



ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Farming Families,

Anglophone West School District (ASD-W) is a large, public school district comprising of 69 schools, 1700 teachers and approximately 23 000 students. We cover one third of the province in geography, ranging from Chipman/Minto/Cambridge-Narrows all the way to Edmundston, along the St. John River Valley. We also branch out as far as Boiestown/Doaktown and Harvey/McAdam. As you can appreciate, we serve many communities that are unique in a variety of ways.

Among these communities are those of Carleton County, known, among many things, for its commitment to farming. Steeped in tradition of these farming communities is the inclusion of youth in the annual potato harvest.

ASD-W respects the impact that many students from Carleton County have on the harvest. Balancing this respect with our mandate for public education, we continue to support students in Grades 9 to 12 who participate in the potato harvest through our Potato Harvest Enhancement Program. In its fourth year of existence, this is a program that allows for a student to participate in the harvest while, at the same time, maintain his/her studies. A number of strategies and resources are put in place to support interested students before, during and after the harvest.

There is a registration process and information can be gained from Carleton North High School. While the typical program is designed for high school students, some exceptions can be discussed for Grade 8 participants.

The District Education Council (DEC) monitors the progress of the Potato Harvest Enhancement Program through DEC Policy (ASD-W-ER7). I report formally to DEC once per year. Recognizing the importance of working with Potatoes New Brunswick and ensuring a collaborative consultative process, I write to the President/Chair and Executive Director annually, renewing my support of the student workers. As an organization, they are free to share this letter with farming families.

With the fall season now upon us, the timing is right for me to reconfirm my support and the assistance of ASD-W staff with respect to the annual Potato Harvest Enhancement Program. Working together, I am confident our students will be successful with their school and farming experiences.

Sincerely

Catherine Blaney
Interim Superintendent