

April 3rd, 2017

To whom it may concern:

My wife and I moved to Fredericton from Moncton last November. At the time, we called several schools in the area to make the best decision as to where to register our son, Andre. Andre has a condition called selective mutism where his vocal cords freeze and cause him to be unable to speak in certain social situations. This is mainly happening in school settings as well as situations where he identifies individuals as school community members. When my wife called Kingsclear Consolidated, she was immediately transferred to Angela Kelly, who explained with enthusiasm how the school would be able to accommodate Andre. Once we visited the school with Andre, all teachers took the time to meet with my wife to figure out how to best make the transition with Andre in a new school setting. A psychologist referral was also made and a plan in place with regards to getting Andre to speak. We had been waiting for this for 3 years at his previous school.

Within a short month, Andre has thrived in his new school. Every day, he gets closer to being verbal with his teachers and peers and is already verbal with one student outside of school settings! He has shown progress in being able to be evaluated academically, and while he still has struggles in his academics, he is getting the support he needs and has needed for years. Without a small class setting like we have at Kingsclear Consolidated School, and dedicated teachers, we fear Andre would be basically placed in a corner and be ignored. We believe the difference in Andre is due to the Kingsclear Consolidated School staff and their openness to help him find his voice within his academic community.

Kind regards,

Christopher Dickson

### Unwavering Support for KCS:

My daughter attended KCS from K--Grade 5 and my son currently attends (K--Grade 2). KCS is more than a "school", it is a small close knit family / community where friendships are built, fostered and are life long. The staff really get to know the needs of each student in their classroom as well as the entire school. There is no apprehension moving up a level as the students usually already know who they will have for a teacher as they graduate levels.

My daughter flourished in the small school environment; both academically and socially. She participated in almost all offered extra-curricular events. This provided her with an amazing level of self-confidence.

Due to the small school environment my son, who excels in math, was able to take part in a math program that was suited to his ability, not just his grade level. This was exciting and challenging and attributed to his continued growth and love of math. I believe the small class environment contributed to this learning opportunity.

As a parent, and a former student, I love KCS. The school is proud landmark of what can be accomplished with the winning combination of great educators, students who feel they are part of something greater than themselves, community involvement and great spirit. KCS is family.

Krista Morency

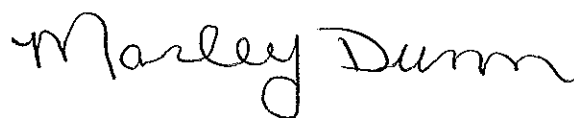
I don't even really know where to start, I have so many reason why i feel KCS should not be closed. I have 3 children who go to KCS, Sean in grade 5, Madison in grade 3/4 and Leeum in grade 1. They love that school, and everyone in it.

One of the biggest reasons I would have to say is the bus time, my kids are already on the bus for at least 40 minutes to get to school, and thats already to long for them. My 7 year old already has 3 strikes on the bus luckily they are only counting it as 2 because one more and he will be kicked off the bus. The bus ride is just to long for him and if he had to go into town to school it would be at least 20 minutes longer, when i first moved out to my house my oldest child who was in kindergarden at the time had to go to garden creek and that bus was almost an hour if not longer, with him having to transfer buses, he hated it, it was a fight everyday to get that child on the bus for school. Could you imagine being 5 years old on a bus for over an hour and having to transfer buses.

Another big reason I would say is with it being a little school there is so much more help and resources, My daughter is struggling with reading and writing and instead of them pushing her aside to fail they actually take the time to help her. she is improving everyday and i believe its because with such a small school and not as many kids in each classroom the staff is able to have more one on one time with all the students. Both my boys are having a hard time with self control and listening to instructions and because there isn't 30 kids in their classes the teacher don't just push them to the back and forget about them, they take the time to help them to figure out what is wrong and try and come up with different ways and strategies to get past it. each staff member takes the time to help each child in that school, why because they CARE!

