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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

Which grade configuration do you prefer ?

☐ P-6, 7-9, 10-12
☐ P-9, 10-12
☐ P-8, 9-12
☐ P-12

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

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
☐ 20	☐ 20	☐ 20
☐ 25	☐ 25	☐ 25
☐ 30	☐ 30	☐ 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 – Students may be permitted to attend a school outside of their area if adequate accommodation is available.*

Elementary	Middle/JH	High School
☐ Open	☐ Open	☐ Open
☐ Closed	☐ Closed	☐ Closed

School Population

In your opinion what is the most desirable size (number of students) at each level. *Current Department of Education Standards recommend: Elementary 500, Middle/JH 700, High School 1000. Current ranges in school population in Peninsula Halifax and Eastern Central HRM are: Elementary 103 to 484, Middle/JH 139 to 579, High School 1105 to 1389.*

Elementary		Middle/JH		High School	
☐ 300		☐ 500		☐ 900	
☐ 500		☐ 700		☐ 1200	
☐ 700		☐ 900		☐ 1500	
☐ Other:		☐ Other:		☐ Other:	

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

☐ Yes
☐ No

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

Schools of Excellence

A School 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 "Schools of Excellence"

- ☐ High
- ☐ Moderate
- ☐ Low
- ☐ None

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

- | | |
|---|--|
| ☐ Technology | ☐ Sports |
| ☐ Communications | ☐ Vocational |
| ☐ Arts | ☐ Other: <input type="text"/> |

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

- ☐ Elementary
- ☐ Middle/JH
- ☐ High School

If a School 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 Schools of Excellence:

Instructional Delivery Models

Which of the following approaches to instruction or scheduling would benefit your child ? Choose as many as apply:

On-Line Classes (also referred to as *E-Learning*) allows student to complete course work using networked and multi-media technologies. Students and teachers interact and share course work via the Internet in real time.

Distance Learning focuses on delivering education to students who are physically not 'on site". Students and teachers communicate at times of their own choosing by exchanging printed or electronic media.

Co-operative Education provides the opportunity for students to earn credits or complete course work by working off-site with local business or industry.

Multi-Age Learning provides an opportunity for students (including adults) to achieve the required curriculum while participating in projects, seminars, classes and collaboration with other students from across different grades and age groups. This program emphasizes the creation of life-long learners.

☐	On-line classes
☐	Distance Learning
☐	Co-operative Education
☐	Multi-age Learning
☐	Year round schooling
☐	Other:

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 (O²). Alternative Education may offer alternative scheduling, evening courses, counselling services, school to work opportunities, etc.

Rate your support for the concept of Alternative Education.

☐	High
☐	Moderate
☐	Low
☐	None

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

- ☐ Elementary
- ☐ Middle/JH
- ☐ High School

If an Alternative Education school 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 Instructional Delivery Models or Alternative Education:

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

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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
☐	Other:

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
☐ 10 to 20 min.	☐ 10 to 20 min.	☐ 10 to 20 min.
☐ 20 to 30 min.	☐ 20 to 30 min.	☐ 20 to 30 min.
☐ 30 to 45 min.	☐ 30 to 45 min.	☐ 30 to 45 min.
☐ 45 to 60 min.	☐ 45 to 60 min.	☐ 45 to 60 min.
☐ None	☐ None	☐ 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
☐ 1.0 to 1.5 K	☐ 1.5 to 2.0 K	☐ 1.5 to 2.0 K
☐ 1.5 to 2.0 K	☐ 2.0 to 2.5 K	☐ 2.0 to 2.5 K
☐ 2.0 to 2.5 K	☐ 2.5 to 3.0 K	☐ 2.5 to 3.0 K
☐ 2.5 to 3.0 K	☐ 3.0 to 3.6 K	☐ 3.0 to 3.6 K

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

School Daily Schedule

In your opinion what school **start time** would best suit your child's needs: *HRSB Policy - 5 hours of instruction required per day. Current start times range from 7:50 to 9:20 am.*

Elementary	Middle/JH	High School
☐ 7:30 to 8:00 am	☐ 7:30 to 8:00 am	☐ 7:30 to 8:00 am
☐ 8:00 to 8:30 am	☐ 8:00 to 8:30 am	☐ 8:00 to 8:30 am
☐ 8:30 to 9:00 am	☐ 8:30 to 9:00 am	☐ 8:30 to 9:00 am
☐ 9:00 to 9:30 am	☐ 9:00 to 9:30 am	☐ 9:00 to 9:30 am
☐ 9:30 to 10:00 am	☐ 9:30 to 10:00 am	☐ 9:30 to 10:00 am

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In your opinion how much time should be allowed for **lunch** break: *HRSB Policy - obligation to provide lunchtime supervision for mandatory transportation students only.*

Elementary	Middle/JH	High School
☐ 30 to 45 min.	☐ 30 to 45 min.	☐ 30 to 45 min.
☐ 45 to 60 min.	☐ 45 to 60 min.	☐ 45 to 60 min.
☐ 60 to 90 min.	☐ 60 to 90 min.	☐ 60 to 90 min.

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

Elementary	Middle/JH	High School
☐ High	☐ High	☐ High
☐ Moderate	☐ Moderate	☐ Moderate
☐ Low	☐ Low	☐ Low
☐ None	☐ None	☐ None

Do you have other ideas or suggestions for HRSB to consider regarding School 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).* :

☐ High
☐ Moderate
☐ Low
☐ None

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

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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 !

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Tell us about yourself

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

☐	Female
☐	Male

Your age:

☐	Under 18	☐	30-39	☐	50-64
☐	18-29	☐	40-49	☐	65+

Your Education:

☐	Currently a student	☐	High School graduate	☐	College/University graduate
☐	Less than HS graduate	☐	Some College/University	☐	Advanced Degree

Status (choose as many as apply):

☐	Not a parent	☐	Parent of a high school child in HRSB
☐	Parent of a child less than 5 years old	☐	Parent of a child attending private school
☐	Parent of an elementary school child in HRSB	☐	Parent of a former student of HRSB
☐	Parent of a middle school/JH child in HRSB	☐	Student of HRSB

Are you an employee of HRSB:

☐	Yes
☐	No

How did you hear about this Community Consultation:

☐	School Notice	☐	Community Poster/Flyer	☐	Radio/TV
☐	HRSB Website	☐	Personal Contact	☐	Other

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

☐	Citadel High	☐	Prince Andrew High	☐	Cole Harbour District
☐	Dartmouth High	☐	Auburn Drive High	☐	Other