Public Scenario #1 Northside Family of Schools

Reconfigure Memorial High School from a grade 10-12 to a grade 9-12 secondary school configuration, establish Dr. T. L. Sullivan Junior High School as a junior high school housing all grade 7 and grade 8 from Dr. T. L. Sullivan, Thompson, and Sydney Mines Junior High Schools and retain the P-6 elementary schools as they are as reconfiguration is not necessary at this time.

Considerations

The purpose of this scenario is threefold:

a) To attempt to reduce excess student capacity

b) To enable more students to benefit from improved facilities and program option

c) To retain elementary school age children in local community school settings that preserve safe, secure, age appropriate learning environments during the current mandate of this Board

As Memorial High School is positioned to handle the grade 9 students from the three junior high schools such a move would address excess student capacity at Memorial High and provide increased program opportunities for students at the grade 9 level.

Closing two aging facilities (Thompson and Sydney Mines Junior High) would reduce operating costs, avoid costly refurbishment of the building and/or negate a need for a new building.

Junior high students in grade 7 and 8 from the Northside would be housed in a centralized facility at Dr. T. L. Sullivan that would provide a facility where students could take advantage of the French Immersion Program and excellent outdoor facilities.
The current excess capacity that exists at Dr. T. L. Sullivan would serve two thirds of the junior high student population (grade 7 and 8) without undergoing costly renovations to create a P-9 community school in Florence as per another scenario.

For the present time, elementary school age students would be able to be retained in the safe, familiar community school settings throughout all the Northside communities.