



**Community Consultation No. 1**  
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**Individual Questionnaire**



### Grade Configuration

Should all HRSB schools have the same grade configuration ? *(The typical grade configuration for HRSB is P-6, 7-9, 10-12, with some exceptions, i.e. P-9)*

Yes  
 No

What is the grade configuration of your child's school:

Which grade configuration do you prefer ?

P-6, 7-9, 10-12  
 P-9, 10-12  
 P-8, 9-12  
 P-12  
 Other:

Are you satisfied with the grade configuration of your child's school ?

Yes  
 No

### Class Size

In your opinion what is the most desirable class size (number of students) at each level. *Current Department of Education Standards cap P-3 and recommend 4-6 at 25 students (20 students for split grades), 7-12 at 30 students.*

Elementary	Middle/JH	High School
<input type="checkbox"/> 20	<input type="checkbox"/> 20	<input type="checkbox"/> 20
<input type="checkbox"/> 25	<input type="checkbox"/> 25	<input type="checkbox"/> 25
<input type="checkbox"/> 30	<input type="checkbox"/> 30	<input type="checkbox"/> 30

**Do you have other ideas or suggestions for HRSB to consider regarding Grade Configuration or Class Size:**

### School Boundaries

In your opinion should school boundaries be open or closed ? *HRSB Policy – Closed Boundary, however, students may be permitted to attend a school outside of their area if adequate accommodation is available.*

Elementary	Middle/JH	High School
<input type="checkbox"/> Open	<input type="checkbox"/> Open	<input type="checkbox"/> Open
<input type="checkbox"/> Closed	<input type="checkbox"/> Closed	<input type="checkbox"/> Closed

### School Population

In your opinion what is the most desirable size of school (number of students) at each level. *Current Nova Scotia Department of Education Standards recommend: Elementary 500, Middle/JH 700, High School 1000. Current ranges in school population in the HRM are: P-6 (17 to 746), P-9 (82 to 756), 7-9 (151 to 606), 7-12 (229 to 337), 10-12 (554 to 1521)*

Elementary	Middle/JH	High School
<input type="checkbox"/> 300	<input type="checkbox"/> 500	<input type="checkbox"/> 900
<input type="checkbox"/> 500	<input type="checkbox"/> 700	<input type="checkbox"/> 1200
<input type="checkbox"/> 700	<input type="checkbox"/> 900	<input type="checkbox"/> 1500
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input style="width: 50px;" type="text"/>

Should all schools of similar grade configuration be the same size ?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> No

**Do you have other ideas or suggestions for HRSB to consider regarding School Boundaries or School Population:**

**Centres of Excellence**

A Centre of Excellence offers specialized courses or curricula concentrating on a particular discipline or areas of study. Students are able to attend from the entire HRSB, but eligible students residing within the school boundary would be given priority to attend the school. Often a competitive entrance process is used to determine who may participate in the specialize programs. The school would also offer the complete core curriculum.

Rate your support for “Centres of Excellence”

- High
- Moderate
- Low
- None

What area of specialization would be of most interest to your children ?

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Technology     | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Skilled Trades              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arts           | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="text"/> |

At which grade level would a Centre of Excellence be of most interest to you ?

- Elementary
- Middle/JH
- High School

If a Centre of Excellence was available would you enrol your child:

- Only if it was available at the school nearest you
- Only if it was available in your Family of Schools
- Regardless of location

**Do you have other ideas or suggestions for HRSB to consider regarding Centres of Excellence:**

### Alternative Education

Alternative Education provides opportunities for students to complete their education in a non-traditional school environment. Alternative Education opportunities may be offered as programs available at various schools throughout the system or off-site through business, institutional and industry partnerships. Alternative Education programs currently offered by HRSB include: FLECs (Flexible Learning and Education Centres) and Options & Opportunities (O<sup>2</sup>). Alternative Education may offer alternative scheduling, evening courses, counselling services, school to work opportunities, etc.

Rate your support for the concept of Alternative Education.

