Building on Administrative Scenario 6 which speaks to refurbishing two existing buildings in the seaside grouping, retain J. B. Croak as a P-6 elementary school and expand Bridgeport to include students from MacDonald Elementary and Tompkins Elementary School.

Considerations

In 2012, the CBVRSB engaged the services of an engineering firm to assess the viability of creating one or two new school communities utilizing any/all of the existing schools as part of any future facility sustainability plan. Appendix 8 (pg. 84) of Looking Inward provides a summary of costs associated with both renovated and new space needed to sustain each of the respective buildings.

In this scenario it is estimated that it would cost 3.175 million dollars to refurbish and add to Bridgeport to accommodate Tompkins, MacDonald, and Bridgeport students at the existing Bridgeport site. If such a scenario was to be implemented by the Board, MacDonald Elementary and Tompkins would need to be identified for inclusion in a future school review process. Both schools are the last remaining school facilities in the communities of Dominion and Reserve. Currently Tompkins offers all aspects of the Public School Program on site in Reserve. MacDonald Elementary students receive Physical Education at Bridgeport since MacDonald Complex was destroyed in 2002. A decision would have to be made with respect to retention of the existing Junior High student population at Bridgeport. The outcome of that decision would impact on the size of the expansion required for Bridgeport.

J.B. Croak has a capacity of 375 students. Currently it has 45% excess capacity. As J.B. Croak is 40 years old, it will require an upgrade/refurbishment in the future. The engineering study pegs the cost of needed refurbishment at 1.29 million dollars (Appendix 8 Looking Inward). A challenge in dealing with
the four schools involved in this scenario is equitable treatment as a loss of a school in at least two of the communities would be an outcome.