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Elk Island Public Schools

Dec. 16, 2016

Dear Ministik School families:

Further to my letter of November 25 when I informed you about a notice of motion put forward regarding Ministik School, I am writing to advise you about the most recent developments.

At the Elk Island Public Schools (EIPS) Board meeting on December 15, a motion was put forward: "That the Board consider the closure of Ministik School." Following discussion, a vote was taken and the motion was passed.

The motion to consider the closure of the school now triggers the start of the process outlined in both *Board Policy 15, Program Reduction and School Closure*; and in the Province of Alberta, *School Act*, Regulation 238/97, *Closure of Schools Regulation*.

We will be sending out a comprehensive package of information in the near future so that you will know what will be considered by the Board. In addition, a public meeting—the time, date and location of which will be sent out as soon as determined—will be scheduled in the new year so we can provide further information.

Once the Board has received and reviewed input from both administration and the public, a motion will be put forward at a subsequent Board meeting and a vote held on whether or not to close Ministik School. The final decision will be made prior to the end of the 2016–2017 school year.

Information has been updated on the <u>EIPS website</u> to reflect the decision made on December 15, and we will continue to post additional details as they become available. We are committed to making the process as transparent as possible and we will work closely with you to ensure you are kept well informed.

Sincerely,

(original signed)

Mark Liguori Superintendent Elk Island Public Schools