<input type="checkbox"/>	High
<input type="checkbox"/>	Moderate
<input type="checkbox"/>	Low
<input type="checkbox"/>	None

At which grade level would an Alternative Education school be of most interest to you ?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Elementary
<input type="checkbox"/>	Middle/JH
<input type="checkbox"/>	High School

If an Alternative Education school was available would you enrol your child:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Only if it was available at the school nearest you
<input type="checkbox"/>	Only if it was available in your Family of Schools
<input type="checkbox"/>	Regardless of location

**Do you have other ideas or suggestions for HRSB to consider regarding Alternative Education:**

**Special Education**

Do you have a child with special needs ?

Yes  
 No

What grade level does your child attend ?

Elementary  
 Middle/JH  
 High School

Are you satisfied with the educational support that your child receives ?

Yes  
 No

Does your child attend a school outside of your boundary area to receive educational support ?

Yes  
 No

**Do you have other ideas or suggestions for HRSB to consider regarding Special Education:**

**French Immersion**

Do you have a child who is enrolled in French Immersion ?

- Yes
- No

What grade level does your child attend ?

- Elementary
- Middle/JH
- High School

Does your child attend French Immersion at a school outside of your boundary area ?

- Yes
- No

At what entry level would you prefer your child to start French Immersion ?

- Early (Primary)
- Middle (Grade 3)
- Late (Grade 7)

Where would you enrol your child in French Immersion ?

- Only if it was available at the school nearest you
- Only if it was available in your Family of Schools
- Regardless of location

**Do you have other ideas or suggestions for HRSB to consider regarding French Immersion:**

**Shared Facilities**

Rate your support for HRSB schools to share their facilities with other users:

- High
- Moderate
- Low
- None

Rate your support for HRSB students to share the use of others' facilities for educational programs (i.e.: community colleges, universities, municipal recreation facilities, public libraries, museums, galleries, historic sites, etc.)

- High
- Moderate
- Low
- None

Should HRSB offer space for rent for the following activities ? Choose as many as apply:

- Before/after school programs
- Community recreation or sports clubs
- Community education courses
- Religious groups
- Other:

If you support allowing facility rental space, what would be the best time to offer space ? Choose as many as apply:

- During school hours
- Before and/or after school hours
- Weekends
- Summer

Who should pay the additional costs for keeping the facility open ? *HRSB Policy – rate exemption or reduced rates for organizations providing services to youth under 21 or exclusively to adults over 65.*

- User
- School Board
- Municipality
- Costs should be shared

Should HRSB share facilities with the following. Choose as many as apply:

- Social Services
- Childcare
- Public Library
- Community College
- Medical/Dental Clinic
- Recreation Centre
- Seniors Centre
- Other:

Would you utilize a child care facility if it was located at a local school ?

- Yes
- No

At what grade level would a child care facility sharing a site with a school be of most interest to you ?

- Elementary
- Middle/JH
- High School

**Do you have other ideas or suggestions for HRSB to consider regarding Shared Facilities:**

**Transportation**

What is the maximum time you would prefer your child **spend on a bus** travelling to or from school ?  
*HRSB Policy – 60 min. maximum.*

Elementary	Middle/JH	High School
<input type="checkbox"/> 10 to 20 min.	<input type="checkbox"/> 10 to 20 min.	<input type="checkbox"/> 10 to 20 min.
<input type="checkbox"/> 20 to 30 min.	<input type="checkbox"/> 20 to 30 min.	<input type="checkbox"/> 20 to 30 min.
<input type="checkbox"/> 30 to 45 min.	<input type="checkbox"/> 30 to 45 min.	<input type="checkbox"/> 30 to 45 min.
<input type="checkbox"/> 45 to 60 min.	<input type="checkbox"/> 45 to 60 min.	<input type="checkbox"/> 45 to 60 min.
<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> None

What is the maximum distance you would prefer your child **walked** to or from school ? *HRSB Policy – 3.6 K secondary, 2.4 K elementary.*

Elementary	Middle/JH	High School
<input type="checkbox"/> 1.0 to 1.5 K	<input type="checkbox"/> 1.5 to 2.0 K	<input type="checkbox"/> 1.5 to 2.0 K
<input type="checkbox"/> 1.5 to 2.0 K	<input type="checkbox"/> 2.0 to 2.5 K	<input type="checkbox"/> 2.0 to 2.5 K
<input type="checkbox"/> 2.0 to 2.5 K	<input type="checkbox"/> 2.5 to 3.0 K	<input type="checkbox"/> 2.5 to 3.0 K
<input type="checkbox"/> 2.5 to 3.0 K	<input type="checkbox"/> 3.0 to 3.6 K	<input type="checkbox"/> 3.0 to 3.6 K

