



ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Students at Burton Elementary School,

On June 11, 2015, the Anglophone West School District Education Council (ASD-W DEC) voted in favor of engaging a sustainability study of Burton Elementary School, under the process outlined in the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Provincial Policy 409: Multi-year School Infrastructure Planning. This policy serves as a foundation for determining the sustainability of a school, taking into account many aspects, such as:

Enrolment

Transportation

Economic Development

Health and Safety

Impact on Community

Impact on Other Schools

Quality Education and Services

Finances

Burton Elementary School was identified as a “trigger school” for study due to a student enrolment that falls below 100.

The sustainability study follows a process that includes three public meetings, all beginning at 6:30PM. The first public meeting will be for a presentation of facts about Burton Elementary School, in line with, but not limited to, the categories above. This meeting will take place on **Tuesday, October 13th, 2015 at the Burton Lions Club**. The second public meeting will allow for interested individuals, stakeholders and parties to present information to be considered in the decision-making process. A registration process for this meeting will be shared following the first meeting. This second meeting will take place on **Tuesday, December 8th, 2015 at the Burton Lions Club**. The third public meeting will occur on **Thursday, January 28, 2016, at a regularly scheduled Public DEC Meeting in Fredericton**. At this time, the District Education Council will discuss the study and vote on a final recommendation. That recommendation will be one of three possibilities (Section 6.4.2):

1. Maintain the status-quo at Burton Elementary School.
2. Provide for repairs to Burton Elementary School.
3. Close Burton Elementary School and move students to another school for their continued education.

The Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development must approve recommendation #2 or #3, if made by the DEC.

The staff of Anglophone West School District will gather and organize information that will be presented at the first meeting. As mentioned above, the meeting will be open to the public. We will also inform affected persons (beyond parents) through a public notice. A timeline of important points and dates is included with this letter.

Policy 409 can be found by going to the Government of New Brunswick website (www.gnb.ca) and choosing the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development site under “Departments”. Under the title “Quick Links” you can choose “Policies”, and this will bring you to a selection of policies, including Policy 409. The direct link to the policy is: <http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/education/k12/content/policies.html>.

By mid-September, you can visit our district website (www.asd-w.nbed.nb.ca), where we will maintain a current section with respect to the sustainability study. Related public information will also be posted there, including letters such as these. A public discussion board will also be available for respectful, constructive comments on the study.

Safety and quality education remain a priority for your children and we look forward to your engagement.

Sincerely,

David McTimoney
Superintendent