppose  |
| X | X |   | X |  | Family/Parent/Guardian | I think this would be an excellent idea consolidation of the two schools. I can't believe the construction is being held up because Musquodobit want their own way of where it will be built. I understand that in recent years Sobey's backed out of building a new store there for the same reason. My husband, who is now 65 graduated from Eastern Shore District, and now this year my oldest granddaughter will graduate from the same school. Come on people our kids deserve better, and the kids are our number one priorities. Stop playing politics with our kids well being.  | Strongly Support |

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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: New school  
**Date:** Wednesday, November 25, 2020 8:45:43 AM

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**Subject:** New school

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Hi there,

Please put the new school in /closer to Porters Lake area.  
Thanks for your consideration.

Cheers,

[REDACTED],  
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Attention: [REDACTED]

Ref: Correspondence July 15, 2018

Replacement: Eastern Shore District High School

Sir,

It pains me, once again to read in the Eastern Shore Cooperator, those wanting "our promised" new High school to be built in the Porter's Lake/Gaetz Brook area. This time the tactic is to query "anyone", knowing the population percentage isn't in Musquodoboit Harbour's(MH) favour, will flood the weighted questionnaire, thus will be presented to the Minister of Education on December 18<sup>th</sup>. To me that's 101 Bullying!

There are numerous reasons, on both sides, that can justify having a "new" facility located in any community. In the early 60's the reason ESDHS was built in MH was because of its central location along the Eastern Shore. Doing so, this facility over all these years has contribute to the village's economical backbone, thus provided a proud beacon in our community.

These larger type facilities are not only school buildings accommodating 100's of students for education purposes, but can be used for other community functions as well, such as emergency's situations. Just today we're being ask to stay East of Porters Lake area(COVID). Now if by chance the Government decides to lock it down, where do the residences West of Oyster Pond Academy report to if the pandemic gets any worse and we need a appropriate facility?

Our forefathers built up this community to what it is today. Facilities like our High School, the Hospital, Churches, Recreational Centers, Rink, and the RCMP detachment, are presently the back bone of our community; thus sustains the pride of those who live here and what it's become today. If "those" other Individuals could understand what's at stake here, and stop tearing away the fabric of our community, we might be able to avoid another storm of controversy that divides community spirits along the Eastern Shore.

The replacement of Gaetz Brook Junior High or combining both schools into the mix is nothing more than smoking mirrors.

Maybe this loaded questionnaire should of asked:

1. Do you wish the ESDHS to remain in the MH area?
2. Do you pay property taxes?
3. What's your Postal code?
4. Are you planning on living there after passing through the school system?
5. Who's computer are you using in completing this survey?

...the results would be much different.

Concerned resident of 60 + years of living here,



# ESDHS THOUGHTEXCHANGE INPUT

## Halifax Regional Centre for Education

As we consider the consolidation of Gaetz Brook Junior High in the new Eastern Shore District High School, what do you want us to know?

### Q1 As we consider the consolidation of Gaetz Brook Junior High in the new Eastern Shore District High School, what do you want us to know?

**It has been a slow process, but hope it continues at a quick rate.** The children from the shore deserve the same opportunities as the city children.

4.6  (38 )  
Ranked #1 of 506



**Their confidence levels go way down when they visit other schools because they wonder why they attend an old, outraged, sick, no water, no labs school WE MATTER TOO,** on the Eastern Shore, we are tired of being treated as though our kids don't.

4.6  (38 )  
Ranked #2 of 506



**Old school** I believe it may be one of the oldest schools in the province at this point, and I think that the Eastern Shore deserves this and so do the kids

4.6  (34 )  
Ranked #3 of 506



**new school needed** our kids deserve a safe and healthy environment to attend school at.

4.6  (34 )  
Ranked #4 of 506



**The eastern shore is always forgotten** Our kids deserve to have the same quality of facility and education as other hrm schools.

4.6  (29 )  
Ranked #5 of 506



**Students deserve to go to a school they can be proud of.** The state of both these schools is nothing to be proud of. They have no school pride hence there behaviour and attitude toward school reflects that.



**A new school would mean: good air quality, safe drinking water, modern electrical systems. Our teachers and students deserve this!**



**Both schools need to be replaced** Our children deserve a new, clean facility so that they can focus on their learning.



**I was a teacher at GBJH and the building is disgusting. The windows didn't open in many classrooms and the lack of technology was appalling.** Rural kids deserve the same resources as urban kids. I now work in another school and am saddened by the inequities that currently exist.



**Rural students will benefit from the technology and the space that will be provided by a new school.** My daughter deserves the same opportunities as students who attend other schools.



**We should provide the best educational facilities possible for out children.** Education gives them a better chance in life.

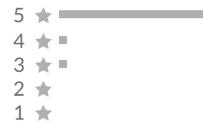


**I feel it is so important for our kids to have a safe and healthy school**



**Space is outdated** Students should have options comparable to those of their peers in more modern facilities

4.5  (20 )  
Ranked #13 of 506



**Stop forgetting about the eastern shore!** These schools are horribly outdated and inadequate for our students!

4.5  (18 )  
Ranked #14 of 506



**It has been delayed for so long we have to move forward. It's been a black eye for the eastern shore being unable to move forward. Let's get this done** As a taxpayer living for most of my life on the Eastern shore, we need modern facilities. It's imperative to having a quality of life living here.

4.4  (39 )  
Ranked #15 of 506



**Engagement and environment is conducive to learning** Students would thrive in a new and healthy school environment

4.4  (37 )  
Ranked #16 of 506



**Good schools...are not just about the building...they are really about community & culture!** A modern building would help students reach their full potential!

4.4  (37 )  
Ranked #17 of 506



**This project is really dragging on and taking way to long to get started.** It would be nice if things could start moving along

4.4  (37 )  
Ranked #18 of 506



**This school is way out dated and needs to be replaced immediately same as eastern shore**

4.4  (37 )  
Ranked #19 of 506



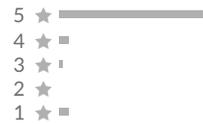
**We need the project to move ahead. No more stalling or politics.** Eastern Shore District High and Gaetz Brook Junior High are old and not functioning properly.

4.4  (35 )  
Ranked #20 of 506



**Eastern Shore High school is dated and has poor water supply and sewage treatment** Water and sewer is important to student and public health.

4.4  (30 )  
Ranked #21 of 506



**Both schools are in dire need of being replaced** Our children deserve quality program and course opportunities!

4.4  (20 )  
Ranked #22 of 506



**It is important to provide the community with a timeline for this school to be built** We have been waiting for approximately 10 years. First for the announcement and now for a date to break ground. This process is taking too long.

4.4  (20 )  
Ranked #23 of 506



**Our children deserve better resources and access to up to date equipment and technologies** The world is ever changing and they need to be ready for it.

4.4  (19 )  
Ranked #24 of 506



**Both schools desperately need to be replaced.** Both are in disrepair and we need a long-term solution for both.

4.4  (18 )  
Ranked #25 of 506



**I think its more than time for a new school** We are a growing community with limited resources and a lack of infrastructure. It's sad considering how large our community is.

4.4  (18 )  
Ranked #26 of 506



**Both schools are old and in need of updating, i.e. water systems, ventilation systems, etc** The health and wellbeing of students and staff is paramount.

4.4  (17 )  
Ranked #27 of 506



**What in the world is taking so long? I have a child in grade █, one in grade █ one in grade █ and I have lost hope they will see a healthy school.** They need modern learning environments and healthy ones.

4.3  (39 )  
Ranked #28 of 506



An outstanding school provides state of the art equipment and facilities to help student learning. Our school area needs this for our childrens

4.3  (38 )  
Ranked #29 of 506



We need new and fresh spaces to allow for updated teaching and learning methods including student collaboration and meeting spaces. It is important to have a space that condones the latest methods found to improve the learning experience in the school settings.

4.3  (38 )  
Ranked #30 of 506



Both schools are crumbling and both need replacement. If joining together is the way to get a new middle school in 21/22 then I support! Let's stop the delay on the high school. Let's make an informed decision on the middle school and high school options and move forward with intention

4.3  (37 )  
Ranked #31 of 506



We've been waiting forever for a new school!

4.3  (37 )  
Ranked #32 of 506



Both schools need to be updated and if the only way to do that is to consolidate then I'm all for it. Our children need a school they can be proud of with excellent resources(gym, library, cafeteria, art class, music class, field and outdoor classroom

4.3  (36 )  
Ranked #33 of 506



It is a long awaited conclusion. The community needs healthy and inspirational learning environments, not decrepit and outdated old schools.

4.3  (36 )  
Ranked #34 of 506



Students need immediate access to a safe building with modern technologies. The water issue has been unacceptable at esdh for years. Both buildings are well past their prime. Eastern shore students need schools to thrive in.

4.3  (36 )  
Ranked #35 of 506



**The schools are outdated and disgusting We need a new school**

4.3  (36 )  
Ranked #36 of 506



**Too uch delay, get it done now**

4.3  (35 )  
Ranked #37 of 506



**After taking my daughter to basketball games at other schools it's disappointing to see how run down Gaetz Brook is (although the teachers are great) My youngest is in grade 2 and I think it's important for her to have a better school and great teachers for her education and future community.**

4.3  (34 )  
Ranked #38 of 506



**Student education and course selection has been so limited due to numbers. A new school may encourage students to stay in area schools rather than head to town for more opportunities.**

4.3  (34 )  
Ranked #39 of 506



**Finally we can get this new school moving! It should have never taken this long to get to this point. A real problem which hopefully will be fixed soon.**

4.3  (33 )  
Ranked #40 of 506



**The junior high is run down and they also deserve a new school. my son just graduated from Gaetz Brook to ESDH. having the 2 together would be fine Geatz Brook doesn't have potable drinking water - They are in desparate need of a new school.**

4.3  (27 )  
Ranked #41 of 506



**Children on the Eastern Shore should have a clean and safe space to learn. Grades 7-12 deserve to have a healthy school with proper air quality and no mold.**

4.3  (21 )  
Ranked #42 of 506



**The environment of Gaetz Brook is not conducive to learning.** The building is in disrepair, is visually unappealing and a depressing learning environment.

4.3  (20 )  
Ranked #43 of 506



**Eastern Shore should be able to offer MORE variety to students in academic courses despite the population being smaller.** Students should not be limited in regards to course selection variety because their school is smaller. They need equal opportunities.

4.3  (19 )  
Ranked #44 of 506



**Safety concerns of current school** Building is outdated, water is questionable, students don't have same options as others in newer/more modern/user-friendly buildings.

4.3  (19 )  
Ranked #45 of 506



**Students in both schools would greatly benefit** Both schools are in desperate need for major renovations. They are both in later stage of disrepair.

4.2  (39 )  
Ranked #46 of 506



**Both schools are in desperate need of replacement. I think this may be a viable way to address this concern** We need to think outside of the box

4.2  (38 )  
Ranked #47 of 506



**Good idea** Both schools need to be updated

4.2  (38 )  
Ranked #48 of 506



**I think combining the 2 schools into a new school is a wonderful opportunity for our children and community.** I have 3 children that will or have attended Gaetz Brook and it needs so many upgrades for our children to be up to today's.

4.2  (38 )  
Ranked #49 of 506



**I think it's a long overdue project given the age of the facilities, and convincing the schools only makes fiscal sense. This needs to happen.** Our kids experience a sub-standard education because of the age of the current schools. As a parent I strongly considered moving to a new area.



**Let's ensure we have the appropriate facilities in the design and to provide opportunities to our next generation.** We need to compete or exceed other areas of the city for a change.



**Retention and Recruitment** How are we ever going to retain our best teachers and recruit new ones to these schools in there current delapidated condition.



**Gaetz brook is in disrepair and in need of replacement.** The parking lot is crumbling and the school is awful. Please ensure a new school is provided for the community, I am supportive if it is joined



**Students at GBJH have water that is filled with lead and have so many other health concerns over the years.** Students health both physically and emotionally will be better served by a new school.



**A school that can grow inside a community and offer a greater range of courses, experiences, and enrichment is critical.** GBJH and ESDH have challenges with mental health and addiction concerns. Sharing wraparound services could help both constituencies.



**It needs to be replaced** It's a dump



**As a student at Gaetz brook, this is needed NOW** both schools have failed Testing for lead in the water supply, and asbestos has been a big problem. Lots of Mold, and many other issues have plagued.

