

November 28, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The Board of Trustees of the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District has undertaken a review of the school attendance zones for both East Point Elementary and Mary Queen of Peace Elementary. This process included discussion with the school administrations and school councils, a public information session, and submissions of feedback from the school communities.

At the November 25th, 2017 meeting of the Board, the following motion was passed:

WHEREAS the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District is committed to providing the best possible educational programs for students; and,

WHEREAS change of catchment zone is required to achieve that objective;

BE IT RESOLVED that:

The catchment zones for Mary Queen of Peace and East Point Elementary be realigned so that East Point Elementary's Exclusive Family Responsibility Zone, with the exception of Gregory Street, Lucyrose Lane, and Gerard Place, attends East Point Elementary, effective September 2018.

These modified student attendance zones are essentially what was referred to as Option 2 during the consultation process, and makes areas within the 1.6 kilometres family responsibility zone the attendance zone of East Point Elementary. Residents of Gregory Street, Lucyrose Lane, and Gerard Place are excluded and will continue to be zoned to attend Mary Queen of Peace Elementary.

For those families who reside in the rezoned area interested in availing of the 'Opt Out' provision to transfer back to Mary Queen of Peace, information will be available later in the school year. It is important to note that the 'Opt Out' provision only applies to those students currently enrolled or registered to attend Mary Queen of Peace in the newly rezoned area. Those students registering to commence Kindergarten in 2019 or any new registrants to the area are now zoned to attend East Point Elementary. Currently, enrolled Early French Immersion (EFI) students will remain at Mary Queen of Peace Elementary.

Busing will be provided to those students in the rezoned areas currently registered in Early French Immersion. New EFI students outside the Mary Queen of Peace Elementary catchment who enter the system after 2018-19 school year would not be eligible for busing, and may apply for courtesy seating. This includes siblings of currently enrolled students. English stream students who opt out of changing schools from Mary Queen of Peace Elementary to East Point Elementary (see Opt-Outs above) would not qualify for busing.

The new attendance zone is available to be viewed on the District website (www.nlesd.ca).

The Board of Trustees would like to thank all members of the school community who provided their feedback throughout the process and also to the school councils and administrations of both schools for their invaluable contributions.

Should you have any questions about the new student attendance zones effective September 2018, please contact your school administration.

Sincerely,



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