SAC Scenario # 1

Retain Florence Elementary School as an elementary school to serve the area of Florence and examine the option of housing the Staff Development Center in the unused portion of the Florence Elementary School (the Staff Development Center is currently housed in the former St. Joseph's Elementary School in North Sydney).

Considerations
Florence Elementary School originally constructed in 1956 with a major addition in 1975 is a 38,690 square foot building. The September 30, 2012 enrolment was 124 students. In the previous five years student enrolment dropped from 138 to 124. Enrolment projections reflect a P-6 enrolment at or about 125 for the next five years.

There are no impediments to the delivery of the public school program at Florence Elementary.

The 1975 section of the building is two stories and is in need of an elevator. The brick veneer needs repointing and the exterior doors need to be replaced.

The 1956 section of the building received cosmetic renovations and technological upgrades in 2007 when students from the former St. Mary's School were housed in this section (as a self-contained school) while Ferrisview Elementary was under construction. The floor plan of Florence Elementary School is conducive to having two organizations function independently while co-existing under one roof.

A review of the 1956 wing would have to be undertaken to determine the extent of renovations required to convert the existing space into a functional Staff Development Center. Funding for identified renovations would have to be requested through a submission to the School Capital Construction Committee.

An identified benefit of this scenario would see the displacement of adults rather than the displacement of students.