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Media Advisory

District Announces Plan for Mount Pearl Intermediate Students

(September 21, 2007) Mr. Darrin Pike, acting C.E.O./Director of Education, today announced the plan to temporarily accommodate students following the recent fire at Mount Pearl Intermediate. In reaching this decision, district staff consulted with school councils, conducted an extensive review of facilities in the St. John's metro region and analyzed programming impacts on students.

“As one can appreciate, devising a plan for 900 students ranging in grades from five to nine was a monumental task,” says Pike. “Our decision ultimately reflects what we feel is best to meet students’ program requirements. For the most part, this plan has allowed us to keep the children in the community with their teachers and classmates. While the plan is not perfect, we feel under the circumstances it is quite workable and will get our students back in class without much more delay.”

Elementary Students

Monday, September 24th

- Grade 5 Mount Pearl Intermediate students will attend Morris Academy. Students will travel on the same bus routes that were in place when these students attended Morris Academy last year.
- Grade 6 Mount Pearl Intermediate students will attend Newtown Elementary. Two new bus routes have been added. Routes and times will be posted on the Eastern School District website or by calling district office at 758-2372.

Tuesday, September 25th

- Grades 5 and 6 Paradise Elementary students will attend the School for the Deaf on Topsail Road. Students will travel on the same bus and follow the same schedule that was in place prior to the fire.

Junior High Students

Grades 7-9 will share a shift system with Mount Pearl Senior High.

- Mount Pearl Senior High students will begin classes at 8 a.m. (one half hour earlier) and end at 1:00 p.m. beginning on Monday, September 24th. Revised class and bus schedules will be posted on the school and district websites.
- Mount Pearl Intermediate students in grades 7-9 will begin classes at Mount Pearl Senior High on Tuesday, September 25th. Classes will begin at 1:30 p.m. and end at 5:45 p.m. Junior high students should report to the gymnasium of Mount Pearl Senior High on Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 pm for their classroom assignments.

The District advises that it is working on a plan to return students' personal belongings. Further information will be available on Friday. Students and parents are also encouraged to check their school's website, the district website www.esdnl.ca, and local media for further announcements.