

CONTACT INFORMATION

STRAIT REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD

Ford Rice, Superintendent of Schools: 902-625-7065

If your question, concern or comment is about:

- Board meetings and minutes
- Policies, policy planning and development
- Board governance
- Print and web communications
- New releases and media relations
- Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPOP)

Contact 902-625-7065

PROGRAMS AND STUDENT SERVICES

Paul Landry, Director of Programs and Student Services: 902-625-7083

If your question, concern or comment is about:

- Curriculum and instructional program
- Student behaviour and conduct
- Student achievement and evaluation
- Records and archives
- School Advisory Councils
- Race Relations, Cross Cultural Understanding and Human Rights
- International Students

Contact 902-625-7083

FINANCE

Chris Grover, Acting Director of Finance: 902-625-7050

If your question, concern or comment is about:

- Budget and financial planning
- Purchasing
- Accounts Payable
- Payroll
- Technology Infrastructure

Contact 902-625-7050

HUMAN RESOURCES

Janice Gough, Director of Human Resources: 902-625-7081

If your question, concern or comment is about:

- Staffing and staff services
- Staff performance and evaluation
- Staff training and development
- Administration of collective agreements
- Employee relations
- Employee equity

Contact 902-625-7088 or 902-625-7081

OPERATIONS

Sherman England, Director of Operations: 902-747-3647

If your question, concern or comment is about:

- Transportation services (bussing)
- Property services (buildings)
- Occupational Health and Safety
- Environmental management
- School renovations

Contact Transportation Services at 902-747-3645

Contact Property Services at 902-747-3647

Bussing emergency telephone number 902-747-3646
6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

To send an email to staff, please use the following as a guide —
firstname.lastname@srsb.ca. (ie: jane.doe@srsb.ca)

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Correspondence to the Strait Regional School Board

should be sent to:

Joan Bona, Board Secretary

16 Cemetery Road, Port Hastings, NS B9A 1K6

If you wish to make a presentation to the Board, send a written request ten days before the date of the meeting at which you wish to appear.

SCHOOL LISTING

Antigonish Education Centre (P-4)

Antigonish P: 902-867-8800; F: 902-867-8804

Bayview Education Centre (P-8)

Port Hood P: 902-787-5220; F: 902-235-5224

Cape Breton Highlands Education Centre / Academy (P-12)

Terre Noire P: 902-235-7500; F: 902-235-7504

Chedabucto Education Centre / Guysborough Academy (P-12)

Guysborough P: 902-533-2288 / 4006;
F: 902-533-3554

Dalbrae Academy (9-12)

Mabou P: 902-945-5325; F: 902-945-5329

Dr. John Hugh Gillis Regional High School (9-12)

Antigonish P: 902-863-1620; F: 902-863-8284

East Antigonish Education Centre / Academy (P-12)

Monastery P: 902-232-2810; F: 902-232-3829

East Richmond Education Centre (P-8)

St. Peter's P: 902-535-2066; F: 902-535-3166

Fanning Education Centre / Canso Academy (P-12)

Hazel Hill P: 902-366-2225; F: 902-366-3502

Felix Marchand Education Centre (P-4)

Louisdale P: 902-345-2560; F: 902-345-2868

H.M. MacDonald Elementary School (P-6)

Maryvale P: 902-863-2096; F: 902-863-0616

Inverness Education Centre / Academy (P-12)

Inverness P: 902-258-3700; F: 902-258-3899

Mulgrave Memorial Education Centre (P-6)

Mulgrave P: 902-747-2710; F: 902-747-3672

Pleasant Bay School (P-6)

Pleasant Bay P: 902-224-2365; F: 902-224-2080

Richmond Education Centre / Academy (5-12)

Louisdale P: 902-345-4949; F: 902-345-4948

SAERC (9-12)

Port Hawkesbury P: 902-625-1929 / 2959
F: 902-625-1868

St. Andrew Junior School (5-8)

Antigonish P: 902-863-3046 / 3047 / 3659
F: 902-863-2273

St. Andrews Consolidated School (P-6)

St. Andrews P: 902-863-2512; F: 902-863-6840

St. Mary's Education Centre / Academy (P-12)