**Do you have other ideas or suggestions for HRSB to consider regarding Transportation:**

### Lunch Schedule

In your opinion how much time should be allowed for **lunch** break:

Elementary	Middle/JH	High School
<input type="checkbox"/> 30 to 45 min.	<input type="checkbox"/> 30 to 45 min.	<input type="checkbox"/> 30 to 45 min.
<input type="checkbox"/> 45 to 60 min.	<input type="checkbox"/> 45 to 60 min.	<input type="checkbox"/> 45 to 60 min.
<input type="checkbox"/> 60 to 90 min.	<input type="checkbox"/> 60 to 90 min.	<input type="checkbox"/> 60 to 90 min.

Rate the importance of having a designated cafeteria space at your school:

Elementary	Middle/JH	High School
<input type="checkbox"/> High	<input type="checkbox"/> High	<input type="checkbox"/> High
<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate	<input type="checkbox"/> Moderate
<input type="checkbox"/> Low	<input type="checkbox"/> Low	<input type="checkbox"/> Low
<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> None

**Do you have other ideas or suggestions for HRSB to consider regarding Lunch Schedule:**

### Environmental Issues

Rate your support for the consideration of environmental/sustainability issues in the development of a Facilities Master Plan for the HRSB schools (*Environmental and sustainability issues include a range of initiatives from site and landscaping issues through indoor air quality, natural lighting, energy conservation, water consumption reduction, recycling, use of 'green seal' products, etc. We ask this question to gauge how strongly the community feels about how 'green' issues may affect your school facilities).* :

<input type="checkbox"/>	High
<input type="checkbox"/>	Moderate
<input type="checkbox"/>	Low
<input type="checkbox"/>	None

**Do you have other ideas or suggestions for HRSB to consider regarding Environmental Issues:**



Tell us what is **most special or important to you about your school or community** that you believe should be considered in the development of this Facilities Master Plan:

Do you have other ideas or suggestions for HRSB to consider regarding **how to provide the best possible educational opportunities for your children** through the Facilities Master Plan:

Thank you for sharing your ideas and taking the time to Imagine Our Schools, we look forward to seeing you at the next Community Consultation !





**Tell us about yourself** The following information is for demographic purposes only. This information will not be discussed individually or in the small group.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Female
<input type="checkbox"/>	Male

Your age:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Under 18	<input type="checkbox"/>	30-39	<input type="checkbox"/>	50-64
<input type="checkbox"/>	18-29	<input type="checkbox"/>	40-49	<input type="checkbox"/>	65+

Your Education:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Currently a student	<input type="checkbox"/>	High School graduate	<input type="checkbox"/>	College/University graduate
<input type="checkbox"/>	Less than HS graduate	<input type="checkbox"/>	Some College/University	<input type="checkbox"/>	Advanced Degree

Status (choose as many as apply):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Not a parent	<input type="checkbox"/>	Parent of a high school child in HRSB
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parent of a child less than 5 years old	<input type="checkbox"/>	Parent of a child attending private school
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parent of an elementary school child in HRSB	<input type="checkbox"/>	Parent of a former student of HRSB
<input type="checkbox"/>	Parent of a middle school/JH child in HRSB	<input type="checkbox"/>	Student of HRSB

Are you an employee of HRSB:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	No

How did you hear about this Community Consultation:

<input type="checkbox"/>	School Notice	<input type="checkbox"/>	Community Poster/Flyer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Radio/TV
<input type="checkbox"/>	HRSB Website	<input type="checkbox"/>	Personal Contact	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other

If you have children, which Family of schools do they attend ? If you do not have children, in which Family do you reside ?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Sir John A Macdonald	<input type="checkbox"/>	Millwood	<input type="checkbox"/>	Eastern Shore District
<input type="checkbox"/>	JL Ilsley	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sackville	<input type="checkbox"/>	Duncan MacMillan
<input type="checkbox"/>	CP Allen	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lockview	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other
<input type="checkbox"/>	Halifax West	<input type="checkbox"/>	Musquodoboit Rural		