4.2  (31 )  
Ranked #57 of 506



**Both schools need to be replaced** Both schools are old, and the facilities are outdated and unhealthy. The water and air quality, gymnasium spaces cafeterias, libraries, all need work

4.2  (26 )  
Ranked #58 of 506



**Our community needs and deserves these new buildings.** We have seen many communities receive new facilities over the years and, although we are a proud community, it is difficult to maintain positive moral

4.2  (23 )  
Ranked #59 of 506



**I think this is an AMAZING idea. Both schools need to be taken down. I don't think GBJH has been updated since I was there, and I am a '99 Grad.** Both schools need updated air quality, better water and resources.

4.2  (21 )  
Ranked #60 of 506



**Staff parking, student parking, bus drop-off areas and student pick-up areas need to be well-thought-out beforehand and tried out before agreed upon.** So many schools, new and old, have issues with proper lot organization and management. It's something that goes overlooked and makes things safer.

4.2  (21 )  
Ranked #61 of 506



**The water system at Eastern Shore is unacceptable (water is trucked in) as well as the fact that it has asbestos within the building** Both schools are in the same condition they were in when I attended in 1998.

4.2  (19 )  
Ranked #62 of 506

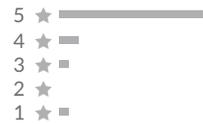


**Experts have confirmed that combining multigrades is successful.** We need both cchools replaced

4.2  (18 )  
Ranked #63 of 506



**It is a disgrace that children are expected to attend a school without potable water. The school - Gaetz Brook decrepit and needs to be torn down.** The safety and wellbeing of staff & children. For the self-respect of these young Nova Scotians. Administrators and board members do your duty.



**Having a high school that has had bottled water trucked in for many years is unacceptable** Having a new combined JR High/High School will further the growth of our community



**Sports** Having areas for recreational sports and school activities.



**Very concerned about lead results in water at GBJH** How will the younger students be safeguarded?



**This is long overdue, but timely as both schools desperately need replacing. A new consolidated structure will bring opportunities to our students** Staff deserve this as much as students, and our community will benefit from this anchor facility



**Would like modern facility with a sensible parking arrangement and traffic flow.** Bright and cheery school helps bolster morale and pride.



**I think it's a great idea!** We need a new Jr. High school so if consolidation is the best option then I agree with consolidating



**Giving our children a quality education helps prepare them for their future.** An new school 7-12, is vital to enhance their skills and expertise. I think this is a great idea!

4.1  (38   
Ranked #71 of 506



**I feel that consolidation will be economically frugal and provide students with a modern building hopefully constructed with the future in mind.** Leading by teaching the students that environmental stewardship is fundamental. Solar, water conservation, heating and air quality should paramount

4.1  (38   
Ranked #72 of 506



**I think this is a great idea.** The current school is run down and needs to be replaced.

4.1  (38   
Ranked #73 of 506



**If a concern is the age gap between Gr 7 and 12, we can look at other schools and see how they manage the segregation.** I would think there are clever ways to segregate areas and times to not overlap. Our students are together now sharing the bus to and from school.

4.1  (38   
Ranked #74 of 506



**Let's get this built quickly! We have sat on this for too long and government had drug their heals.** 4 years of talk and little action has been a deal breaker for me. My vote will be cast to the person who can get this done on the next election

4.1  (38   
Ranked #75 of 506



**I believe a consolation of both schools and have one new school from grades 7 - 12 is a great idea.** Both the jr high school and eastern shore high need to be replaced and it makes better sense to built one new campus for the students.

4.1  (35   
Ranked #76 of 506



**New high school desperately needed my moth is well into her 70's and went to Eastern Shore Gaetz Brook needs some serious betterment's**

4.1  (35   
Ranked #77 of 506



**New schools are long overdue for GBJH and ESDH. I attended both of these schools as a child and they were dated then. I don't feel that my children are safe in these dated schools. The water issues are at the top of my concerns. We have three children in these school**

4.1  (35   
Ranked #78 of 506



**Both schools need to be replaced so why not combine them? That way we won't have to wait to have GBJH go through the process.**

4.1  (34   
Ranked #79 of 506



**So if the government can go and build a brand new school in Sheet Harbor and now they are putting \$10 million dollars into replacing the Lions club. Crazy. The Eastern Shore is in desperate need of a new school. Both schools are falling down and are dirty and there is nothing for the kids to do.**

4.1  (32   
Ranked #80 of 506



**Well, from what I know about the school, other than it is very old. The windows don't open, the water test didn't pass. No technology. Crowded**

4.1  (32   
Ranked #81 of 506



**Both schools are in desperate need of replacement This would benefit both schools and students**

4.1  (20   
Ranked #82 of 506



**Excellent idea. The communities of Eastern Shore need a new school.**

4.1  (20   
Ranked #83 of 506



**We have 2 modern elementary schools in the area and it would be great to see them feed into a modern junior/high school I believe Better facilities Improve student outcomes and instills sense of community pride . Saves \$ By sharing resources.**

4.1  (20   
Ranked #84 of 506



**I strongly feel we need both a new Jr high and High school on our community. The current ones are so old and UN SAFE. Safety of our youth, pride in our community and school and the drive and encouragement to learn. Correctly non of these basic needs are being met**

4.1  (19   
Ranked #85 of 506



**why are you leaving this open for almost 2 months? That is unreasonable Too much delay already; 2 months for a "survey, then 3 weeks to "analyze"? Nonsense!**

4.1  (18   
Ranked #86 of 506



**Both schools are old. I am  and attended both. The water at ESDH is extremely high in lead and probably asbestos. Both schools are extremely run down, out of date, not a pleasant learning environme**

4.1  (16   
Ranked #87 of 506



**The new school should have a peer tutoring centre where seniors help each other or help younger students. Not only does this help students achieve academically, but it helps create a strong sense of leadership and community within the school.**

4.1  (16   
Ranked #88 of 506



**There is a great need for new up to date facilities in both schools. We want our children to receive a high level of education and a new facility will provide better equipped spaces and attract qualified teachers.**

4.1  (16   
Ranked #89 of 506



**A consolidated school is a great idea. A new school, thoughtfully designed to serve the needs of students in 7-12 is desperately needed. Let's get this started ASAP**

4.1  (13   
Ranked #90 of 506



**Both schools are in horrible condition, and are unhealthy for our children. I would like us to stop talking about it and just start build Our children's health and safety**

4.1  (11   
Ranked #91 of 506



**I think this is a great idea! I think both schools need to be replaced and it needs to be done soon in a way that is sustainable.**

4.1  (8 )  
Ranked #92 of 506



**A purpose built auditorium is a multi use space the entire Eastern Shore would benefit from.** Public meetings, town halls, film festivals, graduation ceremonies, and performing arts at school and community levels would make use of this space.

4.1  (6 )  
Ranked #93 of 506



**New Consolidated Education Facility will inspire community development** We have roughly 1200 approved building lots in our immediate community waiting for new families. Education infrastructure is a huge factor

4.1  (6 )  
Ranked #94 of 506



**An easily accessible location would be ideal. Not far off the highway.**

4.0  (39 )  
Ranked #95 of 506



**I've also observed that it's very beneficial for the social development of the students to have both remodels for the young ones to look up to as well** I also think it works very well for the older students to have the younger ones around the start their leadership development roles in society.

4.0  (39 )  
Ranked #96 of 506



**An increase in extra curricular would be great** More students means more clubs/groups/activities

4.0  (38 )  
Ranked #97 of 506



**Both schools are in extreme need of replacement** If we do not consolidate when would Gaetz Brook ever be considered for a new building?

4.0  (38 )  
Ranked #98 of 506



**Excited for the new school would love two**  
Both high school and junior high school needed  
in our area but more so the high school

4.0  (38 )  
Ranked #99 of 506



**It makes absolute sense on every level, the  
quality of learning, construction costs and  
layout everything would just be so much  
better in one centre.**

4.0  (38 )  
Ranked #100 of 506



**The response fields shouldnt be limited as this  
is a very important topic! Rural schools need  
extra sports infrastructure For intramurals &  
community**

4.0  (38 )  
Ranked #101 of 506



**I believe consolidating Gaetz Brook with  
ESDH is the right plan for both schools. Gaetz  
Brook is in serious disrepair and a new school  
is badly needed.**

4.0  (37 )  
Ranked #102 of 506



**I think it's a great idea**

4.0  (37 )  
Ranked #103 of 506



**I think that consolidation of these two schools  
is an excellent idea and a wonderful  
opportunity for the students and the  
community. It should prove more cost  
effective by reducing duplication of services  
and minimize anxiety for students as they  
progress from 7-12.**

4.0  (37 )  
Ranked #104 of 506



**I think this is an absolute fantastic idea as I've  
seen great success in porters lake elementary  
having multiple grades in on location. I think  
in my opinion it's absolutely paramount that  
the construction and operations of HRCE move  
towards incorporating everything into one big  
centre**

4.0  (37 )  
Ranked #105 of 506



**This should be a priority** Because GBJH is in need of replacement as much as ESDHS and combining the two into a new facility makes sense financially

4.0  (36 )  
Ranked #106 of 506



**Very pleased that this has finally happened**  
We thought this was done a year ago . Our students desperately need thid

4.0  (36 )  
Ranked #107 of 506



**Combine the school.** Both of our schools are run down and not conducive to a learning environment. We don't have proper drinking water- it's been 2 years. Just build it

4.0  (35 )  
Ranked #108 of 506



**I feel a consolidation is a good move for the schools environmentally** It is environmentally responsible to update two schools with one as the resources needed wouldn't be as massive if you were to build two new schools.

4.0  (35 )  
Ranked #109 of 506



**great idea. Get it done NOW!** our communities and students desparately need a facility as good as all other Nova Scotia Students

4.0  (35 )  
Ranked #110 of 506



**great for all the kids** Its just like other schools , where ours are so old and need alot of work to maintain.

4.0  (34 )  
Ranked #111 of 506



**Gaetz Brook is falling apart** Keep our kids and staff safe

4.0  (31 )  
Ranked #112 of 506



**Both schools need to be replaced.** Consolidate to speed up process

4.0  (29 )  
Ranked #113 of 506



**Thoughtful bussing will decrease time on buses for all children** I appreciate there are lengthy bus drives; with accountability and performance metrics - this time could be limited to "as low" as possible.

4.0  (28 )  
Ranked #114 of 506



**Let's start building it already and stop talking about it**

4.0  (27 )  
Ranked #115 of 506



**great idea, so our kids can have facilities equivalent to other jr/sr in HRM and Nova Scotia**

4.0  (27 )  
Ranked #116 of 506



**Students fill the school during daytime hours, and it could be used after hours by community members and other service providers**

Community needs should be a consideration, ie access to cooking labs, gymnasiums, theatres, music rooms and recording studios, outdoor tracks, etc.

4.0  (25 )  
Ranked #117 of 506



**Add in space for updated community centre/rink/sporting venue.** Lack of recreational facilities except for an ancient rink.

4.0  (20 )  
Ranked #118 of 506



**Just do it** Stop taking thoughts and build the damn thing! Pretend it's Bedford and get it done

4.0  (20 )  
Ranked #119 of 506



**I think it's a great idea to combine the 2 schools** As someone who grew up with their local junior high and senior high combined. I feel it's a great for our children to get a new school.

4.0  (19 )  
Ranked #120 of 506



**It is my hope my child (when in JH) will have a new building to attend Junior High in, if not my family will consider moving.** I have been in GBJH and the building is outdated (possibly unhealthy) and has a negative, depressing vibe. This impacts mood and ability to thrive.

4.0  (19   
Ranked #121 of 506



**With a new school a community center could be added on like the Lake and Shore community center with PLES.** Gives our community more facilities for our children and the general population.

4.0  (19   
Ranked #122 of 506



**It is important to have this school built within the next 5 years** The current Jr high and High schools have issues (asbestos, water) and they are old with the institutionalized look which isn't great for learning.

4.0  (18   
Ranked #123 of 506



**It will be beneficial to have a new school and have them consolidated. The standing schools now need major upgrades.** Our children in this area will greatly benefit from a new school with new facilities.

4.0  (18   
Ranked #124 of 506



**This needs to happen sooner than later!** Both schools aren't up to par at all and we need to build our communities. If we build it they will come!

4.0  (18   
Ranked #125 of 506



**Trades classes** With the industry changing Andover trades in high demand having shop classes such as electrical, carpentry, and mostly automotive would be valuable.

