

WEST BEDFORD



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Monday, June 26, 2026

Dear West Bedford School Families,

As we look ahead to the 2026–2027 school year, we are pleased to share our administrative team and recognize a few exciting leadership transitions within our school community.

First, we would like to congratulate Ms. Joanne Treen, who has been appointed Vice Principal at Kingswood Elementary School. Ms. Treen has been a valued member of the West Bedford School community over the past three years, and we are grateful for her leadership, dedication, and care for our students, staff, and families. We wish her every success in this exciting new role.

We would also like to congratulate Ms. Jacinta Heckman, who served as Vice Principal at WBS this year while covering for Ms. Courtney Smith. Ms. Heckman will be joining BLT Sr. Elementary School as Vice Principal for the 2026–2027 school year. We sincerely thank her for the positive impact she has made during her time at West Bedford School and wish her all the best in her new position.

We are delighted to welcome Ms. Alison Birdsall to West Bedford School as Vice Principal. Ms. Birdsall joins us from Bicentennial School in Dartmouth and brings experience and a strong commitment to student learning and well-being. We look forward to having her as part of the WBS community.

The West Bedford School administrative team for the 2026–2027 school year will be:

- **Susan Casey** – Principal
- **Courtney Smith** – Vice Principal
- **Alison Birdsall** – Vice Principal

Thank you for your continued support of West Bedford School. We wish everyone a safe, restful summer and look forward to welcoming our students and families back in September.

Warm regards,

Susan Casey

Principal
West Bedford School

Last Day of School Information- June 30, 2026

• **Dismissal for students will be 4 hours earlier than the regular schedule- This means that**

dismissal for WBS is at 10:15 am.

- Bused students will arrive 4 hours earlier at their afternoon stop. Families should make arrangements to meet their Primary to Grade 2 children at the bus stop.
 - E.g., If a student has a regular bus drop-off time of 2:30 p.m., then the student's drop-off time for the last day of school is 10:30 a.m.
- BusPlanner will be updated the night of **June 26, 2026**, to reflect the busing times for the last day of school.
- Communication about early dismissal on the last day of school will be sent to families on June 26 via SchoolMessenger.
- BusPlanner will send a reminder to all bused families on the morning of June 30.

Address Update- Have you moved or will be moving?

It is important that schools have current and up to date address information. Not updating your information could impact access to bussing.

Please update your address on HRCE website using the form available at: https://www.hrce.ca/form/registration_flow_2026

Check the box that says: No, I would like to update my address to get to the address change form.

2026-2027 Summer Transportation News:

Information about student transportation for the 2026-27 school year will be available to view online through the BusPlanner Parent Portal later in July.

Families eligible for transportation will receive an email to access the Parent Portal to view their child's bus information once it is available.

Once you receive the email, you must follow the instructions to activate your new Parent Portal account and create a password. Using previous Parent Portal login information will not work. If you can't find the email, please contact transportation@hrce.ca or 902-431-4723 for assistance.

Over the summer, the HRCE Student Transportation team will also reach out to new HRCE families and those families who may require special needs transportation for their children with more information about busing.

Reminder: The Student Transportation team is available to assist you and answer questions about busing all summer at transportation@hrce.ca or 902-431-4723. When contacting the team, please ensure you have your child's name, grade, school name and student ID number ready. Your child's student ID number can be found in PowerSchool or on the top of your child's report card.

June 2026

- **Monday, June 29:** Assessment & Evaluation Day (No school for students).
- **Tuesday, June 30:** Last Day of School- **Dismissal for students will be at 10:15 am.**

2026-2027 School Year

**WBS Curriculum Night will be held on Wednesday,
September 2, 2026 from 6:00-7:30 pm**

**The first day of school for students is Thursday,
September 3, 2026!**