Examine the option of constructing two new schools in New Waterford- one to serve the Primary to Grade 6 student population and another to house the Grade 7 to grade 12 student body- and return Greenfield Elementary School to the P3 partner at the conclusion of the initial lease.

Considerations

The community of New Waterford is served by two existing elementary schools: St. Agnes Elementary and Mount Carmel Elementary. St. Agnes School was constructed in 1952. An adjacent school building which is part of St. Agnes (F.J. Angot School) was constructed in 1966. Mount Carmel was constructed in 1955 with additions in 1977 and 1994. These facilities have reached the end of their functional life and are in need of replacement. The buildings have excess student ranging from 50% to 67%.

In addition to these buildings, Breton Education Center is a large building (205,677 sq. ft.) built in 1970. A building that was built to serve 2000 students now serves 597 students from grades 7-12. A feasibility study funded by the Department of Education confirmed that the estimates to refurbish and 'right size' the school would be comparable to replacement estimates associated with a new school construction for 500-550 secondary students.

The construction of two new facilities to serve approximately 1100 students in the New Waterford catchment area would result in the provision of modern learning environments to maximize the ability of teachers to deliver the Public School Program and provide safe, secure learning facilities for students. The construction of these schools would substantially reduce future operating costs for the school board within this Family of Schools and eliminate approximately 200,000 sq. ft. of school space.

If the school board was to receive approval for construction of two new schools- a Primary to grade 6 school and a grades 7-12 school, Greenfield Elementary School would be surplus to the facility needs of the Board and would be returned to the P3 partner at the end of the initial lease (or before). School Review processes consistent with the regulations/policy of the day would have to be initiated.