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Dear Ministik resident,

As you may be aware, in December, Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) Board of Trustees approved the motion to consider the possible closure of Ministik School, a Sherwood Park-based elementary school located at 21246 Highway 14.

To ensure a fair and transparent process and that a decision be made in the best interests of both students and the Division, a public-meeting process is being undertaken as outlined in the province's *School Act* "Alberta Regulation 238/1997: Closure of Schools Regulation."

A comprehensive information package has been provided to parents and guardians of all Ministik School students. You can access this information by visiting <u>www.eips.ca/schools/ministik-school</u>.

Two public meetings are being held, which will offer insight and information regarding the school's possible closure. Parents, guardians and community members will have the opportunity to learn about what is being considered, ask questions and offer feedback.

<u>Meeting details:</u> Date: February 7 and February 15 *Time:* 6:30 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.) *Location:* Ministik School, gymnasium Address: 21246 Highway 14, Sherwood Park, AB. \*child care provided

More information about the meeting and related updates are available at www.eips.ca.

Additional opportunities for feedback from the Ministik School community are being provided prior to a final decision being made.

- Submission of an online feedback form, available at www.eips.ca/schools/ministik-school.
- Written correspondence to the EIPS Board of Trustees. Please drop-off or mail:

Board of Trustees EIPS Central Administration Building 683 Wye Rd. Sherwood Park, AB T8B 1N2

• You can also send email in care of <u>Dave.Antymniuk@eips.ca</u>.

Throughout the public meeting process, EIPS administration will collect all community feedback and provide it to the Board for their consideration.

The Board will make a final decision, by vote, regarding the possible closure of Ministik School at a public Board meeting during the 2016–2017 school year.

I encourage you to read through the online information package, attend a public meeting, ask questions and share your thoughts regarding the school's possible closure. The Board of Trustees will take into careful consideration all of the information and feedback received before making a final decision.

If you require more information, contact Dave Antymniuk, the division principal, at 780-417-8123 or Dave.Antymniuk@eips.ca.

Sincerely,

Mark Liguori Superintendent Elk Island Public Schools