4.0  (18   
Ranked #126 of 506



**I have attended schools that were P-12 and also 7-12. Each school had school "wings" for each type ie. 4 wings (P-3, 4-6,7-9, and 10-12) No problems** These "wings" reduced traffic between bells, allowed use of common areas with different lunch hours and interactions had expectations attached to them

4.0  (16   
Ranked #127 of 506



**Expanded curriculum and extra curricular/sports/arts** Our student need a facility that will enable and inspire these expanded opportunities

4.0  ( 12 )  
Ranked #128 of 506



**why wouldn't we want to consolidate** the community continues to grow and a newer school is needed to support the needs of the children.

4.0  ( 6 )  
Ranked #129 of 506



**A school with an attached multi use building would be nice** A school is also a place for the community to use. A new school attached to place like a Cole Harbour Place would be nice.

4.0  ( 5 )  
Ranked #130 of 506



**Gaetz Brook junior high should be be consolidated with the new high school.** The students deserve a space where they can continue to work with 21st century technology and a facility that offers that.

4.0  ( 5 )  
Ranked #131 of 506



**We need healthy schools were students can drink the water and aren't worried about asbestos** Our students and staff shouldn't be worried about their health when attending school. Both school, but especially ESDH are unhealthy. :-)

4.0  ( 5 )  
Ranked #132 of 506



**I support the consolidation of GBJH and ESDH** Our children deserve a updated and modern school

3.9  ( 39 )  
Ranked #133 of 506



**It's a great idea.both schools need to be replaced so this would be the best option financially and would benefit all stud nts**

3.9  ( 39 )  
Ranked #134 of 506



**Both schools need to be replaced a one shoot deal will fix both problems**

3.9  ( 38 )  
Ranked #135 of 506



**I support the consolidation of Gaetz Brook with Eastern Shore** Both schools are outdated

3.9  (38   
Ranked #136 of 506



**I think it's a wonderful idea. It would save money have them combined** They already share busses. A merge would save some many scheduling headaches for bussing alone.

3.9  (38   
Ranked #137 of 506



**Both the junior high and high school need a new school, why not combine them?** Old infrastructure at both

3.9  (37   
Ranked #138 of 506



**Having one larger "campus" could mean more opportunity for students and community.** Rather than two smaller lesser developed gyms, or arts programs, a larger centre could provide a higher level of teaching or opportunity for all ages.

3.9  (37   
Ranked #139 of 506



**I support the inclusion of GBJH into the new school. Gaetz Brook is very outdated and does not meet the standards most students have become used to.** Our students need an updated facility with all the learning opportunities that are available in other areas of HRM.

3.9  (37   
Ranked #140 of 506



**When will it be built ? What amenities will it have, especially regarding sports facilities? Where will it be located? Will it be a P3 project** It affects my opinion on the entire project - this should be done very soon, but not cut corners as education has been under funded for years.

3.9  (37   
Ranked #141 of 506



**Great idea**

3.9  (36   
Ranked #142 of 506



Modern schools have shown that Jr Sr can be well mixed.



These 2 schools are well past serviceable life. Suburban growth is real and shouldn't be demonized vs growth in urban centres - this is NOT TO or ON Rural folk are strong entrepreneurs and major contributors to the economy - support our children and community - WE NS



Already too long put off, too many excuses why



There are always concerns about mixing 11 year olds and 17-18 year old students but the school can be designed for both healthy interaction and need for safety



We need both a new junior high and high school in the Eastern Shore. With the amount of students in the area, it makes sense to have 7-12. It is important because both schools are old and schools within the Urban Halifax area are being replaced and it is now time for us to have ours.



A new school on the Eastern Shore is a long time coming. It's a great idea to consolidate Jr. and High school It is important that our children reap the benefits of a new school that has more to offer than the old schools



Sports! We need to include a sports field and gymnasium, and having a pool for a water program is a must! It's time we invest in physical fitness. Parents have to drive their kids in to Cole Harbour or Dartmouth for sports. We need programs here to foster team building and create community.



**Continuing: Make the school vibrant. Student exhibits, performances, workshops. An empty building fosters anomie.**

3.9  (33   
Ranked #150 of 506



**I think it's a positive thing and will provide more opportunities for the Jr. High students. It creates a more cohesive community and more shared resources.**

3.9  (33   
Ranked #151 of 506



**GaetsBrook school is too old and needs to be demolished I don't want my children goi MT to GaetsBrook as it' stands currently**

3.9  (32   
Ranked #152 of 506



**There is a 3-D printer at ESDH that goes unused. Equipment and new technology can be shared, experts brought in to show the students what they can do It's important to prepare students with the tools for innovation and to foster interests from a younger age than high school.**

3.9  (32   
Ranked #153 of 506



**Think consolidation is a great idea Less change and moving from school to school for students and both schools need to be replaced**

3.9  (32   
Ranked #154 of 506



**we need this this delay is impacting peoples housing decision; wont move here without a decent school for jr and sr**

3.9  (32   
Ranked #155 of 506



**Get on with the brick laying and stop procrastinating. I want my children to benefit from the new school.**

3.9  (31   
Ranked #156 of 506



**I think it's a wonderful idea - it can really help build resources for smaller programs (band and french) and access to new technologies**

Our schools have been disadvantaged through distance, rural funding and access to new materials which we have been missing for years

3.9  (31   
Ranked #157 of 506



**It should be done.** Eastern shore high needs to be replaced and combining them would provide better facilities.

3.9  (29   
Ranked #158 of 506



**build it now! Why are you hiding in the weeds?**

3.9  (28   
Ranked #159 of 506



**having the 2 schools combined will hopefully mean new opportunities and better courses available to our students-it also makes things more convenient** convenient for families with multiple children if both schools are combined-transportation, accessibility...

3.9  (25   
Ranked #160 of 506



**consolidation is a great move forward** we have been in need of a new junior high and senior high- buildings are both in poor condition

3.9  (23   
Ranked #161 of 506



**Doesn't matter where it is.** Just get shovels in the ground.

3.9  (22   
Ranked #162 of 506



**It's an exciting opportunity for students and our communities** Gaetz Brook, especially, is dated and lacking in amenities and aesthetic features like natural sunlight, a welcoming entry way, and common areas

3.9  (22   
Ranked #163 of 506



**I think sharing a school is a good idea, building 2 schools would take a lot of money and time. This could work for everyone if done correctly** It's important because the facilities are very outdated to the point where it's almost unsafe in some circumstances. Need more than a bandaid fix.

3.9  (21   
Ranked #164 of 506



**Great idea** Share costs and resources

3.9  (20   
Ranked #165 of 506



**Location** Having a central location that is equal distance on either end of its feeder areas.

3.9  (20   
Ranked #166 of 506



**Minister has had site reviews for severa sites for 6 months / doit!**

3.9  (20   
Ranked #167 of 506



**We need it badly.** Needs to be done

3.9  (17   
Ranked #168 of 506



**Why are so many people concerned with being cost effective for the province?! We pay taxes-just like every other community! I am more concerned about our children and their development!**

3.9  (15   
Ranked #169 of 506



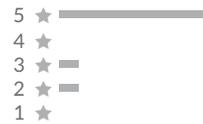
**Gaetz Brook students deserve upgrades to their learning environment and more access to newer facilities.** Rural areas already have been at a deficit when it comes to accessibility of resources a new facility will impact the broader community as well.

3.9  (14   
Ranked #170 of 506



**I completely agree with consolidating Gaetz Brook Junior High and Eastern Shore District High School.**

3.9  (9 )  
Ranked #171 of 506



**Long over-due but happy it is going forward.**  
Children shouldn't have to be embarrassed of the state of their school.

3.9  (7 )  
Ranked #172 of 506



**Cuts down on traffic Good for the economy**

3.9  (5 )  
Ranked #173 of 506



**Great idea** Our junior high and high school are in disrepair

3.9  (5 )  
Ranked #174 of 506



**Consolidating the schools will create a better sense of community and a smoother transition to the high school.** In a rural community centralization of activities and resources is important to allow more access.

3.8  (39 )  
Ranked #175 of 506



**I am in full support of consolidating the schools.** My children have a right to a safe environment to learn and develop.

3.8  (39 )  
Ranked #176 of 506



**I think it's important that the students that would be considered middle school have an area of their own. A wing where they are primarily situated.** Because of the huge age gap and maturity levels of the students it would benefit them to have a bit of separation to avoid peer pressures, bullying etc

3.8  (39 )  
Ranked #177 of 506



**I live in Lake Echo and I do not want the school to be any further away then what the high school is. I would like my kids to be able to go to this school as well without it being extremely far away**

**3.8** ★★☆☆☆ (37)   
Ranked #178 of 506



**If thoughtfully developed, a joint school can help students model community building across differences in age, background, socioeconomic status etc. Learning to be one's self in a group and learning how to get and give support is a critical 21st century skill**

**3.8** ★★☆☆☆ (37)   
Ranked #179 of 506



**Yes! Consolidating the schools is a great idea! Both schools are run down and lacking proper spaces. Our kids need better updated facilities for learning.**

**3.8** ★★☆☆☆ (36)   
Ranked #180 of 506



**It will take years and years to get a second school added. Build them together for all the kids.**

**3.8** ★★☆☆☆ (35)   
Ranked #181 of 506



**Will adding the junior high school to the build delay construction The wait for the new school construction has been a snails pace and communication from government bodies have not been cooperative.**

**3.8** ★★☆☆☆ (35)   
Ranked #182 of 506



**Yes, we need new schools for both locations. If this is the only option then I am all for it. The schools in the area are outdated and our kids deserve new buildings with safe school environments**

**3.8** ★★☆☆☆ (35)   
Ranked #183 of 506



**I think this is a great idea. Both ESDH and Gaetz Brook JH need to be replaced, it would be wonderful to have a new school housing grades 7-12 in a central location.**

**3.8** ★★☆☆☆ (34)   
Ranked #184 of 506



**A grade 7-12 school would mean fewer school changes/transitions for our children**

Consistency and a sense of belonging to a thriving supportive school community is generally supportive of students sense of success



**Consolidation would make financial sense as Gaetz Brook will be an issue soon too. Good sense is always important.**



**I think it would be best thing to do is Join them I think it would the most Financial thing to do in my thoughts** A new school would not help my son because it would not be finished in the next 2 years. But it be beneficial to future students and staff



**Consolidate,** Both schools are in terrible shape, replace both with one.



**The combined school would allow for more extra-curriculars, community events and recreation.** The Lake and Shore Community Rec Centre is great for what it does, but it is limited by its space and staffing capacity.



**I am in favour of the consolidation of the Jr/Sr High. I see value in the sharing of resources such as bussing, sports fields/equipment etc** It is imp. here as the student #'s have increased requiring the development of more diversified programming, less economic strain



**A single campus would be the most efficient use of resources.** So long as we don't have to squeeze two schools within the budget of one, we can get more out of the new school project for the community.



**Location** The school location should reflect the area where the majority of the students who attend reside.

3.8  (20 )  
Ranked #192 of 506



**New schools are needed in the area. A combined school is not an issue with me. A continued growth in population**

3.8  (20 )  
Ranked #193 of 506



**The cost to the community & govt to build two schools is high - combining them is more fiscally sound** Parents with kids in both schools will have decreased transportation issues for after school activities

3.8  (20 )  
Ranked #194 of 506



**ESDH was told there would be a new school in 2018.** Looking at this question now, it appears as no work has been done yet on this project. If we add GBJH, how much longer will it take to start.

3.8  (19 )  
Ranked #195 of 506



**Great idea!**

3.8  (19 )  
Ranked #196 of 506



**There are many combined schools that are effective.** Everything would be easier with a combined school - like bussing, extracurricular, resource support, etc.

3.8  (19 )  
Ranked #197 of 506



**Would save capital to combine the two schools into one instead of having to replace GBJH further down the road.** Both high school and junior high students would benefit from a new school.

3.8  (19 )  
Ranked #198 of 506



**A new consolidated school is exciting as we have 3 kids that will be transitioning in the next few years.** Existing school buildings require an upgrade. New school will enhance community of Eastern shore.

3.8  (18 )  
Ranked #199 of 506



**Centralized location between Porters lake, musquodobit.** Less travel for all students.

3.8  (18   
Ranked #200 of 506



**I think this is the answer to many problems. Combine Junior and Senior high** Will save money on transportation . Less stress on students moving from one school to another.

