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Carol-Anne Larade,
Principal, John MacNeil Elementary
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Dear Ms. Larade:

I have informed the school communities of Dartmouth High and Southdale-North Woodside (SDNWS) that the Grade 9 students from SDNWS would continue attending Dartmouth High after the new Dartmouth South Academy opens in September. This arrangement has been in place since September 2015.

As a school in the Dartmouth High Family, you may be wondering if this decision could impact John MacNeil. At this point, there are no plans to adjust the grade configuration at your school.

I do, however, want to advise you that at some point in the next five years, it is likely the Halifax Regional School Board will be conducting a school review of the Dartmouth High Family of Schools. If that occurs, a School Options Committee – a group of volunteers with representatives from every school in the family – will be tasked with looking at all schools with a mandate to consider among other things:

- grade configuration of each school;
- revised boundary or catchment areas; and
- possible school(s) for permanent closure.

I cannot speculate on what the outcome of that review could mean for John MacNeil but the SOC will be free to explore any and all options.

Please share this information with your School Advisory Council and within your school community. Thank you and best wishes for successful conclusion to the school year.

Regards,



Elwin LeRoux,
Superintendent

c: Gin Yee, Board Member, District 3: Dartmouth Centre-Harbourview-Burnside-Dartmouth East
Stacey Toth, School Administration Supervisor, Dartmouth High Family of Schools