

RoS Progress Update – December 2025

Scotia-Glenville CSD would like to share a development from Reimagining Our Schools, our district initiative to study whether to close or repurpose one of our four elementary schools.

Based on recommendations from our Reimagining Our Schools work groups and Superintendent Susan Swartz, the Board of Education agreed Monday to start planning for Scotia-Glenville to operate just three elementary schools starting next school year.

No decision has been made about which school will be closed or repurposed. The work groups will now focus on determining what works best for Scotia-Glenville's students, staff, and families, including exploring new options, such as two K-2 schools and a Grade 3-5 school or three K-5 schools.

Several of our work groups have also recommended keeping Sacandaga and Glendaal elementaries open due to their size and location, respectively. Again, no decision has been made and the transition to three elementary schools will impact all of our families.

Since September, more than 60 volunteers on our Reimagining Our Schools committee have met regularly in small groups to discuss attendance boundaries, grade level configurations, staff and student transitions, and other needs.

The committee began exploring a move to three elementary schools due to Scotia-Glenville's declining enrollment and financial challenges. Enrollment has dropped by more than 500 students over the past 15 years (we currently have 2,115 students compared to 2,677 students in 2011-12). We also face another budget gap of more than \$1 million next year. Closing or repurposing a school would create significant cost savings and help us preserve programs and supports for our students districtwide.

Our Reimagining Our Schools work groups will continue to meet in the weeks ahead and we will continue to keep our community updated.