3.8  (18   
Ranked #201 of 506



**GBJHneeds replacement** should do it now, not later. Economy of scale

3.8  (17   
Ranked #202 of 506



**We have several shared schools here. They seem not to be having problems with the age divide. There are ways around this.**

3.8  (17   
Ranked #203 of 506



**I think it's a great idea to unite the two schools (junior and senior high). Will cost less over all for the tax payers** Benefits the community overall

3.8  (14   
Ranked #204 of 506



**This is a perfect opportunity to include a purpose built auditorium in the design of the school. A proper auditorium with stage acoustics and lighting** There are no performance spaces on the eastern shore. An auditorium could host school and community theatre productions, musical performances, and more

3.8  (10   
Ranked #205 of 506



**A designated performance space creates more educational opportunities for students.** All arts classes will improve in quality and popularity with an appropriate space to learn and perform in. Lighting and sound tech classes are possible

3.8  (7   
Ranked #206 of 506



**Should be placed in Porters Lake** The community is growing exponentially

3.8  (7 )  
Ranked #207 of 506



**by combining the schools, the cost of first class labs, classrooms, student open areas, and sport facilities will be shared** our kids deserve the same high quality as citadel, cp allen, lockview, sir john A. eastern Passage, etc etc etc

3.8  (7 )  
Ranked #208 of 506



**this is an excellent idea, and should allow the school to be moved to a more central location, west of Musquodoboit Harbour**

3.8  (7 )  
Ranked #209 of 506



**GBJH has fewer creative opportunities than OPA** The arts engage youth.

3.8  (5 )  
Ranked #210 of 506



**The schools should be located closer to the student population.** Why make the majority of the student body travel to benefit the outliers? Outliers can be accommodated by smaller buses or taxis.

3.8  (5 )  
Ranked #211 of 506



**Combine the schools fo the health and safety of our children**

3.7  (38 )  
Ranked #212 of 506



**I am connected in more ways than one, and your for doesn't allow for 2 or more choices.** I am part of a group that has been working on this for years, and the community has told us repeatedly, that gbjh is in even worse shape than esdh. Of

3.7  (38 )  
Ranked #213 of 506



**The shovel should have broken ground long ago if our school was truly on schedule as we were told by [REDACTED] several times. It definitely feels like we are not a priority at all!**

**3.7** ★★★★★ (38)   
Ranked #214 of 506



**Since our High School is getting replaced and based on the age of GBJH then financially it makes the most sense to do both at once. Fiscally responsible to the taxpayers and important for the students and community.**

**3.7** ★★★★★ (37)   
Ranked #215 of 506



**As gaetzbrook also needs replacing, combining 7-12 would be ideal if separated by wings. It's makes financial and logistic sense (bussing etc)**

**3.7** ★★★★★ (36)   
Ranked #216 of 506



**It seems like a great idea Why are the forecasts for all schools for a drop in students? seems to be a no brainer to consolidate costs of shrinking schools**

**3.7** ★★★★★ (36)   
Ranked #217 of 506



**Combining the two schools would bring the community together We come from all over and having one school would bring all of the resources together. Allowing for more**

**3.7** ★★★★★ (35)   
Ranked #218 of 506



**Will including both schools in a new building delay the process? We don't want to have to wait even longer to have a new high school.**

**3.7** ★★★★★ (35)   
Ranked #219 of 506



**Grade 7-12 school will offer greater range of experiences and opportunities that students can choose to participate in This is a critical age range for personal and social development and career exploration. The greater range of rich learning experiences the better!**

**3.7** ★★★★★ (34)   
Ranked #220 of 506



**Great idea combining the two schools together. Its done in many other places in NS, other provinces and the US.** Financially it makes sense and completes new infrastructure for all students on the eastern shore, with the new elementary schools which were built.

3.7  (34   
Ranked #221 of 506



**We must get on with building. There seems to be some political motivation for taking so long, and some filibustering by the 'must be in Musquo' club.** We should never be slowed down by small self interest groups.

3.7  (33   
Ranked #222 of 506



**Further work on ESDH is pouring good money after bad.** Combining the 2 schools makes economic sense.

3.7  (31   
Ranked #223 of 506



**Where are the additional funds going to come from? Will ESDH lose out on need speciality spaces to cover extra costs?** The new school needs to have a Skilled Trades lab, a wood shop, dance room, auditorium, gym with seating & science lab space.

3.7  (31   
Ranked #224 of 506



**In terms of what a new school should have, music space must be included.**

3.7  (28   
Ranked #225 of 506



**The combined school would give more teacher-assignment flexibility, with the ability to combine senior and junior high school courseloads** E.g. A math teacher can teach math 10 and math 9 vs having to teach math 10, oceans and human biology.

3.7  (25   
Ranked #226 of 506



**Look at the beautiful new facility in the passage, in sheet harbour, in Musq. Valley. Is there something wrong with us????Get on with it yesterday!**

3.7  (22   
Ranked #227 of 506



why are getting delay, delay delay - lots of schools have jr / sr combined (eg., sacred heart, grammar school

3.7  (22 )  
Ranked #228 of 506



Students should be able to do French and O2 if they wish to do so at the new school. Tight scheduling and limited allocation numbers are not fair to the students. Many students have to choose between both programs instead of exploring.

3.7  (20 )  
Ranked #229 of 506



great idea, both schools must be replaced

3.7  (20 )  
Ranked #230 of 506



Happy that the schools will be replaced. Both schools are old/outdated in need of upgrades. I believe it is more cost effective / efficient to build 1 new large school that to try and update

3.7  (19 )  
Ranked #231 of 506



I think it is important to remember that both GBJH and ESDH students already interact with each other everyday through bussing. Jr. and Sr. High students are already interacting in a much less "censored/controlled" environment...often for over 1hr/day depending on routes

3.7  (19 )  
Ranked #232 of 506



Eastern Shore is also in need of replacing. Combining the two as one new school makes the most sense financially.

3.7  (18 )  
Ranked #233 of 506



Given how long it took to get a BADLY needed replacement for the high school I think we need the consolidation. It's the only way we will get a modern junior high school in this area in our lifetimes.

3.7  (18 )  
Ranked #234 of 506



**Have a community centre built into the school.** This combined Junior High and High School will be the gathering point for many people, it would be great to have a community centre built too.

3.7  (18 )  
Ranked #235 of 506



**Currently the busses are combined for Eastern Shore and Gaetz Brook. The junior high kids are on the bus for a long time.** Consolidating the schools would help this

3.7  (16 )  
Ranked #236 of 506



**GBJH is in need of replacement as well, it only makes sense to build one school to house all grades.** Our schools host small student numbers, therefore combining them into one school would be a good idea.

3.7  (15 )  
Ranked #237 of 506



**How will this impact curriculum, courses offered?** If a merger allowed for more continuity/expanded courses and curriculum opportunities I would see it as a positive.

3.7  (13 )  
Ranked #238 of 506



**Give our students a reason to attend school on the Eastern Shore** A new modern facility will reduce, or eliminate the "bleed" of local student to the newer schools in the urban core of HRM

3.7  (10 )  
Ranked #239 of 506



**These schools needed to be replaced many years ago** Please it doesn't matter where it goes or if it is a consolidation or not just needs to get started.

3.7  (8 )  
Ranked #240 of 506



**Just get digging and building the new school. The delay is inexcusable.** Already multiple years into the process with not even a site selected. Combining the schools was always in the plan. Just get on with it.

3.7  (6 )  
Ranked #241 of 506



**Please have it central the Porters Lake area. A hockey rink attached would be exceptional here as well.** Currently the commute is extremely long. With the jr sr high at porters lake, it would support local business...

3.7  (6   
Ranked #242 of 506



**There is a lot of resistance to the location of the school. It seems everyone wants it close to their house. An impossible task.** The Government just has to pick a spot and build it. Buses will get the kids to school just fine. My ride to school was 50 min. It never bothered me.

3.7  (6   
Ranked #243 of 506



**This process however has been a HUGE waste of time and tax payers money. 2 years and we are no closer to starting construction on the new school.** This is completely outrageous !!! My son is in Grade 6 and will probably not see the new school before he graduates. Unacceptable!!!

3.7  (5   
Ranked #244 of 506



**Depends when this is happening. We want a new high school-for when my daughter will be attending (she is in grade 8 now) if not she wants to go elsewh** We need a new jr high and high- and it needs to be more local area (porters lake, maybe even chezzetcook?)musq is too far for a lot of kids

3.6  (38   
Ranked #245 of 506



**I like the idea of the combined school students will not take so long getting home from the bus after school.** Some of the junior high do not get home until 4:30 because they have to drive to the high-school to pick up the students there which makes for a long day

3.6  (38   
Ranked #246 of 506



**Let's strike while the iron is hot** Do not severely delay the high school by including Gaetz brook. If you think both can be done in a timely manner, please proceed.

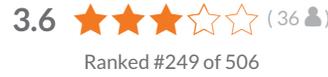
3.6  (38   
Ranked #247 of 506



**Location is crucial and should be weighted with the population. It makes no sense to cater to the squeaky wheels at the expense of the many.** Simple economics make the location important to be close to the largest population center. If this weren't public, it wouldn't even be a debate.



**We are very happy a new school will be built hopefully soon. I am in favour of a 7-12 school and even better would be to include the French school** I would like to see the school more centrally located preferably in Porter's Lake or Chezzetcook as my second choice.



**I agree with combining the two schools**



**concerns about the age gap from grade 7 to 12, but if there is some type of segregation it would support the colocation of the jr and sr high school** It provides the ability to build a school in a cost effective manner with the latest technology and environment to support the students.



**I am a 37 year old breast cancer survivor and I attended both schools as a kid. I know my cancer was not genetic and was environmental.** New buildings will bring the codes up to date and remove the possibility that my kids are exposed to environmental dangers. Like lead in the water



**We prefer a grade 7- 12 school** We feel there would be greater opportunities for cross-cohort interaction, learning and leadership for the positive personal development of students.



**2 wings would definitely be needed. I believe there should be a wing for high school students and one for junior high school students.**



**Sequential arts classes are missing from GBJH and ESDH. Arts teachers can provide experiences that foster creative and in-depth classes for all** In-depth study in the arts fosters critical thinking for everyone. Students need challenges and exciting problems to solve successfully.



**Two birds with one stone, why would we not combine them??** both schools need replacing, and it'd be cheaper to build both at the same time. The water in both schools have failed lead tests, this is needed.



**Both schools are in need of upgraded recreational and sports facilities creating a common recreational facility for both schools is Paramount** Creating a modern recreation/sport Facility utilized by both schools on a campus ground would meet the needs of both schools



**ESDH and Gaetz Brook are in such bad condition and have limited course selections, so I pulled my kids out to attend school in the city.** I would like to see the combined school so that more kids will be able to attend school in their own communities.



**I think this is great idea.** Both schools are quite old and should be replaced. Putting both schools together would offer many possibilities to share facilities/programming.



**I think it's a great idea, important to have students who are comfortable in the building and many are now looking for the stability This may create**



**Agree that the consolidation of GBJH and ESDH is a good idea. Both buildings are in need of replacement.**

3.6  (19   
Ranked #261 of 506



**If a shared school is built their needs to be clear separation from jr high and high school grades. Also 2 gyms or a double sized gym I think its important for the kids developments and Making sure they all have a fair amount of extra curricular activity so they are not fighting spac**

3.6  (18   
Ranked #262 of 506



**The location of the school should be where the greater of the population lives. This would: reduce transport costs, increase access to amenities, allow for students working/doing co-op in the area faster access between school/work**

3.6  (17   
Ranked #263 of 506



**The school should be built to include 2 "student centres" for students for socializing on inclement w days. One for juniors separate from seniors. Students need a place to go indoors. 2 Age groups sharing 1 area leaves younger students vulnerable to older students, but 2 areas help control.**

3.6  (16   
Ranked #264 of 506



**combining schools will mean an economic way to provide top facilities for all students**

3.6  (16   
Ranked #265 of 506



**Bussing is already shared. For those who are concerned about jr and senior high school students being together on busses, it is already that way!!!**

3.6  (15   
Ranked #266 of 506



**Maybe OPA could add 10, 11, 12, for Musquodoboit students**

3.6  (7   
Ranked #267 of 506



**Central commercial area in porters lake.**  
Commutes are shorter.



**Going to Gaetz Brook junior high would be a step back** With schools like O'Connell Drive, Porters Lake, and a new ESDH, students who would attend Gaetz Brook would be stepping back in time for 3 years.



**The vocal minority of the Musq hbr area is simply that. A loud minority of people trying to swing the decision makers with nonsensical arguments.** Don't let the minority sway the decision of location, which is the common sense and logical, fiscally proper decision to be central.



