Given that the engineering study for Breton Education Center has been completed share the outcome of the study with the Department of Education with a view to obtaining direction/project approval for either an addition/alteration project or a new school to replace Breton Education Center.

Considerations

The Cape Breton Victoria Regional School Board applied for and was granted funding to carry out a feasibility study with respect to the options around the long term viability of Breton Education Center as a secondary facility serving the New Waterford Family of Schools. The study examined costs associated with restoration of the facility from a program, operational system structural and environmental perspect. Comparative figures were generated with respect to replacement costs associated with a new "right size" structure which took into account the changing demographics.

Given the outcome of the feasibility study, the next step in the process is for the CBVRSB to communicate the outcome to the Department of Education. The Board will ask the Department to review the report and identify the next steps in the process in addressing the facility requests presently before the Department with respect to school facilities in the New Waterford Family of Schools. Information with respect to the current consultative process (Looking Inward) will also accompany the feasibility study report so as to assist the Department in making an informed decision.
SAC focus group participants recognize the critical need for facility improvements within the New Waterford Family of Schools and acknowledge that the excess capacity with respect to Breton Education Center has been a detriment to resolving the overall facility requirements.