

Education Governance Renewal

BUILDING A BETTER PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM





Scenario

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (EECD) has made changes to improve the public education governance structure in New Brunswick.



Overall goal is to improve the public education system.



Changes made to the Education Act prioritize educational outcomes, quality of services and student voices.



New and enhanced mandates, clear reporting structures and new accountability mechanisms will support the achievement of common goals and regional objectives, while ensuring a culture of continuous improvement throughout the system.



Parent School Support Committees

This document outlines the key changes to the governance model, what is staying the same, and how it impacts parents and members of Parent School Support Committees (PSSCs). By engaging with these changes, you will remain a valued part of the public education system:

- PSSCs will continue to play a key role advising Schools and Principals.
- No change to composition, terms or election mechanisms of PSSCs.
- PSSCs will receive more training and updated materials on school improvement planning.
- PSSCs will now approve the goals and objectives of School Improvement Plans (SIP).



Overview of Changes

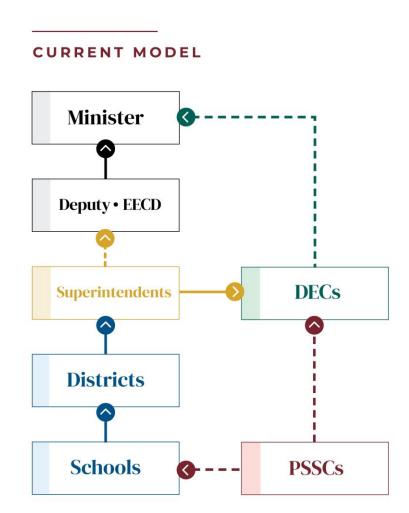
ANGLOPHONE GOVERNANCE MODEL

- No day-to-day change to classrooms.
- Implementing a more direct reporting flow:
 Schools → District → Superintendent → Deputy Minister → Minister
- Critical advisory and accountability roles from District Education Councils (DECs).
- These changes will improve monitoring, decisionmaking and accountability, while further empowering the local school voice.



Comparison of Current and Proposed Models ANGLOPHONE GOVERNANCE MODEL





PROPOSED MODEL ADVISORY **Minister PACAA** AUTHORITY Deputy • EECD **DECs** Superintendents **Districts** PSSCs & **Schools Student Councils**

Roles and Responsibilities ANGLOPHONE GOVERNANCE MODEL



Moving forward, key roles and responsibilities within the anglophone governance model will now appear as follows:

PSSCs Parent School Support Committees

Continue to play a key role advising Schools and Principals.

More training and updated materials on school improvement planning.

Approve School Improvement Plan (SIP) goals and objectives.

DECS District Education Councils

Continue to play a key role in the governance framework.

Continue to exist with elected councillors.

Transition to an advisory capacity. Will no longer supervise the Superintendent.

Districts

Each of the anglophone school districts will become separate legal entities. District staff will continue to report to Superintendents.

District staff roles and organizational structure will remain the same.

Ongoing discussions with districts will be held to identify the scope of adjusted responsibilities.

Superintendents

Maintain authority over their districts.

Will now report to the Deputy Minister of EECD, not DECs.

Authority to create processes and procedures aligned with EECD policies.

PACAA

Provincial Advisory Committee on Alignment and Accountability

PACAA will be introduced by regulation in the coming months.

Advise the Minister of EECD on provincial priorities, policies and guidelines.

Focus on accountability of EECD and Superintendents/ Districts.

Meet with the Minister of EECD and Superintendents at Minister's Forums.

What will be the Impact? PARENT SCHOOL SUPPORT COMMITTEES & PARENTS



This chart outlines the key changes to the governance model and what is staying the same as it relates to parents and PSSCs:

What will stay the same?

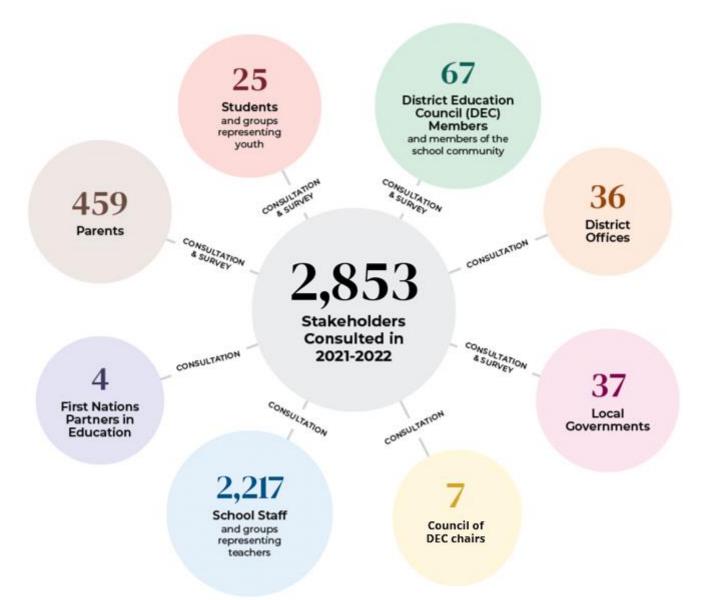
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What is changing?

PSSCS will have more training and updated materials on school improvement planning.

Will have more say at the school level by approving the goals and objectives of School Improvement Plans (SIP).



Engagement

- We listened to a wide range of voices with different perspectives through extensive consultation of close to 3,000 rights and stakeholders.
- We thank parents and PSSCs for their active participation, involvement and passion.

Our Approach

ANGLOPHONE & FRANCOPHONE MODELS

- One of the guiding principles has been our Charter obligations to preserve and promote the rights of the minority.
- DECs will retain their existing authorities in the francophone model.
- In both sectors:
 - Students will have increased participation, responsibility, and influence.
 - The role of parent-school support committees will be enhanced.



Moving Forward

PARENT SCHOOL SUPPORT COMMITTEES & PARENTS

- GNB will work closely with partners across the public education system on implementation plans in the coming months and years.
- Ensure PSSCs have the framework, tools and resources they need to embrace these changes and build successful learning conditions for students.
- New Education Act comes into effect on July 1, 2023.





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