January 26, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Department of Transportation and Works has advised the Newfoundland and Labrador English School District that there has been a change to the projected re-occupancy date at Bishop Feild Elementary on Bond Street. The District has, in turn, advised your Board trustee, school council chair and administration.

As you know, the plan was to complete interior renovations by September 2019, and allow students and staff to re-occupy the building while exterior renovations were ongoing. However, a re-examination of the scope of the exterior project suggests workers would be required to be both inside and outside at various points of construction. This means there will be a considerable amount of worker traffic and disruption which could compromise student and staff safety.

The school’s revised re-occupancy date is anticipated to be January, 2020.

I know this is not welcome news. And while the District is also disappointed, we accept that the building cannot re-open for students and staff if there are any safety concerns whatsoever.

Thank you for your patience. We will provide further information as it becomes available.

Sincerely,

ED WALSH
Associate Director of Education - Programs and Operations (Acting)