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Office of the Minister
C/O Janet Vivian Walsh
Deputy Minister
Department of Education and
Early Childhood
Development
P. O. Box 8700
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Dear Ms. Vivian Walsh:

Please find attached the capital request list for the Newfoundland and Labrador English School Board for the 2015-2016 school year. At a School Board Executive meeting held, December 3, 2015, the Newfoundland and Labrador English School Board passed the following motion:

Motion: *That the Executive Committee, on behalf of the Board, accept the Capital Priorities list as tabled including the attached rankings, with leave for District management to make modification in consultation with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Education.*

With respect to previously approved requests from the four predecessor Boards, we are highly appreciative that the capital request process has resulted in new state of the art facilities in 2015 for our students of Waterford Valley High School (St. John's) and William Gillet Academy (Charlottetown). We are equally pleased with the extensive renovations and extensions at Corner Brook Intermediate (Corner Brook), Exploits Valley High (Grand Falls -Windsor), and Roncalli Elementary (St. John's).

The Board is encouraged that the construction of new infrastructure in Conception Bay South, Gander, Paradise, Portugal Cove-St. Philip's, and Torbay are all progressing. We also note that there is progress towards developing new or improved infrastructure in Bay Roberts, Conception Bay South, Gander, Mount Pearl, Paradise, St. John's and Witless Bay. Further, there are numerous schools that are being improved in association with the implementation of full-day Kindergarten in 2016. This is an impressive list and we appreciate the Department's continued commitment to the students of Newfoundland and Labrador.

The submission for this year highlights emerging needs based on student population requirements and improved organizational effectiveness. Please note that the renovation of the former G.C. Rowe in Corner Brook into a modern K-6 facility was not included in this submission as it is a previously approved project. However, funding must be authorized for this in order to proceed with the project, which will result in some long-term savings with the reduction in neighboring K-6 infrastructure.

The Capital Priorities list has prioritized groupings of one, two and three. Within those prioritized groupings a further ranking has been included. However, the Board submits that all items listed in Priority 1 require approval regardless of ranking in order to meet significant demographic and infrastructure pressures in the immediate future.

Should you wish to discuss, please contact me or Darrin Pike.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Milton Peach', with a stylized flourish at the end.

MILTON PEACH

Chair



Newfoundland and Labrador English School District 15 - 16 Prioritized Capital Requests

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School	Description	Estimate	Classification	Rationale	Priority	Rank
Grand Falls-Windsor	Classroom extension to Sprucewood (assured) and the former Regional Office (pending review)	\$2,000,000	Extension & renovations	Millcrest approaching end of life - significant savings to be achieved via school closure; former Regional Office reopening as school	1	1
St. Teresa's	FDK extension	\$1,000,000	Extension	Population pressures	1	2
Labrador Coastal Housing	Replacement of a condemned housing unit in Black Tickle	\$300,000	New facility construction	Community requires replacement of unit used to house teachers. Housing is a critical need for teacher recruitment and retention.	1	3
Burin Housing	Replacemetn of end of life teacher residence in Southeast Bight	\$200,000	New facility construction	Community requires replacement of unit used to house teachers. Housing is a critical need for teacher recruitment and retention.	1	4
Labrador East Housing	Purchase or longterm lease of housing	\$1,000,000	Purchase or longterm lease	The prohibitive rental rates for housing in Happy Valley - Goose Bay, along with greater teacher mobility out of Labrador since the unified provincial seniority list, makes housing essential for teacher recruitment and retention.	1	5
Villanova Junior High	Phase 2: Retrofit existing gymnasium to classrooms, reinstate new gym (Budget 2015 approved space) as a gym	\$4,000,000	Extension	Gym dramatically undersized for population	1	5
Torbay	Extend new 5-7 to be 5-8, including classrooms and specialty areas.	\$3,000,000	Extension	Population pressures	1	6
St. Paul's Junior High	Extension/Renovations	TBD	Extension/Renovations	The area demographic shows longterm growth will require additional instructional space.	1	7

