Examine the option of retaining Greenfield P3 School converting it to a 9-12 facility and construct a new P-8 facility to serve all primary to grade 8 students in the New Waterford Catchment Area.

**Considerations**

Greenfield, a P-6 school constructed under the public private partnership initiative (P3) opened in 2000 and was built for 425 students. The 17 classroom spaces were constructed to a new standard (850-950 sq. ft.) and came equipped with up to five computer stations per classroom. In addition there is an elementary gymnasium, a library, music room, cafeteria, several resource areas, as well as technology education areas.

If the school board was successful in having the Province purchase Greenfield from the P3 partner (Ashford Investments) at the end of the 20 year lease (or preferably before) the option would exist to reconfigure the facility to a grade 9-12 high school to replace Breton Education Center. Projected enrolment would suggest that upwards to 12 classrooms would be required to house the projected 350-375 grade 9-12 student body. The remaining classrooms could be renovated to house family students, technology education, and science labs. A new gymnasium would also be required.

The recently completed feasibility study with respect to Breton Education Center indicated that little residual value exists in this facility should the Board be considering an addition/alteration project to refurbish the school or reconfigure it for use for other grade levels. As the 1952 St. Agnes School and Mount Carmel constructed in 1955 and added to on two occasions hold little or no residual value, a need exists to identify a replacement facility for these two aging buildings. To compliment the
conversion of Greenfield to a grade 9-12 school as outlined in this scenario, the New Waterford Family of Schools would require the construction of a new P-8 facility to house between 725-760 students. Were this two pronged scenario to be implemented, an enrolment of 1000-1150 could be housed in two new facilities comprised of approximately 180,000 square feet of space in total. Four older buildings with a combined square footage of 333,000 could be decommissioned following a school review process and resources currently being used to sustain excess space in older buildings could be applied to support the provision of improved programs and services to students in the New Waterford Family of Schools.