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### **GSSD Board of Education agrees to Consolidate Sturgis Schools**

At its Regular Board meeting of Thursday August 18, 2016 the Good Spirit School Division Board of Education passed a motion to accept the recommendation of the Sturgis School Community Council and consolidates the Sturgis Elementary and Sturgis Composite High Schools into one facility located in the Sturgis Composite High School facility effective for the 2017-2018 school year.

The Good Spirit School Division administration first met with the Sturgis School Community Council on June 9, 2016 to discuss the possibility of a school consolidation. The Sturgis Composite High School was originally built to accommodate over 400 students, and with the changes in enrolment over the past few years there is now sufficient space available to accommodate both the elementary and high school students. With the provincial budget funding announcement the school division received sufficient Preventative Maintenance and Renewal funding to make a renovation possible at the SCHS to accommodate the SES students. Following this meeting the Sturgis SCC decided to hold a community meeting to seek feedback from the public.

On June 20, 2016 the community meeting was held at the Sturgis Composite High School. The community had opportunity to hear the proposal to consolidate the two Sturgis schools and ask questions or provide comment on the proposal. Following the public meeting the Sturgis SCC met and decided to pass a resolution recommending the consolidation of the Sturgis Elementary and Sturgis Composite High schools effective for the 2017-2018 school year. This resolution has been accepted by the Board of Education.

Renovations to the Sturgis Composite High School began in October 2016 and will be completed for the fall of 2017 in order to accommodate the staff and students from both schools. Ongoing consultation between school administration, staff, division staff and the SCC will ensure that the renovations meet the needs of the school community.

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