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AVON MAITLAND DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD ANNOUNCES TRANSITION DETAILS FOR STRATFORD SCHOOLS RENOVATION PROJECT

All students will be together for 2019/2020 school year

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Decisions have been made surrounding the transition year, September 2019 to June 2020 for AMDSB's Stratford Central and Northwestern students. All students in grades 7-12 will be together at Stratford Northwestern Secondary School.

Your voices were heard - thanks to community input in AMDSB's *thoughtexchange* process, students, staff and community members expressed their concerns surrounding split day scheduling, reducing transitions, maintaining a balanced school day, operating on regular school hours, and continuing co-curricular activities.

AMDSB is committed to minimizing the disruption to learning, and ensuring the smoothest transition possible for all students. School time during the transition year will closely resemble the existing start and end of day times for both school communities, and will remain within the current busing window.

AMDSB will offer one course calendar for both schools during the transition year, so that every student has access to a full breadth of program. To accommodate all program offerings for students, the use of satellite spaces such as the Stratford YMCA is presently being examined, as well as the addition of portables.

Superintendent Jodie Baker states, "*The steering committee is looking at the details that matter to our students such as locker space, transportation, clubs and sports teams. There will be additional opportunities for students, staff and parents to provide input into how to make the transition year run smoothly.*"

AMDSB continues to encourage the involvement of community, staff and students, remaining open to creative ideas, while also recognizing the realities of budget and constraints of time. They remain committed to open, honest transparent communication throughout this process.

The best source for information is the website hub - <https://yourschools.ca/stratford-public-schools/>

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