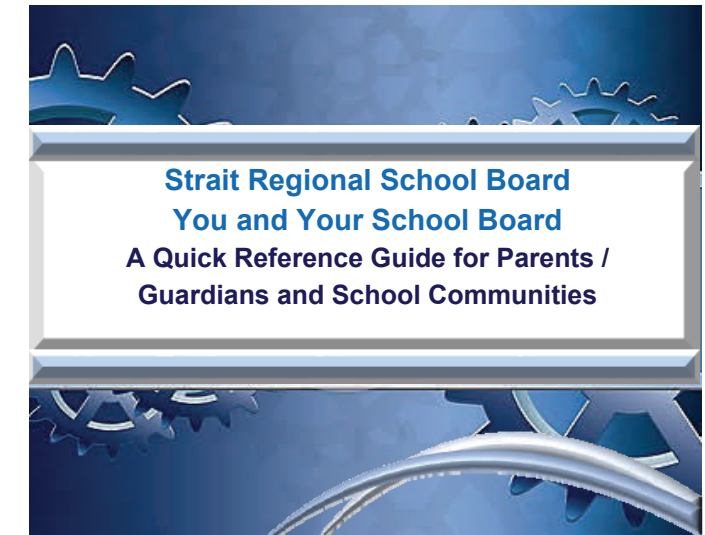
Sherbrooke P: 902-522-2035; F: 902-522-2336

Tamarac Education Centre (P-8)

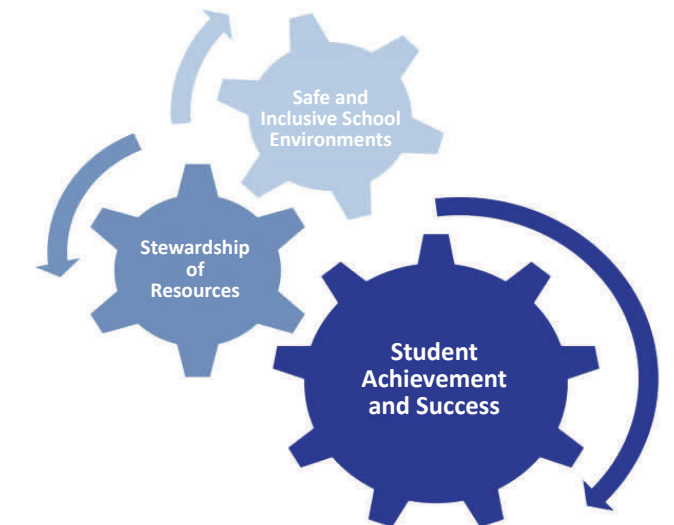
Port Hawkesbury P: 902-625-6650; F: 902-625-6654

Whycocomagh Education Centre (P-8)

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STRAIT REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD AT-A-GLANCE

- 6,243 students
- Geographical area of 11,000 square kilometers (approximately)
- 21 schools
- 935 staff (approximately)

MAKING A PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

Any person or group, except Board employees (who shall communicate with the Board through channels provided for that purpose), may request an opportunity to appear before the Board to express concern and to make proposals on issues within the jurisdiction of the Board. All concerns, with the exception of labour negotiations, litigation respecting the Board, personnel and discipline matters, may be addressed at a public board meeting.

Delegations shall inform the Board Secretary of their desire to appear before the Board, stating in writing the reason for the delegation and any remedy requested of the Board. The delegation must deliver or send the written notice so that it reaches the Board Secretary at least ten (10) days before the date of the meeting at which the delegation wishes to appear. The Chair shall decide which Board Meeting the delegation shall appear before and the Board Secretary shall inform the delegation as to the date of the meeting and the time during the meeting at which the delegation will be received. Delegations must forward copies of their presentation to the Board Secretary for distribution to Board Members 48 hours prior to the meeting. Delegations may appoint up to two spokespersons and no other member of the delegation shall address the Board except with the permission of the Board. Presentations should be limited to 15 minutes. After the spokespersons have presented, the Board Members shall have the opportunity to ask questions of clarification.

OTHER OPTIONS FOR ADDRESSING THE BOARD

Public Question Period: A 15-minute question period is held immediately following Regular Board Meetings to provide an opportunity for the public to address the Board. Questions must relate specifically to items on the meeting agenda.

Correspondence: Correspondence may be forwarded to the Board Chair or the Board Secretary.

