Examine the option of creating two new schools in the New Waterford and area Family of Schools - one P-8 school and one 9-12 school to replace St. Agnes Elementary/F.J. Argot, Mount Carmel and Breton Education Center while at the same time recommending that the Greenfield P3 school be returned to the private sector partner at the end of the 20 year lease period based on fiscal analysis.

**Considerations**

Breton Education Center, the largest school facility within the CBVRSB at 205,677 square feet, is 42 years old and is showing its age. The need for extensive renovations has been acknowledged in government's response to previous funding requests. The needs are extensive as all system including plumbing mechanical and electrical along with the building envelope and interior require rejuvenation. A recent engineering study pegs the cost of such renovations at over 20 million dollars. Given the enrolment decline and the opportunity to reconfigure grade levels within the family of schools in New Waterford, a replacement facility becomes a real option.

St. Agnes (1952) and Mount Carmel (1955) served as high schools in New Waterford prior to the opening of Breton Education Center in 1970. Today, both buildings have reached the end of their life and are in need of replacement.

The request for a new elementary school for New Waterford to replace St. Agnes/F.J. Argot and Mount Carmel had been submitted to the School Capital Construction Committee on a number of occasions in the past. The excess capacity at Breton Education Center and the added factor of the Greenfield P3 School contributed to this project falling lower on the provincial school capital projects list for consideration by the Minister of Education and Treasury and Policy Board.
The need to "right size" Breton Education Center, the results of the engineering study and the option to return Greenfield to the private sector partner at the end of the initial list make this scenario for the construction of two new school facilities (one P-8 and one 9-12) in New Waterford worthy of consideration.