**Why is this process moving backwards, holding up our much needed new school even longer**



**Junior high and high school need to be replaced, build a campus including both.**



**There is definitely a need for a new high school and junior high school in area. Consolidation of a campus like structure would be a great solution.** Designing a campus like structure with two separate schools that utilize a common ground and recreation facility in my opinion would be the best fix



**A campus design with clear areas or 'wings' should be considered to allow some autonomy for the Jr and Sr highs.** There are big differences in the the developmental stages of the gr 7-12. Keeping separate areas will allow the jr and sr to stay mostly separate.



why even "consider" consolidating the two schools, when it should already be automatically decided when Both schools are poorly out dated. Both schools need new sewage and water systems. Schools combined would give better opportunities for students in all aspects of growth and learning.

3.5  (29 )  
Ranked #275 of 506



GBJH needs a new school Consolidating with ESDH is an excellent idea

3.5  (25 )  
Ranked #276 of 506



Will there be two gyms, more laboratories, more technology, etc as there will be now almost double the number of students? If there is only 1 gym, it means that students have less time in that facility. The same will happen with science labs and computer labs, etc.

3.5  (21 )  
Ranked #277 of 506



I myself went to a school from primary to grade 12 and had no issues with this. All the kids were bussed together. The elementary school was separated from the higher grades during break and lunch times which worked.

3.5  (19 )  
Ranked #278 of 506



It is undeniable that GBJH is OLD and its lack of amenities and esthetics can't compare to newer schools. Air quality/natural light should be basic. Merging the 2 schools would benefit SO many kids and provide them a stronger opportunity for success! Not to mention, asbestos is bad for everyone lol

3.5  (18 )  
Ranked #279 of 506



Please consolidate the schools. I prefer the social dynamic of having Jr/Sr high students together. A new facility for all will also be nice.

3.5  (18 )  
Ranked #280 of 506



**I believe the two schools should be consolidated and I feel that it should be placed in a more centralized location (Chezzetcook)** It is important because many kids are on the bus currently for an hour each way. They need a new school and it needs to be in a central location

3.5  (17   
Ranked #281 of 506



**The new combined school should be located in the East Chezzetcook business park** More students come from the Porters Lake Area than Musquodoboit and its location is in the middle of the two

3.5  (17   
Ranked #282 of 506



**Growing up I attended a JR/SR high school, separated by a breezeway but we all utilized the same things, just at different times throughout the day.** Mixed grades and ages helps kids to relate to and work with more people outside of their norm, preparing them more for real life situations!

3.5  (16   
Ranked #283 of 506



**I am done worrying about where the school will be located, at this point the most important, is that it is built somewhere!**

3.5  (16   
Ranked #284 of 506



**I went to a high school in Hants Co. 50+ yrs. ago with Junior Hi attached. Absolutely great for both ....soccer fields badminton , baseball fields . T**

3.5  (16   
Ranked #285 of 506



**Specialty teachers** GBJH students will have access to specialty teacher in upper junior high which may give them a better transition to high school over the OPA students.

3.5  (16   
Ranked #286 of 506



**The JR and SR high kids all travel on the same bus now anyway, and why should one level of education be granted a new facility of another?** Both schools need the upgrade, all our children deserve a new facility, and this gives them all a chance to be a part of something amazing!

3.5  (16   
Ranked #287 of 506



**Good opportunity to save on resources and increase efficiency.**



**"Cafetoriums" fail to provide decent quality performance space and are poorly designed for sight lines and acoustics** A quality auditorium with professional seating, sound and lighting presents an income generating opportunity for the school and community.



**Currently there are no purpose built auditoriums in any recent HRCE schools outside of Halifax.** Performing arts are critical courses for developing creative, empathetic people. These classes must be valued in rural schools as well as urban schools



**I think have the schools combined will offer many opportunities for students.**



**I believe that Porters Lake location would make the most sense population wise. However, any new building is most important!**



**I'm aware that there is some drug use in the high school. How will we address the issue of exposing younger grades to drug and alcohol use?** The younger grades will be looking up to the older students and modeling behavior. We should have a program to address responsible use.



**A 7-12 school is a great idea! Why not provide the most students possible with a new school and better learning conditions?** Many schools successfully house wide age ranges (ie P-9). Buildings can be designed in such a way that students are age-appropriately grouped.



**Makes sense to me to consolidate the schools**

As long as the distance for all of the children is equal and as long as it is cheaper for the tax payer



**A consolidated school may bring back a joining of communities that have been at odds about the physical location of a new high school.** The building itself would have to be well thought out and divided into zones. Much like the old Saint Andrews school was in Halifax.



**Division between age groups and maturity levels, grades 7 to 9 and 10 to 12 should have separate rotational breaks** Due to the maturity level of the students and age groups from grade 7 to 12 there should be a division of the student groups appropriately



**Having a combined grade 7-12 school will be amazing. More opportunities for all students growth and encouragement from all peers. Have a Look at MRHS?** A bigger beautiful combined school for the eastern shore is exactly what we need for our future generations.



**Great idea! Should of been done long ago**



**Main issue here is these kids DESERVE a new school. Consolidate! Location should be nearer to the majority population (Porters Lake/ Chezzetcook).** Musquitoboit no longer makes sense as the hub. Put the school central to the population . Out East population is dwindling. Efficiency and safety are 1!



**It is a great idea to combine these two schools. The Gaetz Brook Junior High is so old and requires many upgrade to it. This will provide a new junior high for our children as part of the new high school . It makes a lot more sense financially for the province as well.**

3.4  (23   
Ranked #301 of 506



**I fully support combining the 2 schools**

3.4  (20   
Ranked #302 of 506



**Off topic, we also need a new recreational centre** Again we are a growing community and our arena is outdated by probably 50 years. East Chezzetcook business park would be a great location

3.4  (20   
Ranked #303 of 506



**I would expect to see double the special-needs rooms and equipment. Because it shared I don't believe we need to join up to save money here.** I realize they will be trying to cut costs where they can by doing this but I really feel that the special-needs need more resources than less

3.4  (19   
Ranked #304 of 506



**Separate school zones for jr and senior students.** Allows students to stay within their age group on a consistant basis.

3.4  (19   
Ranked #305 of 506



**Those concerned about young kids mixed with old, we have young kids 4 and 5 year old in a school with aged up to 14 and 15!** I think you need to rethink about that, are the young kids influenced by older children there? We need a new school. Our kids deserve a new school!

3.4  (19   
Ranked #306 of 506



**Bussing is currently being shared between these schools so to me this is not a new issue** My younger student is definitely exposed to issues that are, and should be older peer issues. I worry that the support is not there to help them cope.

3.4  (18   
Ranked #307 of 506



**Find a suitable location that is closer to Porters Lake given the population density.**  
There are more students towards the Porters Lake area, please find a location that isn't too far out from here.

3.4  (18   
Ranked #308 of 506



**I am in favour of consolidation of both schools. They are both desperately in need of upgrading.** Both schools, have not been maintained, and are far behind the other jr/sr high schools in the area, as well as possessing health hazards.

3.4  (18   
Ranked #309 of 506



**I feel that the jr high and high school should be combined into one new school as it will save money and time in the long run** And will solve two problems at once

3.4  (18   
Ranked #310 of 506



**Think it's great... but separate lunches and free time.** Keep highschool separate from JH

3.4  (18   
Ranked #311 of 506



**Separate the 2 lunches and free time**

3.4  (17   
Ranked #312 of 506



**The Chezzetcook Industrial Park was suggested for a location. I believe this is a good location as it's directly off the highway and plenty of land** The school will service kids from past Musquodoboit Harbour all the way to Lake Echo. It is a far commute from Lake a Echo to Musquodoboit.

3.4  (17   
Ranked #313 of 506



**I went to school in Quebec for high school and we went from 7 to 11 and it was a good experience. I believe the older kids should be made mindful of their impact on the younger students and give them responsibilities to look out for the younger kids gives them a taste at leadership and respect.**

3.4  (13   
Ranked #314 of 506



**Why are you doing this now?** It's was requested twice in the last 2 years

3.4  (5   
Ranked #315 of 506



**Location of the school** The kids in porters lake, the most populated region have to spend over 2 hours a day on a school bus

3.3  (37   
Ranked #316 of 506



**Centralized and easily accessible location** location closer to the majority of the population would be preferably And accessibility off of the highway, either Porters Lake or Chezzetcook

3.3  (34   
Ranked #317 of 506



**Gaetz Brook needs to be replaced almost as badly as ESCH does. It should be a priority.** The population is in Porters Lake. The schools should both be closer to Porters Lake.

3.3  (34   
Ranked #318 of 506



**I think it's a great idea! Both schools are older and need the upgrade, as well as Gaetz Brook already operates as a high school setting.** Putting it in Porters increases business in our economy, cuts down on buses and allows the town to grow with the school to be a better community.

3.3  (34   
Ranked #319 of 506



**Would the course selection in high school met the needs of the students**

3.3  (31   
Ranked #320 of 506



**Perhaps if one building is built** There should be a definitive separation between high school and Jr. high school students so they coexist under one roof but do not mingle in lunch hrs

3.3  (30   
Ranked #321 of 506



**I hope that the new facility will be located in a home community, instead of on the outskirts**  
A school located close to services and businesses benefits community members and students alike.

3.3  (29   
Ranked #322 of 506



**The boundaries are not the same as GBJH does not include students from Musquodoboit Harbour. But ESDH does.** The new ESDH with or without grades 7-9 shouldn't be located any further West than the community of Gaetz Brook . So it's not a long drive

3.3  (27   
Ranked #323 of 506



**Busing should be well thought out** Teenagers need more sleep. It is just as important that they be home at times similar to their parents, i.e., not getting home at 1:30 in afternoon

3.3  (22   
Ranked #324 of 506



**I believe that Gaetz Brooke Junior needs to be replaced. It makes financial sense to consolidate the two school. All of the other schools are new.** We need to consider the impact of one group of students entering this school in grade 7 and another group in grade 10.

3.3  (22   
Ranked #325 of 506



**Combining schools offers an opportunity to teach older students that it is their responsibility to look out for the younger ones (Jr High)** By nurturing our students to be more civic minded, we can hopefully improve our communities as that culture permeates "out" into the wider community

3.3  (21   
Ranked #326 of 506



**Would there be separate wings for 7-9 and 10-12?** Going to jr high is a big enough change as it is. I would want my child in grade 7 separated from the older children,

3.3  (18   
Ranked #327 of 506



**A combined school makes the best sense.**

3.3  (16   
Ranked #328 of 506



**The success of the businesses in Musquodoboit Harbour should not be based on the placement of a high school**

3.3  (16   
Ranked #329 of 506



**I want my children to have a new school before their school years are completed. I am easy going on where it is located. Just please start the . To benefit all the children on the Eastern Shore.**

3.3  (13   
Ranked #330 of 506



**The design of the school** I would expect that the 7-9 are separate from the 10-12 how are they accomplishing that with design?

3.2  (36   
Ranked #331 of 506



**The MH people should stop fretting about keeing it in the Harbour; ESDH was built there when PL was cottage country. The attidue toward "their"locatio ion has boggned the whole process down**

3.2  (31   
Ranked #332 of 506



**Porters Lake is where the population is, and it is growing, unlike areas further east. If the schools are moved to PL, many more kids can walk, bike, or be driven to school, so more bus resources could be put towards improving bussing from further east.**

3.2  (29   
Ranked #333 of 506



**It makes a lot of sense to put a pool facility in Porters Lake. Share the resources more along the Eastern Shore!! There's a rink in MH**

3.2  (28   
Ranked #334 of 506



**Limiting the location will be detrimental** This school system services a lot of children and consideration should be given to outside the current Musquodoboit Harbour area

3.2  (26   
Ranked #335 of 506



**Population growth in Porter's Lake should be considered** Population growth and density across all communities serviced should be assessed to assist with location decisions.

3.2  (26   
Ranked #336 of 506



**How will the grade 7's be separated from the grade 12 students?** The maturity level of grade 12's and grade 7's are greatly different. We don't want our children to grow up to fast these days.

3.2  (18 )  
Ranked #337 of 506



**Doesn't have to be in the harbour** Put it in porters lake

3.2  (17 )  
Ranked #338 of 506



**I believe the junior high kids should have thier own school**

3.2  (17 )  
Ranked #339 of 506



**If you amalgamate Gaetz Brook, consider an after event bus for those who live outside walking distance from high school. Don't disenfranchise them** No one wants kids on long bus rides. Selling feature to grow Porter's Lake.

3.2  (17 )  
Ranked #340 of 506



**There are more kids shipped East to the current location. It makes no sense to ship 300 kids east rather than 100 west, as an example** Therefore, the school should be moved closer to Porters Lake

3.2  (16 )  
Ranked #341 of 506



**ESDH students come from a very wide area and I hope the high school is kept at a central location.** Students that live at the eastern most region of the area already have around an hour bus ride each way to school.

