

**OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR**

*Chair: Goronwy Price*  
*C.E.O./Director of Education (Interim): Anthony Stack*

Dear Parents and Guardians:

As you are aware Bishop Feild Elementary was closed today due to a facilities concern in the gymnasium. I would like to provide you with an update on this matter.

Yesterday afternoon, a concrete section of the gymnasium ceiling collapsed onto the gym floor. Fortunately, no students or staff were present at the time and there were no injuries. As this was a serious concern for the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District and school administration, the school was closed for the day so that a structural assessment could take place. That assessment occurred this morning and it has been determined that in the interest of student and staff safety, the school will close for an indefinite period of time.

While further testing and assessment of Bishop Feild Elementary is ongoing, the school will remain closed. The school administration and District staff are currently working on a plan for students to attend the former Newfoundland School for the Deaf located at 425 Topsail Road, St. John's. We believe this solution is the most appropriate approach to continue with instruction while keeping the school community together.

We anticipate this move will stay in place until at least the Christmas break, with a further update provided to the school community at that time. It is our intention to have school commence at this location on Tuesday, October 31, 2017. Options are being considered for student transportation, with further information to be communicated on Friday, October 27, 2017.

While we understand this is a challenging situation, we appreciate your understanding as we seek to provide a welcoming school environment and continue the academic studies of all Bishop Feild Elementary students.

If you have any questions about this matter please contact the school administration.

Sincerely,



Anthony Stack  
**CEO/DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION** (Interim)