BOARD MEETINGS

The Board meets regularly the first Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room, 16 Cemetery Road, Port Hastings. Occasionally, meetings are held throughout the region. Notices of changes in venue are placed in local newspapers. There is no meeting in July. The Board's Annual Organizational meeting is the first Wednesday in November. The election of Chair and Vice Chair takes place at this time. The Board's Working Committee meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month, with the exception of July. Notices of changes in venue will be placed on the School Board website when required. These meetings are open to the public. A copy of meeting agendas and a schedule of meeting dates are available from the Board Secretary, at 902-625-7065 or on our website at www.srsb.ca.

BOARD MINUTES

The official records of Board proceedings are maintained at the School Board office. Members of the public may view the official record of Board Minutes by contacting the Board Secretary. Copies of approved minutes are also available on the website.

BOARD MEETING DIGEST

The Board Meeting Digest is published following each Regular Board Meeting. It highlights decisions and actions taken by the Board. A copy of the digest is available on the website, at your local school or from the Board Secretary.

STRAIT REGIONAL SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

The Strait Regional School Board encourages the participation of students, staff, parents/guardians, school advisory councils, community members and education partners in its policy development and review process. Once a policy is under review, a notice is sent to schools and is published in local papers. The notice invites community input during the four-week 'test-off' period. Copies of draft policies may be obtained at local schools, on the Board website at www.srsb.ca or by calling regional office at 902-625-2191 / 1-800-650-4448. Policies reflect the Board's mission, beliefs, vision and values. Board policies apply to all offices and schools within its jurisdiction. Schools develop policies and procedures within the Board's policy framework. Board policies are available on the website, at your local school or from the Board Secretary.

NEWS RELEASES

Periodically, the Board prepares news releases on items of educational importance. News releases are circulated to the media, all schools and educational partners. Copies are available on the website.

BOARD WEBSITE COMMUNICATION FEATURES

School board information is maintained on our website at www.srsb.ca. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, or would like to share your ideas with us, please forward an email to srsb@srsb.ca. In addition, you may wish to subscribe to the 'Stay Informed' feature, the RSS Feeds and/or the Board's Twitter page. The 'Stay Informed' feature invites you to subscribe to receive local and provincial education news via email as well as bus route and class announcement information via email and/or text. Alternatively, you may wish to subscribe to receive these notifications via a RSS Feed function or follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/@StraitRSB to receive tweets related to notable events, Board decisions, good news stories and class cancellations, to name a few.

COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE SCHOOL

Schools use a variety of communication tools to keep parents/guardians and the community up to date and informed including but not limited to newsletters, email, website and the Parent Portal. At the start of the school year, schools provide schedules outlining what to expect at particular times of the year. It is also important to get to know your child's teacher(s), the principal and other staff members who may have some responsibility for your child. By doing so, discussions on your child's progress are much more meaningful.

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONCERNS

The Strait Regional School Board recognizes and supports the rights of parents/guardians to advocate on behalf of their children within the public school system. The Strait Regional School Board endorses the resolution of parent/guardian concerns in a respectful, conciliatory and efficient manner at the school and Board levels.

For more information, please refer to the Parent/Guardian Concern Protocol Policy III-A-4 and supporting procedures, PRO III-A-4 including details on requesting a review of, and appealing, a decision.



Not Sure Who to Contact?

Call Deanna Gillis
Coordinator of Communications /
Community Relations

at 902-625-2191
or 1-800-650-4448.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC)

A School Advisory Council (SAC) is a legally recognized body comprising of the principal and representatives of parents/guardians, teachers, support staff, students and community members who work together in an advisory capacity to increase the quality of education being provided by the school. For more information, contact your school principal or the Director of Programs and Student Services at 902-625-7083 or 1-800-650-4448.

SCHOOL SUPPORT GROUPS

In addition to a School Advisory Council, many schools in our region have school support groups, such as Home and School. These groups provide a valuable link among the school, the family and the community. Please contact your child's school principal for further information.

STUDENT BEHAVIOUR

In accordance with the Provincial School Code of Conduct Policy, students, parents/guardians, teachers, support staff, principals, and school boards share responsibility for creating a school-wide approach to maintaining a positive, safe, welcoming and inclusive school environment where all students are supported to develop healthy relationships, make good choices, and achieve success in their learning. Cooperation between the school and home is essential in promoting acceptable behaviours and in responding to unacceptable behaviour in a timely and effective manner.