3.2  (15 )  
Ranked #342 of 506



**Where would the new school be located** because I dont want me child to travel for a long time

3.2  (8 )  
Ranked #343 of 506



**I feel that the junior high should be separated from the high school, meaning they should remain separate as they are now I feel that 7,8,9 should not be in a school with the 10,11,12 students**

**3.2** ★★☆☆☆ (7 👤)  
Ranked #344 of 506



**Will students in junior high be separated from high school or is it all shared throughout? To prepare my child for the environment and situations they may encounter with older teens**

**3.1** ★★☆☆☆ (38 👤)  
Ranked #345 of 506



**Make it central! Porters Lake or Chezzetcook. Putting it central to the population only makes fiscal and common sense.**

**3.1** ★★☆☆☆ (36 👤)  
Ranked #346 of 506



**The population is growing in Porters Lake and the population of children is shrinking further east. The schools should be closer to Porters Lake. A lot of gas, time and money is spend shipping students away from the major community to keep the folks in Musquodoboit Harbour happy.**

**3.1** ★★☆☆☆ (36 👤)  
Ranked #347 of 506



**Sharing a campus is a great idea IF the school area was kept very large. Students need space to work, learn, roam, 'hang out' etc.**

**3.1** ★★☆☆☆ (35 👤)  
Ranked #348 of 506



**Anyone who thinks "central" is Porters Lake area, doesn't realize there are students further east than Jeddore. The new school needs to remain in Musquodoboit Harbour to remain anything close to central for the ENTIRE community.**

**3.1** ★★☆☆☆ (34 👤)  
Ranked #349 of 506



**Building a new school closer to the MH rink could provide some more options for space use and students could also walk to the village centre Community-supported and centered schools provide more options for students to follow their interests and dreams**

**3.1** ★★☆☆☆ (34 👤)  
Ranked #350 of 506



**I am for the new schools, my concern is the different age groups crossing**

**3.1** ★★☆☆☆ (34)   
 Ranked #351 of 506



**I do not think the school should be moved out of musquodoboit Harbour**

**3.1** ★★☆☆☆ (33)   
 Ranked #352 of 506



**Majority of the kids are from the Porters Lake area. By putting the school farther from town, this makes it harder for the kids to have employment** Kids being involved in our community shows growth and leadership. Something all children need to be apart of.

**3.1** ★★☆☆☆ (33)   
 Ranked #353 of 506



**My daughter currently rides the bus for an hour each day to and from school. That's two hours of busing which isn't great. With a local school in town, she will have the opportunity to work at a local shop after school to help earn money for education.**

**3.1** ★★☆☆☆ (33)   
 Ranked #354 of 506



**It should be in porters lake area**

**3.1** ★★☆☆☆ (32)   
 Ranked #355 of 506



**The population of the Eastern Shore will continue to grow. A new school should be able to accommodate future growth of our communities.** Musquodoboit Harbour has been designated a Rural Growth Centre under the HRM regional plan.

**3.1** ★★☆☆☆ (31)   
 Ranked #356 of 506



**Anywhere around Chezzetcook. I live in West porters lake, as do lots of people, and that should be considered.** With Porters lake and musquodobit being the biggest population centers, eastern Chezzetcook would be the population centers, meaning less bussing.

**3.1** ★★☆☆☆ (25)   
 Ranked #357 of 506



**Safety is my number one concern. It would be nice for our students to have a space that inspires students learning.** I worry that it will be challenging for younger students to participate and to shine.

3.1  (20 )  
Ranked #358 of 506



**Social aspects as a result of a merger across age groups are a concern.** It is important to maintain separation between the two school groups.

3.1  (19 )  
Ranked #359 of 506



**Location of new school ESDH is one of Musquodoboit Harbours community centres.** It allows access to community events.

3.1  (18 )  
Ranked #360 of 506



**I would like to keep the junior and high school level student in separate schools.** Due to the age differences in the students, I feel it would be a better for the two schools to be separate.

3.1  (17 )  
Ranked #361 of 506



**Junior high and high schools should be separated from one another**

3.1  (15 )  
Ranked #362 of 506



**Well/septic concerns** In a rural area that relies on well/septic, how will they be able to house all the students required in one location without affecting local water.

3.1  (12 )  
Ranked #363 of 506



**The location of the new school would seem to logically be in Gaetz Brook** That would be a compromise for those who want it in Musquodoboit Harbour and fir those who want it in Porters Lake

3.0  (39 )  
Ranked #364 of 506



**What are the cost savings** Location

3.0  (36 )  
Ranked #365 of 506



**East Chezzetcook would be central for the schools location.**

3.0  (34   
Ranked #366 of 506



**Keep ESDH in musquodoboit harbour** It's the heart of the community and is the center point of the feeder system.

3.0  (32   
Ranked #367 of 506



**Politics should not factor into this decision - New schools are great, ESDH grades 9-12 needs to come first and be done well.** The PSP is moving to gr 9-12 - <https://www.ednet.ns.ca/sites/default/files/docs/educationactionplan2015en.pdf> pg 24. [Keep ESDH aligned with the plan](#)

3.0  (30   
Ranked #368 of 506



**The high school needs to stay in Musquodoboit Harbour.** Central for all students.

3.0  (30   
Ranked #369 of 506



**The catchment area is Ship Harbour to Lake Echo. Maybe it's too big of an area for a single facility?** How about a Jr High in Porters Lake, attached to an existing school, and replace ESDH in Musquodoboit Harbour?

3.0  (26   
Ranked #370 of 506



**Musq Hbr community thrives on ESDH. The students support the local businesses during their breaks and lunches.** Moving the school west would devastate the community.

3.0  (22   
Ranked #371 of 506



**My first thought is that it is NOT a good idea** Grade 7 students are very different from grade 12 and should not be mixed in same school. Plus creates a very large school. Smaller is more personal

3.0  (22   
Ranked #372 of 506



**I think you need separation of the 2 schools**

High school kids are into a much different mind frame than junior high kids



**I do not think the 2 schools should be combined**



**I think people are forgetting students come from much further east!! Stay in MH!!**



**Location of school** Being located in the Harbour, the geographic center, allows access to recreation and medical services for our students. Transportation.



**are we not moving away from large institutions for education due to covid19?** Smaller community based schools are better equipped for social distancing in the case of a pandemic.



**I don't feel comfortable with my child attending school with high school kids**



**I think busing in school times should be slightly different as well. That's how it is now I don't see why we would want to change that I believe on the buses is where the most bullying and unseen things take place. Keeping it separate should be a priority**



**That GBJH should be consolidated with PLES and made a P-9 school. Build a new wing on the school for the Jr high. Then a new ESDH could be built in Musquodoboit Harbour in the middle of the catchment area.**



**Consolidation may introduce younger kids to more than they should be (ex: Duncan Macmillan). Please stay in Musq Hbr, it's central for the catchment! See above. It is critical to stay in Musq Hbr, around health, leisure, library/the old school and youth employment.**

3.0  (10 )  
Ranked #381 of 506



**No. PLES should of been built a P-9 school the same as OPA is. And then ESDH could be built in Musquodoboit Harbour in the middle of the catchment zone A wing should be built on to PLES for the Jr High**

3.0  (9 )  
Ranked #382 of 506



**New school location will have to take into consideration where the greater school population comes from and not the distance from the school.**

3.0  (8 )  
Ranked #383 of 506



**Age and maturity of the students Interactions between students in grade 7 which can be as young as 11 and a student in grade 12 which can be 18.**

2.9  (37 )  
Ranked #384 of 506



**School will need a new name and identity that isn't bears or schooners Create a new identity, clean start**

2.9  (37 )  
Ranked #385 of 506



**It would need separate administration**

2.9  (36 )  
Ranked #386 of 506



**Would rather 2 separate new schools. Where else in the HRM are they consolidating Junior and High Schools? Our province let both schools fall into extreme disrepair, made the eastern shore so desperate we'll take consolidated Tired of being an afterthought**

2.9  (36 )  
Ranked #387 of 506



**The HS should remain in Musquodoboit Harbour**

2.9  (35   
Ranked #388 of 506



**I feel that consolidation is not the answer for the entire area. It will only benefit the most western population.** The high school is centrally located and benefits the local area and the students. If moved the travel time for the children east will be excessive.

2.9  (34   
Ranked #389 of 506



**If both schools get combined it still needs to be built in Musquodoboit Harbour. I live in Porters Lake but do not want to see it located here** We need to grow the entire shore, not just Porters Lake.

2.9  (34   
Ranked #390 of 506



**There is a need for 2 new schools** I graduated ESDH in 2003 and we needed a new school then, as does GBJH, but they should be separate schools

2.9  (33   
Ranked #391 of 506



**What I want to know is where the technical review stands with the ESDH site? How will this proposal influence the site selection for ESDH?** By amalgamating the two schools will this not skew the site selection process? Why was this not brought to communities sooner?

2.9  (31   
Ranked #392 of 506



**EECD is currently revising the Public School Program for junior and senior high with grade nine more aligned with high school** New school should be a grade 9-12 model to include OPA and Gaetz Brook. The 9-12 model is where the EECD is heading new school should follow.

2.9  (29   
Ranked #393 of 506



**Consolidation is not a good idea** Due to the large age gap between students in grade 7 through grade 12. Completely different maturity levels

2.9  (27   
Ranked #394 of 506



**The placement for the new Combined school should stay in Musquodoboit harbour. If we lose the school in that area, we lose growth in that community.** Musquodoboit harbour is the middle ground, and that's where the new school should stay. (And I live in PL)

2.9  (27   
Ranked #395 of 506



**The site selection should be considered carefully** Some of our communities depend on the location of the school for survival.

2.9  (23   
Ranked #396 of 506



**This is a cost saving and not in the best interests of the students, increased travel for junior high students**

2.9  (20   
Ranked #397 of 506



**Not in favour of a bigger school .** During a pandemic, perhaps it is a bad idea to combine schools to be bigger. We deserve two new schools- don't settle for one,

2.9  (15   
Ranked #398 of 506



**Singular point of failure** If there is a problem affecting grade 7 (for example) which would shut down the school. Now grades 7-12 are shut down instead of 7-9. Covid, etc.

2.9  (13   
Ranked #399 of 506



**Shared Gym** Less phys Ed time for our students. Unless they are planning on building 2 gymnasiums?!

2.9  (9   
Ranked #400 of 506



**I want us to do whatever gets things started faster** If adding to the building makes us wait another 3 years then I would prefer we do not

2.9  (7   
Ranked #401 of 506



**Leaving Oyster Pond Academy Junior High as being the only feeder school to the high school , would be a disadvantage for these kids** I feel mixing the junior high students with high school students will only lead to more issue with the younger students

2.9  (7   
Ranked #402 of 506



**why does HRCE continue to base the enrolment projection on a database which does not include seven lakes (600 units) or Nature Ridge (100+)?** When esdh and GBJH were built, Porter's Lake was cottage country. Not any more!

2.9  (7 )  
Ranked #403 of 506



**studies suggesting that combination of aged students is beneficial to educational growth I worry about Jr. High and High School aged students being in close proximity**

2.9  (5 )  
Ranked #404 of 506



**My only concerns would be the influence of the older students too the younger and the number of students housed within the school.**

2.8  (39 )  
Ranked #405 of 506



**There is a perfect site for both to be together**  
We have a community that will support a combined jr. high-high school in Musquodoboit Harbour

2.8  (35 )  
Ranked #406 of 506



**An addition could be added to the new school in Porters Lake to house Junior high similar to OP Academy and centralize the HS in the current area.** This would solve all issues and satisfy the whole area not just the western population.

