

# ANGLOPHONE WEST SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Students at Burton Elementary School,

On June 11, 2015, the Anglophone West School District Education Council (ASD-W DEC) voted in favor of engaging a sustainability study of Burton Elementary School under the process outlined in the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Provincial Policy 409: Multi-year Infrastructure Planning. This policy serves as a foundation for determining the sustainability of a school, taking into account many aspects, such as:

**Enrolment  
Transportation  
Economic Development**

**Health and Safety  
Impact on Community  
Impact on Other Schools**

**Quality Education and Services  
Finances**

In line with the direction of the policy, the DEC hosted the first of three public meetings focused on this study on Tuesday, October 13, 2015, at the Burton Lions Club. At that time, I presented a factual look at Burton Elementary School, guided by the categories mentioned above. I also outlined the process for this sustainability study. This presentation was made to the DEC, some school and district staff, and about 35 members of the public.

The second of the three public meetings focused on this study will take place on **Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at the Burton Lions Club, with a 6:30PM start**. This meeting will serve as a forum for parents of Burton Elementary School students, community members and other stakeholders to present to the DEC, district staff and the general public regarding their thoughts on the sustainability of the school.

To form an organized agenda, we are asking presenters to register at least one week in advance of this meeting. Presenters can be individual or as a group and we can offer a laptop computer, an in-focus projector and a screen if you require these items to support your presentation. To register, please complete the registration form that can be found on our website ([www.asd-w.nbed.nb.ca](http://www.asd-w.nbed.nb.ca), then follow the prompts to the sustainability site) or at the school. These registrations need to be submitted to Carol Clark-Caterini (Executive Assistant to the Superintendent) by email at [carol.clark-caterini@gnb.ca](mailto:carol.clark-caterini@gnb.ca), fax at 444-5264, or by mail to 1135 Prospect Street, Fredericton, NB, E3B-3B9. These registrations must be received no later than **Tuesday, December 1, 2015**. The required information is outlined on the registration form.

While we hope to allow for as much time as needed for any presenter, a reasonable timeline may need to be established based on the number of registrations received.

Public Meeting #2 is not the only manner in which interested parties may share their thoughts on the sustainability of Burton Elementary School. We have established an electronic discussion board on our district website and we also welcome emails to [asdwsustainability@nbed.nb.ca](mailto:asdwsustainability@nbed.nb.ca). You can also write to us as the above address.

We encourage you to visit the "Sustainability Site" on our website. At this time, a number of relevant letters and documents are posted to the site. We hope that you will find it useful as you reflect on this process. We are also happy to post accurate and relevant materials submitted by stakeholders, including presentations from the December 8th meeting.

The District Education Council has an important responsibility in making one of three decisions in this sustainability study. To do this, they require an opportunity to hear the thoughts of parents, business leaders, and community members, regardless of the stance that may be held.

At the third public meeting, the District Education Council will discuss the study and vote on a final conclusion, which will be one of three possibilities:

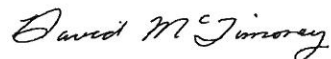
1. Maintain the status-quo at Burton Elementary School
2. Recommend to the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development to invest dollars into repairing Burton Elementary School
3. Recommend to the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development to close Burton Elementary School and move the students to another appropriate location.

The third public meeting will occur on **Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016**, in Fredericton.

Policy 409 can be found on our website, under the sustainability study section.

We look forward to seeing you as either a presenter or member of the audience at our December 8th meeting.

Sincerely,



David McTimoney  
Superintendent