

Parent School Support Council  
Burton Elementary School  
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District Education Council –  
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BURTON PARENT SCHOOL SUPPORT COUNCIL –  
POSITION ON POLICY 409 SUSTAINABILITY STUDY

Dear Mr. Geburt and District Education Council Members,

On behalf of the Burton Elementary School PSSC, we wish to formally convey our position on the future of the Burton Elementary School as it relates to the Policy 409 Sustainability Study for the Oromocto and Area schools.

As presented at the Sustainability Study meeting number 2 held on 16 March 2024, it was expressed that the community of Burton and surrounding rural areas will benefit from retaining a school in Burton. Furthermore, it was presented that an option to enlarge the school to sustain the surrounding rural communities would be the most ideal outcome of this study. This sentiment was also shared with the Oromocto-proper PSSCs. However, it was deemed necessary to reiterate the Burton PSSC's position formally.

Upon analysis and discussion with local community members and PSSC members, the Burton Elementary School PSSC has voted unanimously for a new build for the school, located in a subdivision in Burton that does not abut Route 102. The purpose of this is to enable students the ability to walk to school safely, potentially adjoin adjacent subdivisions and foster the Burton community spirit, as well as ensuring that any play structures can be used by the children of the community safely. Furthermore, a newly constructed school could address the shortfalls identified in the data analysis from meeting number 1, specifically gym size and staff room, cafeteria and break-out room shortfalls. As previously discussed at the Sustainability Study meeting number 2 in Oromocto held on 16 March 2024, the Burton PSSC and Oromocto PSSC combined presentation advocated for a new school to include an integrated day-care and early learning centre. Upon further discussion, the Burton PSSC voted in favour of this potential new school to be built as a K-8 school. The secondary option would be a new-build K-5 school.

Further to this vote, it was discussed and agreed upon to request the enlargement of the Burton Elementary School in the interim period with the provision of portables and enlarge the school to a K-5 on a temporary basis on the current Burton Elementary School site. This will be

in conjunction and dependant on the request send to the ASD-W Superintendent to review the Catchment Area surrounding Burton. It was felt that enlarging the Catchment Area and furnishing Burton Elementary School with additional portables to accommodate a K-5 structure would keep local students in the area and further enhance community ties, as well as introduce prospective new staff to the area and community. This would also ensure continuity of staff and familiarity with the students, as well as minimizing any potential transfer of student files multiple times between Oromocto and Burton.

Should you have any questions or require any further information or administrative processes for this request, please do not hesitate to contact me at [tjdinner@gmail.com](mailto:tjdinner@gmail.com) or by telephone at 204-720-7248.

Sincerely,



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Chairperson  
Burton Elementary School PSSC

On behalf of the members of the Burton Elementary School PSSC members:

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