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Trenton New School Engagement: **We Heard From You.**

Families & Community

In November 2023, Trenton families and community members had the opportunity to participate in an online engagement using the platform ThoughtExchange. We want to thank you for your feedback, as it will be helpful as planning begins for a new school building.

What we heard from you

The participants expressed a variety of suggestions regarding the consolidation of Trenton Elementary School and Trenton Middle School, including:

- Location near Trenton Park, the rink, and the ballfield, allowing ample opportunities for outdoor activities and promote a healthy lifestyle. Some also mentioned the benefits of being near the seniors' home, fostering intergenerational connections.
- Facilities specifics include a library, a cafeteria, a gymnasium, an auditorium, a community room, updated technology, safe drop-off and pick-up areas and fully accessible with ramps and elevators.
- The importance of outdoor green space and playgrounds to help support student health, well-being, and outdoor learning.
- Built with future population growth in mind
- Community use for extracurricular functions and as a hub for community programs.
- Promotion of inclusion and a sense of belonging
- Built with sustainability in mind, including the use of solar power.
- Kitchen facility capable of preparing free lunches to address food security issues.

Next Steps

The Nova Scotia Department of Public Works manages the design and construction processes on behalf of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and CCRCE. CCRCE works to support Public Works by providing input on any requirements for school programming or the school community usage. This includes the feedback we collected from the school staff and community in the November engagement sessions.

The next step in the process will be the site selection for the school by the Department of Public Works.

Once a site is determined, a School Steering Team is established as an advisory body for the scope of work and project priorities within the new school's planning and fiscal designations. This includes providing input and advice on such issues as background and cultural information of the consolidating facilities and how the school can be configured to optimize the building's ability to support student learning and well-being.