2.8  (34 )  
Ranked #407 of 506



**Location change?** Would the location change to a more populated area vs keeping it central to eastern shore communities (increasing commute for the students further east

2.8  (29 )  
Ranked #408 of 506



**ESDH was built in 1965 and Gaetz Brook in 1979**  
While Gaetz Brook is old, it isn't even on the Capital  
Projects list -

[https://www.ednet.ns.ca/sites/default/files/docs/2019-2024\\_capital\\_plan\\_en.pdf](https://www.ednet.ns.ca/sites/default/files/docs/2019-2024_capital_plan_en.pdf)

2.8 ★★☆☆☆ (28 👤)  
Ranked #409 of 506



**It's amazing and we need a new school but I don't believe that it should be moved farther than musquodoboit harbour in each direction.**  
It is located in the middle. If it's moved towards porters lake the bus times will be too long for our children from the east

2.8 ★★☆☆☆ (28 👤)  
Ranked #410 of 506



**One reason to keep the high school in Musquodoboit Harbour is that at that age, it is important to start integrating young adults into the broader com**

2.8 ★★☆☆☆ (26 👤)  
Ranked #411 of 506



**The oyster pond children will feel left out and not wanted. I traveled to gbjh from ship harbour in the 80s and it was one hour drive one way. Makes IT a very long day.**

2.8 ★★☆☆☆ (26 👤)  
Ranked #412 of 506



**Please consider the students traveling from east of ESDH when deciding on a location on the new school. Esdh is centrally located, don't move westward** Some student already travel an hr to get to esdh from our farthest eastern border. Moving the school west is unfair to those children.

2.8 ★★☆☆☆ (23 👤)  
Ranked #413 of 506



**Students from OPA will not be in the school in grade 7.** OPA students are already fewer than GBJH students. If they are not at ESDH until grade 10, they will possibly feel more like outsiders.

2.8 ★★☆☆☆ (21 👤)  
Ranked #414 of 506



Both Gaetz brook and eastern shore schools are not safe for our kids. I don't think the new school should be in the harbour though.

2.8  (20 )  
Ranked #415 of 506



OPA students entering the high school three years after GBJH students. OPA students are currently outnumbered by GBJH students when entering grade 10. They feel like outsiders. This will only be worse.

2.8  (20 )  
Ranked #416 of 506



Placement of the school is important and i think it should stay close to where ESDH is already due to easy access to the library as well as stores Its important for the students to have those accesses

2.8  (19 )  
Ranked #417 of 506



Keep them separate

2.8  (18 )  
Ranked #418 of 506



I do not think they should combined

2.8  (15 )  
Ranked #419 of 506



The location needs to stay in musquodoboit harbour It is the "family of schools" it's where it's always been and where it belongs

2.8  (13 )  
Ranked #420 of 506



"Minority" does not mean unimportant people...it should stay in MH-that is what is equitable for all, students east to west. Of course there will be less feedback than in PL by numbers...but staying in MH is most fair for all re: bussing times.

2.8  (12 )  
Ranked #421 of 506



I really think it should be two different schools

2.8  (7 )  
Ranked #422 of 506



**GBJH should have its own school built.**

2.8  (6 )  
Ranked #423 of 506



**The school needs to remain in Musquodoboit Harbour so that it remains central to our communities.** Moving it further west is defeating the purpose of having a school easily accessible to the students and community.

2.7  (36 )  
Ranked #424 of 506



**Consolidation could organize the fragmented school zone that brings some together in Jr high while others stay at OPA until high school.** Isolating OPA students from their peers is socially irresponsible.

2.7  (35 )  
Ranked #425 of 506



**While I think there definitely needs to be a new junior high, I don't think younger teens should go to school with almost adults.** They are impressionable and would be likely to copy what the older students are doing, if partying, drugs, drinking, having sex.

2.7  (35 )  
Ranked #426 of 506



**Safety, security and influence should be considered 12-14 yos are already exposed to enough in Jr. High.** Putting them with much older kids, who have access to more things, seems irresponsible.

2.7  (34 )  
Ranked #427 of 506



**Build an addition to Porters Lake elementary for grades 7-9.**

2.7  (33 )  
Ranked #428 of 506



**It leaves oyster pond academy out of all that is happening at the junior high level. Also it makes travel much longer for anyone coming from the east.** We are a big community and you are forgetting the children east of the schools. You are forgetting the distance they will need to travel.

2.7  (33 )  
Ranked #429 of 506



What is going on here. This process is not in good faith. Something is very wrong

2.7  (30)   
 Ranked #430 of 506



Running after school programs and extra courses would be difficult with so many students and not even staff. Having double plus the students would be hard on some activities if there is too much interest or not enough staff to volunteer there time.

2.7  (28)   
 Ranked #431 of 506



Oyster pond academy needs to be included on this list as our children will be attending the new high school as well

2.7  (26)   
 Ranked #432 of 506



do not build it along the side of the #7, next to traffic and fast food outlets (ie., the Harbour)

2.7  (26)   
 Ranked #433 of 506



There should have been a choice for multiple schools as a choice as I have students in all three. Because the creation of this school will affect my family for years to come

2.7  (19)   
 Ranked #434 of 506



Although clear wings make sense, do they actually work? From my own experience, the schools are fairly separate for the first few years and then the separation gets less and less.

2.7  (18)   
 Ranked #435 of 506



I think junior high and high school should not be consolidated. Kids are forced to grow up too fast. This is a bad idea all around.

2.7  (18)   
 Ranked #436 of 506



To many young children mixed with older crowd, behaviors, drama, smoking, drugs.

2.7  (18)   
 Ranked #437 of 506



**Its is too long to be in the same school , too many years , they need a change so they can grow and change mentally**

2.7  ( 16  )  
Ranked #438 of 506



**I think it's a good idea - it makes sense based on enrolment. However I would like to make sure younger students are kept separate from older ones** Our children need a school they are proud of , with modern facilities. If this doesn't happen it may take another 20+years to replace GBJH

2.7  ( 15  )  
Ranked #439 of 506



**Traveling distance** I don't what my children on a bus any longer then they have to be. Moving it further to the porters lake area isn't keeping it in its home

2.7  ( 14  )  
Ranked #440 of 506



**I dont like that opa goes to grade 9 yet gbjh students start at highschool in grd 7. Build 2 seperate schools**

2.7  ( 11  )  
Ranked #441 of 506



**Why is Oyster Pond Academy not a consideration?** It's not fair for those students to join in grade 10

2.7  ( 11  )  
Ranked #442 of 506



**The school should ONLY be a High School. Gaetz Brook should NOT be included but on its own.** Because Junior High students and High school students have two different agendas. High School students are older and very different level mentally

2.7  ( 8  )  
Ranked #443 of 506



**GBJH is isolated; so is OPA but GB is by itself.** Young teens need older and younger kids nearby to model for and to follow. This makes a community.

2.7  ( 5  )  
Ranked #444 of 506



**What about OPA students?** They should all start the high school experience together throughout all connected schools

2.6  (38   
Ranked #445 of 506



**Still not sure where the school is being built, I feel the harbor with access to the local stores and the rink is still the best for the students and community**

2.6  (37   
Ranked #446 of 506



**Combine the jr high and high school but do it right. Put in the Harbour. Plan it as a community based and focused centre.** The youth need better buildings and also better services, richer experiences, and more joy.

2.6  (35   
Ranked #447 of 506



**I understand the view from business side but when you really think about the kids and how mental health is at such a high already. jr high kids on their own feel independent. Jr high students with high schoolers. It might make a child who might thrive in grade 7 lose confidence..**

2.6  (35   
Ranked #448 of 506



**I don't like the idea of the Jr High consolidating with the new high school.** Before moving here, we had considered Mt Uniacke, but their school is P-12, which gave me bad vibes. I feel the same here re: 12 yos & 18yos together

2.6  (33   
Ranked #449 of 506



**it won't work. that's too many kids in one building also we learned from other schools that having grade 7's in with grade 12's just wouldn't work. it's why they made the jr. high in the first place.**

2.6  (33   
Ranked #450 of 506



**Not a good idea !**

2.6  (32   
Ranked #451 of 506



**Some cons for the students of OPA who will join the new school in grade 10 after the other students have been there already for 3 years**  
More beneficial to have all the eastern shore high school students start high (new) school fresh at the same time

2.6  (32   
Ranked #452 of 506



**I don't think it's a good idea. Younger kids at the highschool will be exposed to a greater access to drugs/partying earlier.** Kids coming from OPA are already isolated and now will be even more so now coming to a new school where others their age have been there for 3-4 years

2.6  (30   
Ranked #453 of 506



**Jr High aged teens should not be lumped into the same school as High School aged teens. This is an important period for them to have a safe place for transitioning from kids to teens.** It's when they're finding themselves and experimenting and shouldn't be influenced by 16-18 year age group.

2.6  (27   
Ranked #454 of 506



**Why are we considering this. ESDH location is first and foremost. GBJH is a seprate issue**

2.6  (26   
Ranked #455 of 506



**Bigger is not better** One of the great things about living on the Shore is the small community. Knowing your classmates. Students get lost in a school of 600.

2.6  (20   
Ranked #456 of 506



**No one wants to see a school close and move to a new community. Students come and go, but the school is a part of the fabric of the MH village, and has been for a long time.** That's the hardest part of the process, it's like a double edged sword! New school, but maybe in a new area.

2.6  (19   
Ranked #457 of 506



I think there are large differences in maturity and age between Junior High and High School students. You would be mixing children with adult aged students.

2.6  (17 )  
Ranked #458 of 506



I'm not okay with a junior high/high school colaberation. I feel junior high students are at a far lower level of social maturity than high school kid

2.6  (15 )  
Ranked #459 of 506



Same

2.6  (13 )  
Ranked #460 of 506



Terrible idea!

2.6  (9 )  
Ranked #461 of 506



ESDH should be

2.6  (6 )  
Ranked #462 of 506



School should be in Musquodoboit Harbour which is at a halfway point.

2.6  (6 )  
Ranked #463 of 506



I think it should be two different school because high school are older and more advance then the younger kids

2.6  (5 )  
Ranked #464 of 506



The current school boundary for Gaetz Brook does not include students from Musquodoboit Harbour who are bussed a significant distance to Oyster Pond. Bussing students are a daily cost to tax payers so will all school boundaries in the area be reviewed.

2.6  (5 )  
Ranked #465 of 506



**I believe that the OPA junior high kids should be included in the school...they deserve to join the school at the same time as the other schools!!**

2.5  (38   
Ranked #466 of 506



**OPA students will be behind on the peer relationships if join in grade 10 Psychosocial development**

2.5  (38   
Ranked #467 of 506



**I dont think junior high students and high school students should be in the same school.** Junior high students are trying to figure out how they fit in and throwing high school students in the mix will not help junior high students to figure things out

2.5  (34   
Ranked #468 of 506



**I think it's a bad idea to have 7-12 together. Thinking back to about highschool those years were pressure by relationshis and partying.** I don't think it's a good idea to have young teens mixed with actual teenagers during the years that they deserve to enjoy being young without pressure

2.5  (34   
Ranked #469 of 506



**Building a joint school in the Harbour is simply the right thing to do. Community matters. Access to local matters.** Schools are third spaces for the communities. If in a remote location, the way to access them is through dropoff and pickup. Underuse undercuts.

2.5  (33   
Ranked #470 of 506



**I don't think it's needed, there is a beautiful school, Oyster Pond Academy, that takes primary to 9** It would take the numbers from that school and I also think ESDH should stay in the area it is in walking distance for the students to eat and work

2.5  (32   
Ranked #471 of 506



**Whatis going on here? This process is not in good faith.**

2.5  (31   
Ranked #472 of 506



**Grades 7-12 should not be put together. Kids need to be kids for longer not shorter.** This is forcing kids to grow up too fast and be exposed to things that they shouldn't be exposed to until they're maturity level is ready for it.

2.5  (27   
Ranked #473 of 506



**I don't think the high school and Jr high should not be mixed. Between the uncontrolled bullying and the drugs at the high school** Adding OPA to already set in classmates would worsen the bullying to new student. Mixing OPA and Esdh at least they have some common ground in a new school

2.5  (27   
Ranked #474 of 506



**Bussing** Students coming from Clam Bay, the most eastern of the students, will be required much longer buss drives if the school is moved to the geographic.

2.5  (19   
Ranked #475 of 506



**Quality of research question - you should have a star pertaining to " don't know ". You are forcing respondents to answer when they don't want to.**

2.5  (19   
Ranked #476 of 506



**I'd prefer my kids with more their own age and seeing how the older grades go** I personally feel having young children in primary mixed with junior high more concerning than hui

2.5  (16   
Ranked #477 of 506



**Kids need to be a part of their community** Long bus rides disconnect kids from their community

2.5  (6   
Ranked #478 of 506



**Let the high school stand alone** Just fix the issues at Gaetz Brook school is seriously a dump

2.4  (39   
Ranked #479 of 506



**I would still like to see the junior high school and senior high school kept separate.**

2.4 ★★☆☆☆ (38 👤)  
Ranked #480 of 506



**If the school gets located further West, ie Porters Lake I do not want to see the boundaries to change in Lake Echo. Do not want Lake Echo coming east**

2.4 ★★☆☆☆ (33 👤)  
Ranked #481 of 506



**Location will be a big and potentially divisive challenge, as is the idea of combining students from grades 7-12 How about replacing ESDH in Musquodoboit Harbour, and adding a JR High wing on to a PL school?**

2.4 ★★☆☆☆ (25 👤)  
Ranked #482 of 506



**Age gap** Last thing wanted is 18-20 year olds dating 11 year olds. Or vaping together. Even separate wings they will find each other to hang out. 2 new schools

2.4 ★★☆☆☆ (22 👤)  
Ranked #483 of 506



**ESDH economic impact on a community** Families rely on ESDH for business in the community. These employ many families. This again will disadvantage families in this area.

