

Background Document

CCRSB -Option Two (2)

“Primary to Grade 5 students are accommodated at Pictou Academy and Dr. Thomas McCulloch Junior High School sites in a P-8 campus configuration. Grades 9-12 would be consolidated with Northumberland Regional High School. Pictou Elementary School would be returned to the private owner.

This option provides for 9-12 presently at Pictou Academy to be consolidated with Northumberland Regional High School. That comparison has already been made in Option One by the SOC.

Schools Affected: Pictou Elementary and Dr. Thomas McCulloch Jr. High Schools.

Comparison of Schools from the School Information Profile		
	Pictou Elementary School	Dr. Thomas McCulloch Junior High School
Grade Configuration	P-5	6-8
Built	1999 (16 years)	1970 (45 years)
Student Capacity	325 (13 classes)	360 (12 classes)
Utilization 2015	177 (55%)	104 (29%)
Utilization Projected 2020	171 (52%)	(95 (26%))
% of Students Presently Bussed	95%	3%
% of Students Attending from Outside School Boundary	3%	0%
Bus Routes	4 and 3* (am vs pm)	3
Longest Route	35 minutes	30 minutes
Median Route	20 minutes	20 minutes
Is it fully accessible?	Yes (2 areas short)	Yes (2 deficiencies)

	Pictou Elementary	Dr. Thomas McCulloch Junior High School
What does each facility offer that the other does not?	<i>Difficult comparison due to grade levels. For example labs that would be available at upper grade levels would not be expected at lower grade levels.</i>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visual Arts Room • Library • Cafeteria/Lunch Room • Kitchen • Sick Rooms • Hard Surfaced Playground • Play Structure(s) • Bus Loading Zone 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laboratory • Science Lab • Food Lab • Change Rooms • Technology Education • Production Lab • Technology Education • Innovations Lab • Resource Room • Two Gymnasiums • Brody Park • Basketball Courts • Tennis Courts • Three Baseball Fields
Combined Grades?	Yes – P/1 and 3/4	N/A
Cost to Operate 2015/16		
Energy Consumption	Lease	\$36,979
Per Student / Energy	Lease	\$353.64
Maintenance	\$\$86,269.28	\$68,556
Per Student for Maintenance	\$487.40	\$659.19
Current Total Operating Cost	\$1,490,581	\$810,582
Cost Per Student	\$8,421.36	\$6,781.23
Building Upgrades Required	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Handling Unit • Windows

	Pictou Elementary	Dr. Thomas McCulloch Junior High School
Staffing – What does each facility offer that the other does not?	Again a difficult comparison with the grade level changes.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathematics Mentor • Literacy Mentor • Music • Reading Recovery • Early Literacy Intervention • Autism Support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vice-Principal • Technology Education • Family Studies • Library Services • Police School Liaison • Youth Health Centre • Nurse
Extracurricular / Community Sports Offered / Clubs to Join Community Partners	7	17
Upgrades To School Made Available Through Community	Home & School Purchased Playground Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sobeys (Computers) • Sutherland Harris Hospital (Athletic Equipment) • Sutherland Harris Hospital (Fitness Room Revitalization)
Nova Scotia Assessments	Not too many to choose from	Outstanding Results in Mathematics for specific grades 6/8.