Bill #47 Education Act (amended)

CHANGES RECOMMENDED TO THE LAW AMENDMENTS COMMITTEE

PAGE 1 - add the following Clause:

- 1 Subsection 3(1) of Chapter 1 of the Acts of 1995-96, the *Education Act*, as amended by Chapter 11 of the Acts of 2000, is further amended by adding immediately after clause (y) the following clause:
 - (ya) "public consultation" means a series of meetings, to take place throughout the year, which seek to engage the local community, solicit feedback and compel the school board to formally respond to the reports related to the school closure in question;
- PAGE 1, Clauses 1 and 2 renumber as 2 and 3.
- PAGE 1, Clause 1 (renumbered as 2), line 1 delete "of the Acts of 1995-96, the Education Act,".
- PAGE 1, Clause 1 (renumbered as 2), proposed subsection 89(5), lines 4 and 5 delete and substitute:
 - (b) hold a public hearing which shall include public consultations;
- PAGE 1, Clause 1 (renumbered as 2), proposed Section 89 add the following proposed subsection:
 - (7) Following its compliance with the procedure outlined in this Section, if the Minister decides to keep a school open contrary to recommendations, the Minister must ensure that operational funding is provided as requested by the school board.