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- Hello, I am Lisa Dorner the PSSC Chair for Hubbard and Vice Chair for both Assiniboine & HP.

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- Last month the PSSC Chairs of the 7 schools met to discuss our thoughts and what we would like to recommend.
- Thankfully, we were mostly on the same page. We then went back to our respective PSSC's to discuss with them and we all agreed to have Erin Dyker, the Summerhill Chair represent all the PSSC's in her presentation this afternoon.
- So, for the DEC Councillors you will hear that presentation this afternoon and for the Hubbard and Assiniboine parents here this morning I will give you a quick run through of the option our PSSC's chose to support.

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- Of the 5 scenarios presented in the report we have chosen to support scenario #3 of Three New K-8 Schools.
- We feel that this is the best option and will offer students long term stability of attending one school for possibly 9 years. They will experience continuity with their education and can build stronger relationships with staff while continuing to build on their school spirit.
- We believe it will be a welcomed option for the military families of the area. They will know which school their children will go to and there will be no switching schools over a short 2 or 3 year posting.
- For those children that have difficulties with change, they will benefit from staying within the system they already know. The resources that have already been built for them will continue, with easy communication possible between teachers and support staff. Especially in those already difficult transition years of middle school.
- For the families with multiple children – they will all be under one roof. Who doesn't want that??
- And the biggest benefit is the opportunities for social development between grades through peer support, reading buddies, leadership roles, mentorship programs, etc. We believe this will be beneficial for both ends of the grade spectrum.
- And for the families that have concerns about the mixing of age groups – in these larger school settings, grades are usually separated in certain halls within the building, separate areas on the playground and sometimes different eating and recess times. But the opportunity for the positive connection is still there!

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- If anyone has any questions about how we reached this decision I would be happy to chat afterwards.
- And I also encourage you to attend Erin's presentation this afternoon at Summerhill.

Thank you.