



Geary Elementary Community School PSSC
Geary Home and School Association
16 Lauvina Bye Road, Geary NB E2V3Y1

Dear Mr. Geburt, Mr. McTimoney, and District Education Councillors of ASD-W:

It has come to the attention of the PSSC and the Home and School Association at Geary Elementary Community School that an important decision is being made regarding the allocation of the District Self-Sustaining Funds.

As PSSC and Home and School chairs, we are concerned about the proposed use of these funds to install additional flagpoles at schools within ASD-West. While symbolic gestures have their place, we believe these resources could have a more direct and meaningful impact if allocated to initiatives that prioritize student education and wellness, and that improve the accessibility of our local schools.

At Geary Elementary Community School, we are actively working to improve the accessibility and inclusivity of our school. Recently, the Home and School Committee purchased accessible playground equipment. Our community is fortunate, as this purchase is one that many other Home and School Associations could not afford to make. Additionally, we are facing necessary renovations, including the installation of a ramp at one of our entrances—a project whose cost, we believe, should rightfully be borne by the district and the EECD, rather than the greater school community.

We strongly urge the District Education Council and ASD-W to reconsider the allocation of the District Self-Sustaining Fund. Directing these resources toward projects that provide tangible benefits to students within their schools would have a far greater and more lasting impact.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Geary Elementary Community School