



Burton Elementary School

Where Stars Shine!

PRESENTED BY THE BURTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PARENT SCHOOL SUPPORT COMMITTEE

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AGENDA

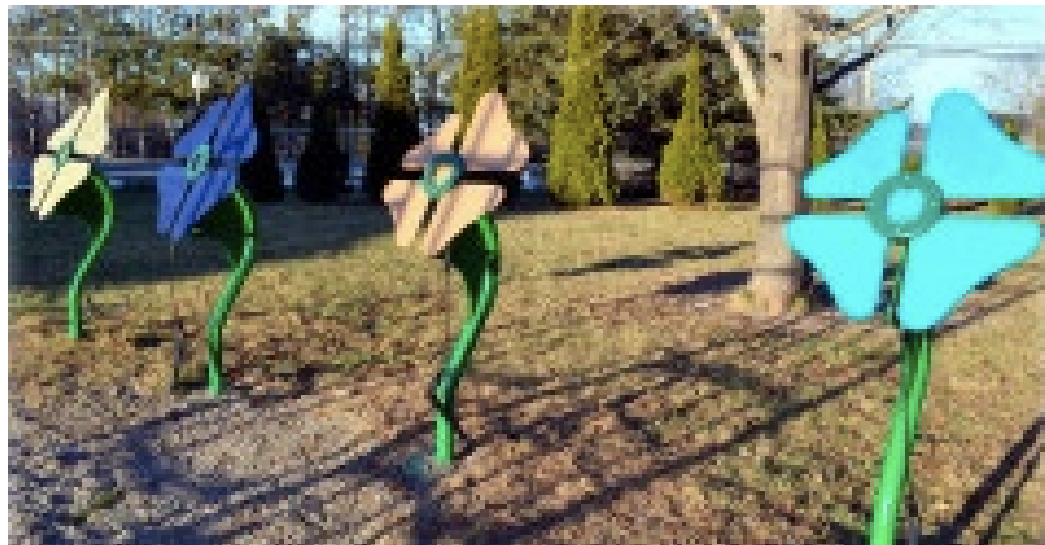
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ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Burton Elementary School envisions a successful future where every student is actively and meaningfully engaged in learning and developing the citizenship skills required to become a contributing of society.

The overall purpose of education is to foster and develop students' potential through a variety of instructional strategies. We make a commitment, in partnership with parents, in helping all students accept responsibility in caring and productive members of their community.



ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

- Student-Teacher Ratio
 - Student engagement and performance
 - Dedicated staff
- Ties to the Community
 - Supported by many families and organizations
 - Supports local business and events
- School Spirit
 - Small school, big heart



ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY

- Growing population
- Younger demographic
 - More families from the west are finding rural communities, like Burton, as a favourable place to grow a family.
- Opportunity to grow
 - Many new homes being built to accommodate growing population. Businesses are finding their way into our community.
- Feeling of home
 - Burton is a place where many feel at home. People are choosing places like Burton because of the lifestyle.



KEY FACTORS

- Community Ties
 - Strong public support for the school
 - Local business initiatives provide direct support to the school and students
- Economical
 - Property values
 - Home business
- Growth Potential
 - More people choose communities like Burton because of schools like Burton Elementary
 - Newer businesses, builds and influx of population



THE KEY FACTOR

- The one key factor of them all is **our children.**
 - The benefits of smaller class sizes:
 - Attention to our children's needs
 - A desire to see them grow
 - Bonds between staff, students and community
 - Other facts:
 - Shorter commuting time
 - Longest commute is 40 minutes, school average is 16 minutes compared to the 27 minute district average
 - 9.11:1 Student to Teacher ratio



VISION

- We see a potential for growth with a newer, or even larger school.
- Revising of the catchment area would allow for student growth for the school. Allowing for more grades would enable students to remain in the community longer, enhancing ties to the community and providing more stability for the children.
- A new school build would provide opportunity for an Early Learner's Program and daycare. This would enable the Burton school to become more of a community school that provides more service to the community.
- Options that exist for new schools include a K-8. This would benefit the community, benefit the children in the area and would provide stability and opportunity for our children.
 - This course of action would address the various disadvantages identified in Meeting #1 at OHS in January such as classroom sizes (physical space), gymnasiums, parking and resource rooms, etc... and allow for the students of Burton to learn in a newer or upgraded building.

CONCLUSION

- Having discussed key factors, it is evident that a school in Burton is essential for economic, community and child welfare reasons.
- As parents, we firmly believe a school in Burton is a necessity. It enhance the ties to the community, provides a reason for our community to grow and attracts young families to the area.
- Should there be no school in our community, Burton and its people would undoubtedly feel negative impacts as more people choose to live elsewhere, driving away opportunities.
- Ultimately, it will be our children that will suffer the consequences of losing ties to their hometown and spending more time in transit to another town for schooling at a young age.



Burton Elementary School is where stars come to shine.
Our children are our brightest stars.
Please let them continue to shine!

Keep our school in our community!



THANK YOU!!