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**GSSD Board of Education to Undertake School Review**

At its Board meeting of Thursday, October 9, 2014 the Good Spirit School Division Board of Education passed a motion to undertake the school review process at Fort Livingstone School in Pelly.

Fort Livingstone School has been identified for review of future school viability based upon the criteria established in Board Policy 17 and *The Education Act, 1995*. Numerous criteria such as enrolment figures, location, transportation considerations, grade configuration, staffing, operational costs, facility standards, program offerings, and extra-curricular activities are considered before a school is placed under review. The findings are used as a basis to undertake dialogue and open discussions in regards to appropriate options for the future.

“We need to ensure that we are offering the best education opportunities possible for students,” states Bryan Cottenie, Board Chair. “In reviewing data around viability considerations, we, as a Board, decided that we need to take more time to further investigate the future sustainability of the school in Pelly. There are so many factors to consider that we want to make sure we do a thorough job of taking everything into account. The school review process is important as it opens up honest discussions in the next step of reviewing information and ensuring we have all of the facts.”

At the same meeting, the Board of Education passed a second motion for the establishment of a Review Committee. Committee representatives will be identified by October 31<sup>st</sup>.

“The community of Pelly will play an instrumental role in the decision making process. As a public entity, we want to ensure we not only take the data into account but we also want to hear from community members too. They will be welcome to present information through the Review Committee in working towards our common goal of making sure the best future for students is a reality,” declared Cottenie.

For further information, contact Mr. Dwayne Reeve, Director of Education, at 306-786-5500.

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