VOLUNTEERS

The Strait Regional School Board values the participation of volunteers in its schools and recognizes that volunteers have a positive impact on student learning and school environments. In accordance with the School Board's Volunteers in the School Policy VI-C-1 and supporting procedures, PRO VI-C-1, a Child Abuse Register Check and Vulnerable Sector Check (formerly a Criminal Record Check) are a mandatory requirement of the screening process. Please contact your school principal if you are interested in volunteering your services.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT: NEW YEAR AND NEW INITIATIVES FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

As we head into year two of Nova Scotia's Action Plan for Education, there are many more exciting initiatives for students at all grade levels this school year.

This fall, students in Grades Primary to 3 will benefit from hands-on learning, including using floor robots to learn sequencing and programming. Students in Grades 4-6 will benefit from Innovation and Exploration Kits that include Spheros and Makey Makey invention kits. Students in Grades 7 to 12 will learn coding through events, such as the Hour of Code and STEAM Olympics, and courses, such as Computer Programming 12. Coding promotes problem solving, teamwork, critical thinking, creativity and innovation. These skills are not only related to learning math, science and the arts, but they are also directly linked to many careers, including computer programming and the marine industries.

With the province's first literacy strategy for students in all grades, there will be a greater focus on the teaching of reading and writing and the development of oral communication skills. Reading Recovery support has been increased for Grade 1 students. Students in Grades 4 to 6 will have a renewed curriculum, with more time for literacy and math. Class caps are expanded to Grades 4 to 6.

To help more students succeed in math, additional supports will be made available for both teachers and students. Career education outcomes will assist students as they begin thinking about their futures and the many possibilities ahead. To learn more about what is new this year, go to <http://novascotia.ca/educationactionplan/> to sign up for ongoing updates from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

SCHOOL INSURANCE PROGRAM (SIP)

The School Insurance Program (SIP) provides no-cost basic accident insurance to all registered students during school hours, school activities and travel to and from their school. Additional benefits for 24 hours a day/12 months of the year is also available for a reasonable cost through the Gold Plan option. Complete information on programs and policies are available online at www.sip.ca.

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2016-2017

2016

Labour Day Monday, September 5
School Orientation Day Tuesday, September 6
First Day of School for Students Wednesday, September 7
International Literacy Day Thursday, September 8
Stand Up Against Bullying Day Thursday, September 15
Terry Fox National School Run Day Thursday, September 29
School Based In-Service Friday, September 30
Mi'kmaq Treaty Day Saturday, October 1
Walk to School Week October 3-7
World Teachers' Day Wednesday, October 5
Thanksgiving Day Monday, October 10
School Board Elections Saturday, October 15
School Bus Safety Awareness Week October 17-21
Provincial Conference Day Friday, October 28
Take Our Kids to Work Day Wednesday, November 2
National School Psychology Awareness Week November 14-18
Remembrance Day Friday, November 11
National Child Day Sunday, November 20
Regional In-Service Day Wednesday, November 30
Last Day of School Before Holiday Break Wednesday, December 21

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School Resumes After Holiday Break Tuesday, January 3
Family Literacy Day Friday, January 27
Administration Day (Academies Only) Thursday, February 2
School-Based In-Service Day (Education Centres Only) Thursday, February 2
First Day of Classes (2nd Semester) Friday, February 3
Nova Scotia Heritage Day Monday, February 20
Last Day before March Break Friday, March 10
School Resumes Monday, March 20
International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination ... Tuesday, March 21
Good Friday Friday, April 14
Easter Monday Monday, April 17
National Volunteer Week April 23-29
Education Week April 16-22
Regional In-Service Day Friday, April 28
Science Odyssey May 12-21
Speech and Hearing Awareness Month May
Gaelic Awareness Month May
Victoria Day Monday, May 22
National Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week May 1-5
National Aboriginal Day Wednesday, June 21
Earliest Possible Date for Graduation Wednesday June 28
Administration Days Wednesday, June 28 and Thursday, June 29
Final Day of School Friday, June 30

SCHOOL CANCELLATION

Whenever it is necessary to cancel classes, a notice is broadcast over local radio stations. If the cancellation is due to inclement weather, every effort will be made to have the notice aired by 6:00 a.m. In addition, cancellation information can be accessed via the School Board website at www.srsb.ca.

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION CONTACTS

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