

## Newcombsville Elementary School

Configuration	Location	Administration	
		Principal	Vice-Principal
P-5	4220 Hwy 325, Newcombsville, NS	A. Turner	NA

### Building Use

a. Year Built	<u>1966</u>
b. Building Area	<u>15,500SF</u>
c. Additions	<u>NA</u>
d. Percentage of Bussed Students	<u>100%</u>
e. Design Classrooms	<u>12</u>
f. Average Number of Students per Classroom	<u>13.3</u>
g. Capacity (e x 25)	<u>300</u>
h. Current Enrolment	<u>160</u>
i. Projected Enrolment (5 Years)	<u>152</u>
j. Current Capacity Utilization (h/g x 100%)	<u>53%</u>
k. Projected Capacity Utilization (i/g x 100%)	<u>51%</u>

	Classrooms	Homeroom Classrooms	Cafeteria	Multi-Purpose	Lab	Library/Music	Staff/Teacher	Comp/French	LC/Guidance	Other/Unused
Design	12			1						
Used		7		1		1	1	1	1	1

### Community Use

Community use includes use by the Recreation Department in the spring and summer, the 4H club on Saturdays and use as a polling station.

### Capital Construction Plans

There are currently no approved capital construction projects for this school. If the school remains open capital upgrades will be required.

### Property Services Building Condition Index

Accessibility	7/10
Cladding	7/10
Doors & Windows	8/10
Grounds	9/10
Electrical	7/10
Fire Alarm & P/A	7/10
Heating	7/10
Interior	7/10
Plumbing	6/10
Roofing	10/10
Ventilation	5/10
<b>Total %</b>	<b>73%</b>

### Transportation

Currently 7 buses serve the school with an enrolment of 160. The same busses also serve Park View Education Centre. A move to Hebbville Elementary would not require the addition of buses, but would require earlier student pick-ups or a change in bell times at Hebbville Elementary. Further route review would be required to determine if P-9 could travel on the same busses. Student travel time would be approximately 1 hour & 10 minutes. Where applicable, student age groups transported together and thus decreasing the number of bus routes would require bus stop combinations in order to adhere to the 3 stops per 1.6KM URB regulation. Any further information would require a route review to determine the impact on the student transportation system.

Enrolments											
	Past Enrolments					2011	Projected Enrolments				
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
#	145	149	171*	174	167	160	157	155	157	151	152
% change	-9.38	2.76	14.77	1.75	-4.02	-4.19	-1.88	-1.27	1.29	-3.82	0.66

\*Grade 5's moved back to Newcombville from Hebbville.

Trends					
Past Enrolments			Projected Enrolments		
	Board	School		Board	School
5-Year	-10.39%	10.34%	5-Year	-9.45%	-5.00%
10-Year	-22.84%	3.23%			

School Staff	2011/12
NSTU-Teachers	11.16
Administrative Assistants	1
Program Support Assistants	2
Library Staff	0.1
Custodial Staff	1

Community Population Trends			
Municipality of the District of Lunenburg			
Age	2001	2006	2011
0-19	5,885	5,170	
20-44	8,150	7,075	
45-64	7,450	8,595	
65-74	2,220	2,465	
75 & over	1,860	1,860	
Median Age	42.3	45.7	
Total	25,565	25,165	25,118

\*Community population data will be updated when available from Statistics Canada

**Program: The ability as a facility to deliver the public school program**

As a facility, Newcombville Elementary School has been able to facilitate the delivery of the public school program. The gymnasium is not full-sized and no cafeteria is available. These are minor restrictions because the school has been able to minimize their impact on the students and delivery of programs.

In the first School Utilization Study Part 1 report, a list of factors was introduced which indicate when a school may have reached the point of being too small in terms of its ability to deliver the educational program. These barriers to effective program delivery included having to increase staff allocations, difficulty in matching teaching assignments to teacher qualifications and interests, difficulty in retaining suitably qualified teachers to provide specialist services to students and the number of very different professional responsibilities that must be carried by individual teachers. As the enrolment of Newcombville Elementary School continues to decline, the inflexibility and risk caused by these and other factors could increase.

**Costs**

Annual total operating costs per square foot – average previous two years

2009/2010	2010/2011	Average	Square Feet	\$ Per Sq. Ft.
\$405,366	\$114,045	\$259,705	15,500	\$16.75

Annual utility costs per square foot for 2010-2011

Electricity	Fuel	Water	Sewer	Total	Square Feet	\$ Per Sq. Ft.
\$9,409	\$14,857	\$672	\$586	\$25,523	15,500	\$1.65

**Summary**

1. The School Utilization Study from February 2008 recommended that a facility assessment be carried out on Hebbville Elementary School, Pentz Elementary School and Petite Riviere Elementary School. A board motion resulting from this study called for Newcombville Elementary School to be included. This study was completed in March 2009 and found that Newcombville Elementary could continue to function for 5 more years with capital upgrades of \$195,000 or 20 more years with capital upgrades of \$1,226,000.

2. There are some accessibility issues at the school including the washrooms and stage area.
3. The options for Newcombville Elementary School include:
  - a. The construction of a new school to replace Newcombville, Pentz, Petite Riviere and Hebbville Elementary Schools.
  - b. The new building at Hebbville could become a P-5 and all 6-9 could go to Bridgewater Junior-Senior High School.
  - c. Upgrade the school and keep is open.
4. There would be staff savings in Teachers, Administrative Assistants, Administration, Library staff and Custodial staff if the school was closed. There would also be operational cost savings.
5. Transportation times may be a barrier to change for this school.
6. School boundaries with North Queens Community School, New Germany Elementary School and Greenfield Elementary School could be reviewed.

### **Methodology**

1. Building use, property services building condition index, and community use information was gathered through school visits and interviews with school administrators by the Director of Operations.
2. Transportation comments are based on a preliminary analysis by board transportation staff.
3. Community population trends data was sourced from Statistics Canada.
4. Program comments were prepared by Programs staff based on the ability of the facility to deliver the public school program.
5. Facility operating costs and utility costs were collected from board financial records and utility cost sheets.
6. Enrolment Projection Methodology

Enrolment projections have been calculated for grades 1-12 by:

- a) Moving students ahead by a grade; and
- b) Adjusting the grade level enrolment in a school by the historical rate of change (average of the last five years) from one grade to another
  - a. Where the rate of change has been affected by an anomalous year(s), the rate of change has been adjusted to remove the effect.

Enrolment projections have been calculated for grade primary by:

- a) Calculating the average grade primary enrolment for the last five years
  - a. Where the average grade primary enrolment has been affected by an anomalous year(s), the projected enrolment has been adjusted to remove the effect.