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Anglophone School District West

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March 12, 2024,

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This is a follow to my February 9, 2024, letter written to the parents and guardians of students in elementary and middle schools in the Oromocto, Burton, Lincoln, and Geary communities.

As a reminder, 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	Health and Safety	Quality of Education and Services
Transportation	Impact on Community	Finances
Economic Development	Impact on Other Schools	

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 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. My February 9th letter invited interested participants to register on or before Monday, March 11, 2024, allowing us to create an **organized agenda, which you will find attached below.**

Please note that 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.

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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**, at Oromocto High School, beginning at 7:00 PM in the theatre.

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

We look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

David McTimoney,
Superintendent

[**Public Meeting #2 Agenda**](#)

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