



January 14, 2019

Good morning Principals and SAC Chairs,

The following information is being sent to all SACs across the province. Three of the five items are reminders of things previously shared with SACs (policy consultation, updating SAC Agreements, and providing feedback on the draft handbook). Two items are new – #2 the expression of interest for anyone interested in participating in an in-person consultation regarding bussing and #3 the application to become the next parent rep on the Council to Improve Classroom Conditions.

1. **Share feedback on draft Extracurricular Supervision Policy** (date extended to **January 31, 2019**)
 - Please provide feedback through the following survey:
 - **English:** <https://goo.gl/forms/yIzVBXPLNQncArUG2>
 - **French:** <https://goo.gl/forms/EgFOCJSVrvPprKCD2>
 - Reminder – a gnsps account required to access the survey must be completed by the principal.
2. **Expression of interest to participate in an in-person consultation regarding improvements to the public school bus system** (deadline **January 31, 2019**)
 - Government wants to hear from parents, guardians and other stakeholders, including SACs, as it prepares to make improvements to the public school bus system. An online survey was available in November and December for parents, guardians, and educators to provide input. In-person conversations have also been taking place with a variety of stakeholder groups.
 - The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development is looking to bring together a group of SAC members from across the province to participate in an in-person consultation regarding improvements to the public school bus system. This consultation will take place in late February or early March (**date TBD**).
 - SAC members interested in participating are asked to contact Kristen Tynes (Kristen.tynes@novascotia.ca) by **January 31**. Please provide your name, contact information, and the name of your school.
- **Application to become the next Parent Rep on the Council to Improve Classroom Conditions** (deadline **February 3, 2019**)
 - Online application forms available here:
 - **English** - <https://www.ednet.ns.ca/classroomcouncil/interest-interit-parent>
 - **French** - <https://www.ednet.ns.ca/fr/classroomcouncil/interest-interit-parent>
 - The successful candidate will be contacted prior to the Council's February meeting.
4. **Feedback on draft handbook** (due **April 1, 2019**)
 - Please provide feedback to stomie@hrce.ca
5. **Updating School Advisory Council Agreements** (**due by April 1, 2019**)
 - Once signed, your principal can submit to the Supervisor.

Thank you,

Susan Tomie

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