

New Ross Consolidated School

Configuration	Location	Administration	
		Principal	Vice-Principal
P-9	4689 Hwy 12, New Ross, NS	B. Butt	NA

Building Use

a. Year Built	<u>1960</u>
b. Building Area	<u>35,000 SF</u>
c. Additions	<u>NA</u>
d. Percentage of Bussed Students	<u>98%</u>
e. Design Classrooms	<u>11</u>
f. Average Number of Students per Classroom	<u>12</u>
g. Capacity (e x 25)	<u>275</u>
h. Current Enrolment	<u>132</u>
i. Projected Enrolment (5 Years)	<u>123</u>
j. Current Capacity Utilization (h/g x 100%)	<u>48%</u>
k. Projected Capacity Utilization (i/g x 100%)	<u>45%</u>

	Classrooms	Homeroom Classrooms	Cafeteria	Gymnasium	Lab	Library	Music	Staff Room	Guidance	Board Storage	Other/Unused
Desig	11			1	1	1					
Used		7		1	1	1		1	1	1	1

Community Use

As per Facility Use Policy. Field and outdoor facilities used by the community. School space used by New Ross Family Resource Centre.

Capital Construction Plans

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

Property Services Building Condition Index

Accessibility	2/10
Cladding	6/10
Doors & Windows	7/10
Grounds	8/10
Electrical	7 /10
Fire Alarm & P/A	8/10
Heating	8/10
Interior	7/10
Plumbing	7/10
Roofing	7/10
Ventilation	5/10
Total %	66%

Transportation

Currently 4 buses serve the school with an enrolment of 132. A move to Chester District Elementary School and Chester Area Middle School would require early student pick-ups or a change in bell times at Chester District Elementary School, Chester Area Middle School & Forest Heights Community School or the addition of buses. Student travel time would be approximately 1 hour & 20 minutes. 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
#	176	161	145	143	126	132	127	121	120	121	123
% change	-3.83	-8.52	-9.94	-1.38	-11.89	-4.76	-3.79	-4.72	-0.83	0.83	1.65

Trends					
Past Enrolments			Projected Enrolments		
	Board	School		Board	School
5-Year	-10.39%	-25.00%	5-Year	-9.45%	-6.82%
10-Year	-22.84%	-35.61%			

School Staff	2011/12
NSTU-Teachers	11.25
Administrative Assistants	1.00
Program Support Assistants	2.00
Library Staff	0.10
Custodial Staff	1.50

Community Population Trends			
Municipality of the District of Chester			
Age	2001	2006	2011
0-19	2,370	2,155	
20-44	3,455	2,930	
45-64	3,150	3,640	
65-74	1,015	1,145	
75 & over	805	875	
Median Age	42.8	46.5	
Total	10,795	10,745	10,599

*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, New Ross Consolidated School has been able to facilitate the delivery of the public school program. However, there are accessibility issues and the building does not contain an elevator.

In the first School Utilization Study Part 1 report, a list of factors was introduced that 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. At some point in the future it is recommended that the school program is examined, with particular attention to multi-aged and middle school programming.

Costs

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

2009/2010	2010/2011	Average	Square Feet	\$ Per Sq. Ft.
\$509,267	\$174,115	\$341,691	35,000	\$9.76

Annual utility costs per square foot for 2010-2011

Electricity	Fuel	Water	Sewer	Total	Square Feet	\$ Per Sq. Ft.
\$17,837	\$40,137	NA	\$586	\$58,560	35,000	\$1.67

Summary

1. Transportation to Chester is not a good option because of the extended travel time.
2. A space utilization study is recommended.
3. A program review is recommended.
4. The school has significant accessibility issues and will require major renovations.

5. Under the new criteria this school is identified as a small and isolated school.
6. A change to a P-8 configuration should be explored.

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.