Examine the option of establishing MacLennan Junior High as the late French Immersion Center to serve students from the Riverview and Sydney Families of Schools.

**Considerations**

MacLennan Junior High is a grade 7-9 facility built in 1966 to serve the junior high school population on the Coxheath/Westmount side of Sydney Harbour. At the time of amalgamation in 1995-1996, this 38,716 square foot facility housed 373 students. For the 2012-2013 school year, 133 attend MacLennan. Overall system enrolment decline and the participation of some students in late French Immersion contribute to this decline.

MacLennan Junior High has a student capacity of 275 students as eleven of the fifteen classroom spaces can accommodate students as currently configured. The remaining spaces are junior high specialist areas (music, art, family studies, and an old industrial arts classroom).

The 2013-2014 French Immersion student body for the Riverview Family of Schools consists of 10 late French Immersion classes, with a total of 267 students currently attending Malcolm Munroe. If this student body were to be placed at MacLennan, the existing junior high population of 127 English students would need to be displaced and relocated to Malcolm Munroe or Sherwood Park.

The other group of late Immersion students attending Whitney Pier Memorial (7 classes) could not be accommodated at MacLennan under this scenario at this time without utilizing specialized instructional space.

This aging facility is in need of refurbishment and a request for capital funding was made to the School Capital Construction Committee in 2002, 2004, and 2008. While approval was not granted for a school
capital refurbishment project, this school would need to be considered for a future capital project if it is to be sustained.