NLESD HQ	Renovate a site as a provincial Headquarters - permission to redirect operating funds into renovations and/or finance the renovation costs via a loan with payments to come from NLESD operating; financing costs offset by rent reduction	\$10,000,000	Renovation	NLESD HQ is currently housed in two levels of Atlantic Place as well as District Conference Centre. Renovation of a closed school to consolidate these functions (offices and conference centre) would be operationally and fiscally beneficial in the long term.	2	1
Grand Falls-Windsor	Reorganize system: Specifically adding cafeteria space to schools with impending end of lunchtime bussing	\$3,000,000	Extension & renovations	Millcrest approaching end of life; former Regional Office reopening as school; FDK likely means end of lunchtime bussing	1	1
Newtown Elementary	Extension - classrooms and cafeteria	TBD	Extension	Newtown has no cafeteria, and is currently getting a modular addition for capacity. The longterm viability of this school is best served by adding permanent classrooms and cafeteria.	2	2
C.C. Loughlin	New School	\$28,000,000	New facility construction	Corner Brook K-9 Reorganization plan	2	3
Mt. Pearl 7-12 system	2 to 5 (by 2019) modulars, pending new Paradise High School	\$2,500,000	Modulars	Population pressures - 2016-17 school year managed with present infrastructure.	2	
Holy Heart of Mary High	Retrofit school to extend life for coming decades	\$35,000,000	Renovation	Extend life of school for another 50 years	2	
St. Mary's All Grade	New school to replace St. Mary's All-Grade	\$10,100,000	New facility construction	Existing school is ill equipped to offer current programming, wood framed structure built 79/82.	2	
White Hills Academy	Demolish St. Anthony Elementary (energy savings) and develop play space for White Hills Academy	\$1,000,000	Renovation	Old school is adjacent to new school - needs abatement and demolition, and site redeveloped	2	
Bonne Bay Academy	Demolish and replace old section of school	\$6,000,000	Extension & renovations	Corner Brook K-9 Reorganization plan	2	
Dorset Collegiate	Extend existing 7-12 to become a K-12 facility serving same communities and facilitate closure of two K-6 schools in Green Bay area	\$8,500,000	Extension & renovations	As letter to Minister Oct 25/12	3	

J M Olds Collegiate	Expansion of J M Olds Collegiate to facilitate the closure of Twillingate Island Elementary.	TBD	Extension	Reorganization	3
Jane Collins Academy	Extend/renovate Jane Collins Academy to facilitate the closure of closure of Wm Mercer	TBD	Extension & renovations	Reorganization	3
Lewisporte Academy	Expansion and renovation of Lewisporte Academy to accommodate grades k-9 and the closure of Lewisporte Intermediate	TBD	Extension & renovations	As letter to Minister Oct 25/12	3
Lumsden Academy	Remove old high school section; modest extension to replace required program space	\$1,000,000	Extension & renovations	High School section closed	3
Stella Maris Academy	Demolish old portion of the school (energy and long term repairs and maintenance savings)	TBD	Renovation	School has dramatically declined in population and is relatively easily divisible.	3

Capital Requests of Newfoundland and Labrador English School District (sorted by classification)

School	Description	Estimate	Classification	Rationale	Priority
Bay d'Espoir Academy	New K-12 School	TBD	New facility construction	Age/Condition of Existing	
Botwood Collegiate	Extension for Home Economics	\$400,000	Extension	Lack of program facilities	
Bus Depot, Wabush	New Bus Depot	\$2,500,000	New facility construction	End of Life	
Bus Depot, Happy Valley - Goose Bay	New Bus Depot	\$2,500,000	New facility construction	Leased facility - unheated	
Cape John Collegiate	Extension for Skilled Trades/Fitness/Music	\$1,000,000	Extension	Lack of program facilities	
Frank Roberts	Addition of Fitness Centre to meet capacity needs	\$750,000	Extension	Small gym and growing population	
Henry Gordon Academy	New School	\$8,500,000	New facility construction	Existing School needs replacement	
Jakeman All Grade	New school	\$9,000,000	New facility construction	Corner Brook K-9 Reorganization plan	
Lakewood Academy	Extension for Skilled Trades/Fitness	\$1,000,000	Extension	Lack of program facilities	
Larkhall Academy	Replacement school	\$15,000,000	New facility construction	Facility approaching end of life; note ongoing adjacent area new schools (Paradise and Portugal Cove/St. Phillips)	

Lewisporte Collegiate	Add Home Economics facilities to Lewisporte Collegiate	\$500,000	Extension	As letter to Minister Oct 25/13	
Persalvic Elementary	Lunchroom	\$250,000	Extension	No existing lunchroom	
Regional Office, Corner Brook	Develop new space to combine all NLESD West staff in one location	TBD	Renovation	Staff housed in combination of rented and board owned buildings. Combine all in one location	
Regional Office, Happy Valley - Goose Bay	Renovate office space or move to new location	TBD	Renovation	Office space is in need of upgrades	
Stephenville Reorganization	Determine facilities no longer required to accommodate area population, upgrade remaining infrastructure to accommodate K - 12 Students	\$20,000,000	Renovation	Stephenville K-12 Reorganization plan	
Topsail Elementary	Addition of cafeteria	\$500,000	Extension	No lunchroom	