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Jane Brewer,  
PSSC Chairperson,  
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Dear Ms. Brewer:

I, Jane Geurts, am offering a letter of support for the continued operation of the Millville Elementary School. I have worked closely with the Principal, Sandra Langdon, at various times throughout our careers. As a galleried artist, a Coordinating Instructor and Head of the Design Department of the New Brunswick College of Craft and Design (NBCCD) I feel I am qualified to give an objective review of the arts program and initiatives undertaken over many years by Ms. Langdon. Myself and Elizabeth Demerson (Head of Aboriginal Studies at NBCCD and professional potter) recently undertook the Marvellous Mass Mosaic Project, under the Art Smart Project 2014 in which all students at the Millville School participated - see photos attached.

The Project endeavoured to apply two subjects matters, mathematics and art, in the field of visual two-dimensional design. It encouraged creative thinking skills, visual pattern connecting, hand eye coordination skills, organizational skills, personal pattern recognition and design work. It also involved considerable student interaction, information-sharing, as well as collaboration with peers.

The Millville Elementary School, under the direction of Ms. Langdon, has brought some of New Brunswick's most distinguished, accomplished and passionate artists and art instructors to this small rural school. As a result, the Millville children are receiving the highest quality of art instruction available. In my opinion this quality of education is not commonly seen or even available in larger urban centres.

I highly endorse the continuing support for this truly unique and intimate educational experience for our New Brunswick children. I also feel that this school is an integral part of the community and community events. If you have further questions or would like to speak to me regarding the Millville Elementary School please do not hesitate to contact me at 506-455-1467 (Email: jane.geurts@rogers.com).

Sincerely,

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