

January 2025 – Survey Minutes

- The Maude Burke SCC did an online survey – this resulted in 2 emails, one in favor one not in favor of combining Maude Burke Students with others. And 2 Surveys completed that were in favor of combining the schools. This was done in May/June 2024
 - The Maude Burke SCC did a paper survey in the fall/winter of 2024 – Paper copies were sent home, as well as copies were available at our parent family talent show night in December.
 - 26 surveys were completed.
 - Results were 16 in favor of combining school children with the main theme being isolation, mental health/anxiety concerns, and social well-being in terms of transitions.
 - 10 surveys were in favor of leaving things as they were citing the small school atmosphere, proximity for walking being the main themes.
 - Total feedback 29 in favor of a whole community school system like Nipawin in some format, and 11 in favor of leaving Maude Burke as a PK to 6.
 - Note – there was not mention of declining enrolment and possible split grades
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- Next Meeting – Feb 26 – 6pm with Board Chair and NESD Director

The Maude Burke SCC would like your input into this survey because we feel, as a council, it is important to:

- Share our and your voice from a School Community perspective.
- Provide ideas/feedback to the NESD Board
- *This is your chance for INPUT.*

SURVEY – thank you for your answers.

- 1) If you had a choice for the future, what would your preference be for Maude Burke School, with a new large elementary school being built in Melfort? Choose from this list:**

	Leave Maude Burke School as is. A pre-K to 6 school where Maude Burke students would move to MUCC in grade 7 and attend grade 7 with the students from the new school. (This would make Maude Burke an even smaller feeder school to MUCC than it is right now).
	I would like to see Maude Burke school change to an early-year's school , serving all of Melfort. <i>(For example, like Nipawin, Maude Burke becomes a Pre-K to 2 school for Melfort, then all kids move to the new school for grades 3 to 6, providing Maude Burke students with a chance to enter grade 7 knowing lots of friends from Melfort, making for a smoother transition to MUCC).</i>

	I have a different idea not listed. My idea is

2) **Optional** - Please share any personal views or experiences to support your choice in question #1

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3) **Please list any concerns** you have for or against Maude Burke staying as is, that would be important for the NESD board to consider.

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****Turn this form into the survey box at the office. Your child or you will be given an entry form to place in the draw box. Surveys will be available at the Talent Show as well. Draw to be made before Christmas.**

Maude Burke School Community Council Survey – December 2024

Did you know.....

- Article taken from - <https://northeastnow.com/2024/06/10/new-school-in-melfort-on-provincial-waitlist/>

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The North East School division remains on a waitlist to build a new school in Melfort.

The division's plan is to replace Brunswick and Reynolds elementary schools with a new facility. Brunswick was built in 1954, while Reynolds opened in 1962.

Director of Education Stacy Lair told *northeastNOW* the project remains on a waitlist of provincial capital builds.

"Anywhere from four to seven years is sort of a guess of how long it takes to percolate on that list to come to a planning fruition," Lair explained.

She said the division has not decided what the school composition will be between the new school, Maude Burke School, and Melfort and Unit Comprehensive Collegiate (MUCC).

“There will be a new physical building with some kind of grade compilation. We’ve had a little bit of discussion with the SCCs (School Community Councils) from those two schools just to show them the plans and some of the thoughts.”

Lair said the plans are in the very early stages, and the division has also talked with the Maude Burke SCC and heard their concerns about how the school will fit in within the context of having a new facility in Melfort.

She believes the Ministry of Education will favour having one application for a build rather than two, as there are fewer maintenance issues with one building.

“It reduces and finds some efficiencies in that way, and we know that any kind of efficiencies we spend, it all...comes from the same pot and we get to give back to students and classrooms directly, which is where we wanted to be.”

The school division has worked with the city on a potential location for a new school, and Lair said the thought was an area somewhere in a triangle between Reynolds School, MUCC’s football field, and the Kerry Vickar Centre.

Lair said the Ministry of Education would look at enrolment projections for the foreseeable future, the catchment area and perhaps a bit beyond to determine the new facility’s size. The division has had a chance to discuss the new build with neighbouring communities and gather their input as well.

“You plan not for one or two (years), but for 20 or 30 or 50 years down the road. We want to make sure we do a good job of that, and the ministry definitely has processes to make sure that’s taken care of,” said Lair.

**** The MBSCC believes there are pros and cons in Maude Burke School having such a small population feeding MUCC. These can be for social reasons of friends in a small school, housing costs, better one on one, more challenges socially for students entering grade 7, etc. We want our community’s input to help the NESD make the best decision for all.**