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**GSSD Board of Education Suspends School Review**

At its Special Board meeting of Thursday, October 6, 2016 the Good Spirit School Division Board of Education passed a motion to undertake the school review process at Fort Livingstone School in Pelly which had been identified for review based upon the criteria established in Board Policy 17 and *The Education Act, 1995*.

Part of the division's review process involved holding an information meeting with the Fort Livingstone School Community Council. This meeting was conducted on October 13, 2016 at Fort Livingstone School. During the meeting, a set of criteria such as enrolment figures, location, transportation considerations, grade configuration, staffing, operational costs, facility standards, program offerings, and extra-curricular activities was discussed. Members of the Good Spirit School Division Board of Education and Good Spirit Senior Leadership were present to answer questions posed by the School Community Council (SCC) representatives and members of the Fort Livingstone School staff.

The Board's decision to close Fort Livingstone School was supported by the SCC. On October 14, 2016 the Fort Livingstone School SCC passed a motion of support. On October 20, 2016 the Good Spirit School Division Board of Education voted to close Fort Livingstone School at the end of the 2016-2017 school year.

The SCC recognizes that change can be challenging and they will continue to commit to ensuring successful educational opportunities for their students now and into the future. The Good Spirit School Division and the School Community Council of Fort Livingstone School, in collaboration with the Norquay School Community Council will now begin the transition planning process.

The decision takes effect prior to the start of the new school year resulting in Fort Livingstone School students being transported to Norquay School when classes resume in September 2017.

For further information, contact Mr. Quintin Robertson, Director of Education, at 306-786-5500.

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