2.4 ★★☆☆☆ (18 👤)  
Ranked #484 of 506



**11 year old should not be going to school with 18+ year olds** Developmentally they are in very different stages. They should be separate. Our children deserve separate schools.

2.4 ★★☆☆☆ (12 👤)  
Ranked #485 of 506



**Consider implications on neighbouring jr high.** Quality programming for oyster pond. Competing for teachers within small community, integration for opa students in grade 10

2.4 ★★☆☆☆ (9 👤)  
Ranked #486 of 506



**Sorry, both thoughts were included in first one.**

2.4 ★★☆☆☆ (9 👤)  
Ranked #487 of 506



**The proper safety of the youngest students being in a school with much older students.**  
Students entering in Grade 7 would usually be 11 or 12 years old, while those entering Grade 12 would be 16 or 17 years old. That can be risky.

2.4 ★★☆☆☆ (6 👤)  
Ranked #488 of 506



**Consolidate and keep the school in the Harbour**

2.3 ★★☆☆☆ (39 👤)  
Ranked #489 of 506



**No Grade 7's should not be at a school with grade 12's the gap is too large kids grow up too fast is that is a disaster waiting to happen**

2.3 ★★☆☆☆ (37 👤)  
Ranked #490 of 506



**Really dislike this plan Don't want my younger kids influenced by the habits of the older too many issues in this area**

2.3 ★★☆☆☆ (37 👤)  
Ranked #491 of 506



**Who would be the principal of the new school They would have a large impact on a such a large group of children**

2.3 ★★☆☆☆ (35 👤)  
Ranked #492 of 506



**Since Marine Drive Academy has blue for its school colour, a great suggestion for Eastern Shore would be dark violet and copper. Violet: the color of imagination, combining the strength of GBJH red and the integrity of ESDH integrity blue. Copper: determined and accomplished.**

2.3 ★★☆☆☆ (18 👤)  
Ranked #493 of 506



**Consolidation is cheaping out! You can't include 12 year olds with 18 year olds and think its ok. This is stupid**

2.3 ★★☆☆☆ (9 👤)  
Ranked #494 of 506



**Will a change result in a feat for the ESDH replacement?** ESDH is on the province's capital plan and should not be build as scheduled.

2.3 ★★☆☆☆ (6 👤)  
Ranked #495 of 506



**No Separate high school**

2.2 ★★☆☆☆ (39 👤)  
Ranked #496 of 506



**This is too large of an age and maturity gap**  
Kids of these ages should not be mixed

2.2 ★★☆☆☆ (39 👤)  
Ranked #497 of 506



**This most likely will not effect us as our last child at home willbe near the end if their school journey.**

2.2 ★★☆☆☆ (37 👤)  
Ranked #498 of 506



**Should certainly s Taylor in Musquodoboit Harbour.**

2.2 ★★☆☆☆ (34 👤)  
Ranked #499 of 506



**More opportunities? Doesn't seem like it.**  
Highschool has different courses if we want more course selection needs to combine with a highschool. Combining with jr high will stretch teachers.

2.2 ★★☆☆☆ (21 👤)  
Ranked #500 of 506



**What is going on here.TThis process is not in good faith.The truth will come out.**

2.1 ★★☆☆☆ (30 👤)  
Ranked #501 of 506



**Don't do it All the above**

2.0 ★★☆☆☆ (37 👤)  
Ranked #502 of 506



**Personally, it's too big of a leap** GBJH is very close to our home. He'll want to ride his bike there when he's old enough. The HS will likely be too far for him to bike to school.

1.9 ★☆☆☆☆ (35)   
 Ranked #503 of 506



**Nothing else** Nothing more

1.8 ★☆☆☆☆ (37)   
 Ranked #504 of 506



**No need to worry about jumor**

1.6 ★☆☆☆☆ (17)   
 Ranked #505 of 506



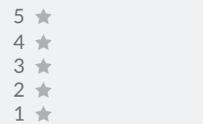
**That's my only concern**

1.6 ★☆☆☆☆ (14)   
 Ranked #506 of 506



**As a parent of students who enter ESDH from OPA, I wonder why they/we were not included in this forum? All students who are part of this new building will be a part of building the school culture. By leaving the OPA kids out here you are excluding them.**

0.0 ☆☆☆☆☆ (0)   
 Not enough ratings to rank



**Location, accessibility , fire prevention,construction parameters , pre-prepared land ,excess ability , further expansion, low traffic congestion safe** All of the above , give indication for location, for availability and safety for students ,traffic, parking, and immediate fire control pre-existence.

3.4 ★★★★★ (2)   
 Not enough ratings to rank



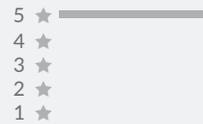
**Opportunity to replace both schools at one time. Possibly provide the community with additional recreation space (ie rink, pool, park etc). The current buildings are old and in terrible shape. They need to be replaced.**

3.8 ★★★★★ (3)   
 Not enough ratings to rank



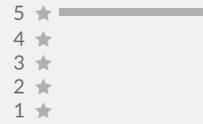
**Please include Gaetz Brook School for the betterment of the area and opportunities for our students.**

3.8  (3 )  
Not enough ratings to rank



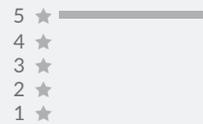
**Please combine the 2 Get it going now**

3.8  (3 )  
Not enough ratings to rank



**The people from the harbour keep taking about "the aquifer" as a solution to water problems** They dot seem to realize the fact that there would be enormous costs to the community of MH to connect to the so called aquifer, which also is located

3.6  (2 )  
Not enough ratings to rank



**Would bus systems pick up all children (k-12)? School starts at the same time for everyone?** Considering the smaller size of the community, I think it is reasonable to put all children together. Maybe different wings of the school per grade.

3.8  (3 )  
Not enough ratings to rank



**I wonder if you were to decide between the 2 locations - ESDH or GBJH- on which site to build, which one would be better for the community.** I think GBJH is the better site because there is more flat land. The parking lot is better and a more centralized location.

3.3  (4 )  
Not enough ratings to rank



**WATER: seriously, this is a no-brainer. The aquifer has good water, year round and it's close to the village centre.** Given the issues around lead, manganese, etc. , easy to solve!

3.0  (4 )  
Not enough ratings to rank



**On the issue of water: The Harbour has a perfectly good aquifer that could service the consolidated school** The water is available and this is going to prove to be the cheapest long-term solution of any. More so than lead pipes!

2.6  (3 )  
Not enough ratings to rank



**There would need to be serious consideration of the physical layout and access to programs** I agree 12 year olds and 18 year olds are not on the same cognitive level and have vastly different needs

3.0  (3 )  
Not enough ratings to rank



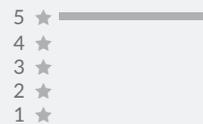
**There are not enough arts-based or performance opportunities for any of the students in the family of schools.** Research shows participation in the arts, including performance, impacts text scores, attendance, engagement. The Shore is full of talent.

3.4  (3 )  
Not enough ratings to rank



**Each of the schools in the family of schools has its own challenges; the building of a community-based physical plant would provide more opportunities**

3.9  (4 )  
Not enough ratings to rank



**GBJH has a history of problems: social and physical plant** The students who come to ESDH from GBJH vs those from OPA are out of sync and step with each other. This makes for a difficult HS culture.

3.2  (4 )  
Not enough ratings to rank



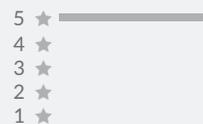
**That the consolidation should take place** Gaetz Brook junior high is in need of repair not only in terms of the physical building, but also the school culture

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Not enough ratings to rank



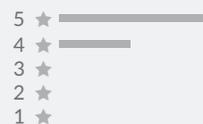
**There should be a jr / sr high** Both schools need replacement

3.6  (2 )  
Not enough ratings to rank



**Ensure there are spaces for mixing and mingling.** Too often the emphasis for teens is on using computers or phones for communication. They need spaces to sit and talk and read.

3.6  (3 )  
Not enough ratings to rank



**Location and parking** Don't skimp on parking in the misguided belief everyone will walk or ride buses or bicycles to school.

3.8  (4 )  
Not enough ratings to rank



**The name.** Please don't name the school after any person or group, living or dead. No one is able to see any person as human, flaws and all, these days.

3.0  (4 )  
Not enough ratings to rank



**The new high school should have new and a variety of assets.** The new school has to meet the needs of the area, which is growing. There should also be facilities like a swimming pool and trades classes.

3.4  (2 )  
Not enough ratings to rank



**This will slow down an already slow process.** The old high school is in poor shape and should be replaced as quickly as possible without further delays.

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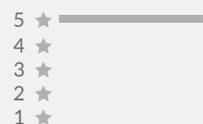
**I'm curious if there are other grade 7-12 schools and if there is a successful system for merging the two age groups**

3.4  (3 )  
Not enough ratings to rank



**I went to both GBJH and ESDH as a young person and they were in need of many upgrades 30 years ago** Our children deserve an upgraded, healthy environment for learning

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Not enough ratings to rank



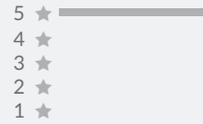
**We do need a new Junior High School too, and I would like the site to be in Musquodoboit Harbour, within the community and not on an isolated site.** We need both a new HS and JH for our students to ensure they have basics like safe drinking water and learning facilities in which they can take pride.

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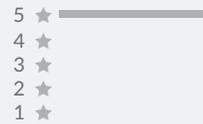
**I think it should be a 7-12 facility, ensuring there is separation between the junior and senior high experiences.**

3.8  (3   
Not enough ratings to rank



**The importance of our children having access to a modern and safe facility with up to date technology for learning.**

3.8  (3   
Not enough ratings to rank



**It's important that the infrastructure is updated** Both schools and the community would benefit from this project!

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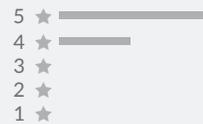
**With the age and more important the condition of the junior and high schools the new building must be started sooner rather than later** student safety and convince

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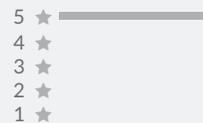
**Safety is a major concern for teachers and students** both GBJH and ESDH have had water issues for years and not to mention air quality. Given the age of the schools most likely there is asbestos.

3.6  (3   
Not enough ratings to rank



**I think this is a great idea, I fully support the consolidation.** I attended both GBJH and ESDH while growing up and they are long overdue to be replaced. I want my children to have a better facility than I had.

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Not enough ratings to rank



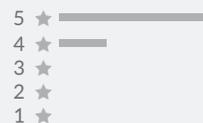
**I would like to see both school put together. I went to a school that ways from grades 7-12 I really don't see the need for two different building**

3.0  (4   
Not enough ratings to rank



**Both schools MUST be replaced. Given the number of student on the shore consolidation makes sense** Our Eastern Shore students deserve to have the same quality of schools as other students in the HRCE. They don't at the moment. Sad state of affairs.

3.8  (4   
Not enough ratings to rank



**GBJH is just as desperate as the HS for a new building. Not necessarily in the same building but it is needed. They also need a place to be outdoors** Social interaction is just as important and there needs to be a space - not just a cafeteria or field but a common ground - a safe relaxation space

3.7  (4 )  
Not enough ratings to rank



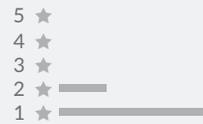
**The new island view school is so inspiring. Location and open interiors are something we need to model our school after. With Pandemic minded learning** My fear of blending the two schools now has nothing to do with socializing but to do with funding. Will the high schools budget decrease now adding JH

3.3  (3 )  
Not enough ratings to rank



**This tactic is smoking mirrors. Stay with the original statement, replacement of ESDHS in Musquodoboit Harbour.** It's the backbone of our community.

2.2  (4 )  
Not enough ratings to rank



**ESDH replacement should be built where the**

2.3  (4 )  
Not enough ratings to rank

