

Backgrounder: Charlottetown Schools Study

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As the population continues to grow and shift, the Public Schools Branch is reviewing school capacity to ensure it can meet future needs.

The 2017 School Review led to increased capacity in Charlottetown elementary schools and more balanced intermediate school populations. The Board of Directors advised that this was all the capacity the system had for change by September 2017, and it recommended that further study be done later on high schools.

When it approved the recommendations of the School Review on April 3, 2017, the Board recommended that Charlottetown Rural and Colonel Gray be combined into one family of schools, and that a more thorough review be done on Charlottetown Rural and Colonel Gray in the future.

Families of Grade 9 students were advised in February that they would see no change in at least the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years.

Information gathered on the current and future capacity of these schools will support planning and decision-making. It will focus on the need for additional space, and not school closures

The scope of the study will be determined over the next few weeks and a public Request for Proposals (RFP) will be issued. It is expected to be complete by the fall.

Director Parker Grimmer has gathered and reviewed preliminary information, met with educators and recommended to the Board that options be explored for Charlottetown Rural, Colonel Gray, Spring Park, West Kent, Queen Charlotte and other schools that may be impacted by the options.

Current and Projected Enrolments 2018 – 2023 (new Baragar data)

School		2018	2023
Charlottetown Rural		997	1,231
Colonel Gray		881	1,221
Queen Charlotte		620	732
Spring Park		546	509
West Kent		318	428
Birchwood		493	620