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Anglophone School District West

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February 9, 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This letter is written to the parents and guardians of students in elementary and middle schools in the Oromocto, Burton, Lincoln, and Geary communities.

On October 19, 2023, at their public meeting, the District Education Council (DEC) voted in favour of conducting a sustainability study for the six elementary and middle schools in the Town of Oromocto as well as Burton Elementary School, under the process outlined in the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Provincial Policy 409: Multi-year Infrastructure Planning. This policy serves as a foundation for determining the sustainability of schools, considering many aspects, such as:

**Enrolment
Transportation
Economic Development**

**Health and Safety
Impact on Community
Impact on Other Schools**

**Quality of Education and Services
Finances**

In line with the direction of the policy, the DEC hosted the first of three public meetings focused on this study on Saturday, January 27th, 2024, at Oromocto High School. At that time, I presented a factual look at each of the seven schools, guided by the categories mentioned above. I also outlined the process for this sustainability study. These presentations were made to the DEC, some school and district staff, and members of the public. There was also a day long expo in the lobby where each of the seven schools hosted a station sharing information about the school.

The second of the three public meetings for this study will be conducted in subgroups, focused on individual schools, as follows:

- Saturday morning, March 16, 2024 - Assiniboine Avenue Elementary School, Burton Elementary School, Hubbard Elementary School, all at Hubbard Elementary School.
- Saturday afternoon, March 16, 2024 - Gesner Street Elementary School, Summerhill Street Elementary School, both at Summerhill Street Elementary School.
- Saturday morning, March 23, 2024 - Harold Peterson Middle School and Ridgeview Middle School, both at Ridgeview Middle School.

These meetings will serve as a forum for current and future parents of the schools, community members, and other stakeholders to present to the DEC, district staff, and the general public regarding their thoughts on the sustainability of the schools.

To form an organized agenda, we are asking presenters to register at least one week in advance of this meeting. Presenters can be individual, or a group and we can offer a laptop, a projector, a screen, and a microphone if you should require such items to support your presentation. To register, please complete the registration form by following the link to the sustainability study under "Featured" on the homepage of our website <https://asdw.nbed.ca>. These registrations are to be submitted to the attention of Carol Clark-Caterini, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent by email at carol.clark-caterini@nbed.nb.ca or by mail to 1135 Prospect Street, Fredericton, NB, E3B 3B9. The forms must be received on or before **Monday, March 11, 2024**. The agenda, along with schedules will be communicated in advance of the meeting dates.

While we hope to allow for as much time as needed for any presenter, a reasonable timeline may need to be established based on the number of registrations received.

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Public Meeting #2 is not the only manner in which interested parties may share their thoughts on the sustainability and future of the seven schools being studied. We welcome feedback, so please feel free to email us at asdwinfo@nbed.nb.ca or send a letter to the address noted above.

We encourage you to visit the sustainability study section of our website. We have and will continue to keep it updated with all relevant letters and documents as this process unfolds, including each of the seven presentations from meeting number one.

The District Education Council has an important responsibility in making independent decisions in this sustainability study. To do this, they require an opportunity to hear the thoughts of parents, business leaders, and community members.

At the third public meeting, the District Education Council will discuss the study and vote on a final conclusion, within the context that the Government of New Brunswick has committed to building new schools in the area, as noted on the Stable Departmental Infrastructure Priorities (SDIP) list as the "Oromocto K-8 Rationalization" project. This conclusion may also consider the 2017-2018 Ernst & Young "feasibility study" which is described in my previous letter and in full detail on our website.

The third public meeting will occur on **Thursday, May 9, 2024**, in the Town of Oromocto.

Policy 409 can be found on our website, under the sustainability study section and our policy section.

We look forward to seeing you either as a presenter or member of the audience at our March meetings.

Sincerely,

David McTimoney
Superintendent

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