



# Board

## Annual Report 2012-2013

The past twelve months have been a very busy and challenging time for the SSRSB. Since being elected, there were several priorities that I endeavored to achieve during my time as Chair - To define the role of the Board, the role of the Superintendent and the role of the SSRSB staff, to communicate the decisions of the Board to students, families, teachers and community members, to gain trust and respect from the public for the Board and to focus on the best interests of students.

The Board started work on the School Review Process right away which consumed much of the Board's time during 2013. The process was intense, complicated and emotional for the whole Board but in the end the Board tried its best to be open and transparent in hopes to provide good planning for the future needs of students. In March 2013 the Board made the following decisions:

- That Hebbleville Academy remain open in the current configuration (grades P to 5, and grades 6 to 9)
- That Gold River Western Shore Elementary School permanently close and the students transfer to the Chester District Elementary School, effective September 2013.
- That New Ross Consolidated School be configured to include grades primary to 8 and the grade 9 student attend Forest Heights Community School for grades 9, 10, 11 and 12, effective September 2014.
- That Chester Area Middle School be reconfigured to include grades 6, 7 and 8 and the grade 9 students attend Forest heights Community School for grades 9, 10, 11 and 12, effective September 2014.
- That Pentz Elementary School permanently close and that a new school be requested to replace Pentz Elementary School and Petite Riviere Elementary School.
- That Petite Riviere Elementary School permanently close and that a new school be requested to replace Petite Riviere Elementary School and Pentz Elementary School.
- That Mill Village Consolidated School permanently close and the students transfer to Dr. J. C. Wickwire Academy, effective September 2014.
- That the current grade 5 students at Mill Village Consolidated School transfer to the new South Queens Junior High School effective September 2013, such that Mill Village Consolidated School is reconfigured as a grade primary to grade 5 school.

Throughout the past 12 months, I have had the opportunity to participate in a couple Transportation Appeal Meetings, Audit Committee Meetings, as well as numerous graduation ceremonies, school fairs and holiday events, just to name a few. I have also attended several NSSBA Meetings and our Board hosted the NSSBA AGM at White Point in May 2013. This event was very successful and well attended.

With a new school year underway, the Board is looking forward to focusing on strategic planning, the budget process and learning more about the overall functions of regional office and the schools in this region.

Finally, as Board Chair, I always keep in mind that we are here for all students of the SSRSB. I would also like to thank the SSRSB staff that have been very supportive and professional and without them the Board would not be where they are today; thank you to all staff.

To my fellow Board Members, thank you for your dedication and support over the past year.

Respectfully Submitted,

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SSRSB Board Chair