

December 21, 2018

Good day families,

As we have now concluded our first ThoughtExchange online conversation as part of our review of feeder zones for the Holy Spirit High and Mount Pearl Senior High school systems, we want to share a report on the results with you.

Through ThoughtExchange, the District invited participants to share thoughts and rate the thoughts of others. As you know, this review is required due to enrolment pressures anticipated in a number of schools within both systems, and the opening of a new intermediate school in Paradise, expected to open in the 2020-21 school year. Some great thoughts and ideas were shared among those who chose to actively engage in the process.

We hear what you are telling us, and we are committed to providing options for the next phase of consultation that are attuned to the community's values. It should be noted that, while many people shared their desire to see a high school in Paradise, that decision is outside the scope of this process. As noted in the Information Booklet available on the School Review website, in 2014 the District asked the Provincial Government for a new intermediate and high school for Paradise. While Budget 2016 deferred a high school for Paradise indefinitely, an intermediate school was announced in 2017. For the purposes of this process, we will be interpreting any comments focused on a new high school as valuing a student's proximity to their school and potential daily travel/transportation distances.

All information gathered will help us develop options for public consideration on which students will feed into the new intermediate school in Paradise, and help guide planning initiatives. With that in mind, please review the results website developed for our exchange here:

<http://nlesd.thoughtexchange.info/december-2018/>

As always, complete information on this School Review process is available on the District's website:

<https://www.nlesd.ca/schools/schoolreview/2018/system-hsh-mpsh.jsp>

Thank you for engaging in this process and we look forward to our next steps in the new year.

Regards,



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