



**South Shore**  
Regional Centre for Education

# January 2020

## Monthly Report

Happy New Year and welcome back! As we move into 2020, I wanted to take a moment to officially welcome back all of our students, staff and volunteers. I hope everyone had a relaxing holiday and took advantage of the opportunity to unwind.

I am very excited to continue to support our students, families, staff and school communities in the South Shore Regional Centre for Education. It's hard to believe that we are close to the mid-way point of the 2019-2020 school year. One of the many strengths we have in the SSRCE is our highly qualified and dedicated staff who work hard each and every day to support our students and school communities. I'm always very impressed with the learning activities and opportunities in and out of the classroom that our staff provide our students.

I look forward to continuing the excellent work already underway in our region that is completely focused on student learning, achievement and success. Our collective efforts will continue to focus on the successful implementation of the goals and priorities included in the 2019-2020 System Improvement Plan.

Sincerely,

Paul Ash  
Regional Executive Director  
South Shore Regional Centre for Education



We are always so proud to see youth succeeding in goals they set, and to see them recognized for their hard work and accomplishments. Congratulations Ellen Raddall! We are all very proud of you! We're pleased to share with our school communities the details of Ellen's recent accomplishment.



We would like to congratulate Ellen on completing her Silver Award Level with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Program. For the Silver Level, Ellen completed 26 weeks of a skill (piano), 26 weeks of Physical Activity (boxing), 26 weeks volunteering (Kim Masland MLA office) and then three nights, two days expedition (Adventurous Camping).

Congratulations Ellen on this wonderful achievement and we look forward to hearing what you will be doing for your Gold Award Level. For more information on [The Duke of Edinburgh's Award](https://www.dukeofed.org/), click the following link below or get in touch with Troy Smith – [smithtd02@gmail.com](mailto:smithtd02@gmail.com) - <https://www.dukeofed.org/>

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 6—First day back to school after holiday break
- January 8—Embedded CLT (90 minute early dismissal)
- January 10—Vice Principals' Meeting
- January 13-17—Early Pre-Primary & Primary Registration
- January 22—Embedded CLT (90minute early dismissal)
- January 23—NS Virtual School Exams (10-12)
- January 27—Semester 1 Exams Begin
- January 28—Principals' Meeting
- January 31—S1 End (10-12)
- January 31—S1 Report Card Prep (10-12)

**Early Pre-Primary and Primary Registration Week  
is January 13 – 17, 2020**

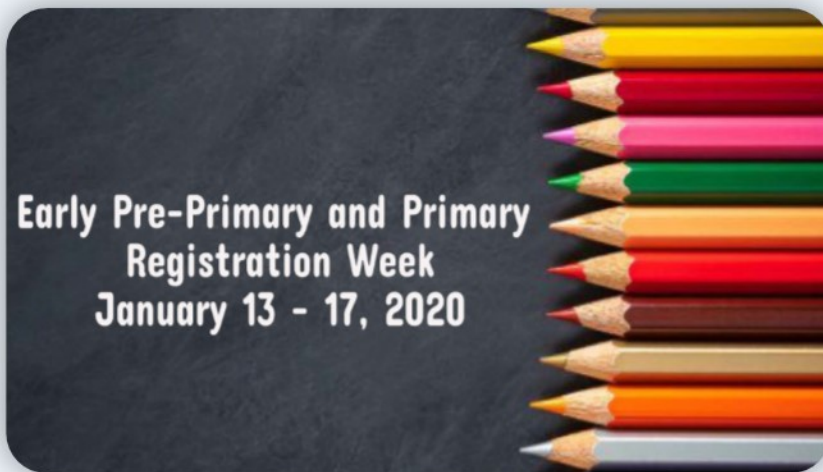
**PRE-PRIMARY CHILDREN** turning four years of age on or before December 31, 2020, are eligible to begin pre-primary in September 2020. If your child will be starting school in September, please contact the appropriate catchment area elementary school in your community for early registration.

**PRIMARY STUDENTS** turning five years of age on or before December 31, 2020, are eligible to begin primary in September 2020. If your child will be starting school in September, please contact the appropriate catchment area elementary school in your community for early registration.

Parents/guardians will be required to present:

- Identification for their child with their date of birth (birth certificate)
- Health card number and expiry date
- Proof of residence (e.g. driver's license, utility bill).

If you are unsure which elementary school your child would attend, please check out the catchment area map on our website or call the Bus Garage at 902-541-8252.



**#WAYTOGOKIEFER**



December 16, 2019, was a very special day as Kiefer Huskins received a clean bill of health after months of cancer treatment. Liverpool Regional High School came together as a community to celebrate [#waytogokiefer](#). They also enjoyed a performance by their LRHS Cheer Team and some LRHS Warrior Basketball. Thank you Liverpool Sobey's for donating CAKE! Sending a huge thank you to ALL who contributed to and participated in this wonderful day!

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# School Holiday Celebrations



BCS



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BJHS



GES



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LRHS



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DICWA



WNES



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# Province Bans Sales of Flavoured E-Cigarettes, Commits to Legislation

Health and Wellness

December 5, 2019 - 9:45 AM

Government is concerned about the growing number of young people vaping in Nova Scotia.

That is why as of April 1, 2020, Nova Scotia will ban the sale of flavoured e-cigarettes and juices. Nova Scotia is one of the first provinces to announce measures to address vaping and the only province to announce a full flavour ban.

"We've worked hard to shift to a smoke-free culture and we do not want to lose ground. Vaping rates, especially among young people, have been growing and we're concerned with what we're seeing," said Health and Wellness Minister Randy Delorey. "Nova Scotia was the first jurisdiction in Canada to ban the sale of flavoured tobacco and amending this regulation to ban flavoured e-cigarettes and juices is another big step forward. I am proud Nova Scotia continues to have progressive tobacco control legislation."

Nova Scotia has drastically reduced youth smoking rates over the last 30 years, but progress has stalled with the popularity of vaping, especially flavoured products.

In a recent survey conducted by Smoke Free Nova Scotia, 95 per cent of young people in Nova Scotia who vape said they prefer flavoured juices and over 48 per cent said they would quit if flavours were banned.

In a 2016-17 survey, 37 per cent of Nova Scotia students in grades 7 to 12 had tried vaping at least once, the highest rate in Canada. More than half of youth and young adults identify flavour and smell as the primary reason for trying vaping products.

The ban is the first step in addressing youth vaping. The province will roll out a public education campaign in the new year and introduce legislation in the upcoming session to further address vaping.



**Nova Scotia Education and Early Childhood Development**

December 19, 2019 at 11:42 AM ·

Government will provide drinking water to 324 public schools in January, until lead testing in all schools can be completed.

These include 284 schools not yet tested for lead and 40 schools that have been tested and require drinking water.

Health Canada recently lowered the acceptable level of lead in drinking water and introduced new testing guidelines. The guidelines indicate the testing can only be done in warmer weather. Testing began in Nova Scotia schools in fall 2019 and will resume in spring 2020, with the goal of having all schools tested by the end of the current school year.

Courtesy of [Department of Education & Early Childhood Development](#)

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