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Dear Parents/Guardians,

In 2017, the New Brunswick provincial government and the New Brunswick Teachers' Federation, agreed to undertake a Research Project to assess the impact of adding an hour of instruction to Kindergarten, Grade One and Grade Two. The research project sites include 17 schools broken down by linguistic sector, ten (10) from the Anglophone Sector and seven (7) from the Francophone Sector.

We are excited to share that **McAdam Avenue School** has been selected to participate in this opportunity! Beginning this September 2018, students in the Kindergarten, Grade One and Grade Two classes will have an additional 60 minutes of instruction 4 days a week (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri). The project is a three (3) year study and will span the 2018-19, 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years.

Our focus for this project will be on implementing developmental play based inquiry and student interest learning centers into our daily curriculum. The additional time will be used to provide greater opportunities to increase the student's literacy, language, and numeracy development, along with social/emotional skills, physical education, music, fine arts, technology, creativity and overall wellness.

Researchers from the University of New Brunswick will be evaluating the impact of the additional time on the development of the whole child such as, but not limited to, teaching literacy, numeracy, physical education, music and the arts with a focus on overall wellness (physical, mental, and interpersonal relationships), resiliency, socio-affective strategies and cultural skills. The researchers will also evaluate the impact of the additional time and resourcing on the entire school staff as well as parents/guardians and other stakeholders in the community.

This is an important research project as the findings will be based on New Brunswick schools in both Anglophone and Francophone sectors and will provide a local context to inform future educational decisions.

We greatly appreciate your support. If you have any general questions concerning the project, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
Cynthia Burnett
Principal