Examine the option of utilizing both St. Joseph's Elementary School and Jubilee Elementary School to serve Primary to grade 6 students in Sydney Mines and Florence Elementary with all Primary to grade 2 (and Learning Center) students attending St. Joseph's Elementary while grades 3-6 would attend Jubilee Elementary School.

Considerations

If this scenario was implemented in 2014-15, 2,111 students would be enrolled at St. Joseph's Elementary in grades P-2 plus Learning Resource students. (Primary - 70 grade 1 – 70 grade 2 - 67 and LR – 4). The student enrolment for Jubilee Elementary School under this scenario for 2014-15 would be 306 in grades 3-6. (grade -3 – 63 grade -4 – 76 grade -5 – 75 and grade -6- 92.) Enrolments are based on Board enrolment projections.

In 2012, St Joseph's had excess student capacity of 37%. This scenario would see the excess capacity go down slightly to 35%.

In 2012, Jubilee had excess student capacity of 50%. Under scenario 17 excess capacity would decline to 32%.

Over the past several years the number of split grades/multi grades has been increasing in all three school facilities. Concentrating the students by grade level in each building as proposed in this scenario is one way to minimize the number of split grades.

Adopting this scenario would require a recommendation from School Board to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development that Jubilee Elementary School be purchased from the P3 partner at the time (or before) the expiry of the initial lease in 2020.

A submission to the School Capital Construction Committee for a refurbishment project for St. Joseph's School would also be a consideration.

This scenario would result in increased bussing for elementary students in the town of Sydney Mines and from the community of Florence.
This scenario would require the Board to identify Florence for a future school review process. Implementation of this scenario would result in Florence being left without an elementary school in the community.