Walking into that school is like walking into your own home, Everybody knows who you are, who your child/children are. Every teacher/staff member knows every student in that school not only their first names but their likes and dislikes, their personalities, their families/siblings both in the school or not. They all work together there and do their best to make the school the best place to be. KCS isn't just a school, its family, no matter what your going through inside or out side the school the family at KCS care, a few years ago my oldest son who was in grade 3 at the time, was in the hospital and every person in that school children and staff made him a get well soon card and his teacher hand delivered them all to him in the hospital while he came up to check on him. Last year my youngest child who doesn't attend the school yet almost died and was in the hospital for a week and everyday the school would send me emails asking about him and let me know my KCS family was there if i needed anything. when we got out of the hospital the staff put together a care package and delivered it to my house, did they have to do any of that no but they did because they CARE!

Thank you  
Marley Dunn



Our Son started Grade 1 at K.C.S after having completed Kindergarten at Garden Creek School. We loved having our Son at a smaller school. Children who attend smaller schools are giving more individualized and small group instruction, something that larger schools lack. One of the biggest benefits of a smaller school is that all of the Teachers at K.C.S knew every child on their campus. That is most definitely not something that larger schools can boast. As Parents, we also knew all of the Teachers in all of the grades. This close knit academic community was very welcoming to our family. There was also a strong sense of student morale that our Son did not experience in the larger school he attended in Kindergarten. Our Son flourished at Kingsclear Consolidated. He had been painfully shy in Garden Creek and didn't feel comfortable even conversing with other children. At K.C.S he found himself and started opening up. He quickly began making friends. He also started participating in class. Smaller, individualized class structures are a direct reflection on pupil achievement. Students were well prepared to graduate to the next grade level and were well versed in what to expect. There were no surprises. Every student was also given the opportunity to attend all of the social functions and outings that the school introduced to students. No one was excluded regardless of their economic situation. Fundraising throughout the academic year funded these events/outings for the students. It was an all inclusive school, no child was left out. This was part of that sense of true community. These children make friends for life in these small schools. Our Son is in grade 8 now and still talks to all of the kids that he attended school with at Kingsclear Consolidated. These children will be lifelong friends due to the simple fact that they attended a small close knit community school. I would urge you to consider the importance of a small community school that fosters close relationships thereby reducing the alienation of students. These positive relationships are a direct correlation on student learning. As a family, our experience at K.C.S was second to none. My husband and I most definitely believe we made the best possible choice for our Son when we choose to enrol him in Kingsclear Consolidated instead of the larger Garden Creek School in Grade 1.

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From Jennifer Rodrigue (mom of current KCS Kindergarten student)

"We moved to New Brunswick summer of 2015 and we looked all over Fredericton when we were looking at homes, and one of the main reason we chose IslandView is because we loved the history of Kingsclear Consolidated School and that it was in the heart of the community and we loved that it was a small community school and felt it would be a first good school for our daughter to attend. We are very disappointed to hear that it now may be closing."

My name is Jessica McKenna and I am the new and very proud owner and educator of a home daycare (Profound Play and Learning) in the home I purchased and renovated in November of 2016. I am mere steps away from the school doors and chose this neighbourhood because of the welcoming community feel and the location of the school.

I have a daughter who is a hopeful attendee of the school in about +/-4 years time and based on the regular requests I have from neighbours, I have a very long waitlist for infant spaces from the neighbourhood. What this says to me is that in 4-5 years there will be lots of little faces eager to attend a school in their neighbourhood.

While I grow my business (as it is still in its own infancy, starting only in January of this year, and with three children currently of the 5 potential spots) I am looking so forward to meeting neighbours when the weather favours sunshine and warm days. The passionate voices I heard at meeting #1 solidified my feelings about the community and I am a very proud member.

With a vision comes opportunity and perhaps down the road if the school was to stay active, opens up the door for an expanded daycare to reside within the school - but perhaps that is just a dream. For now, I stay hopeful that I can be a part of a neighbourhood that houses a school that everyone very much loves and that my daughter can attend. I am a small business only just beginning and having a school with the warmth and heart of this one is crucial to my continued business success.

Feel free to mention me in any presentation you make at the next meeting. I will proudly be in attendance but will likely leave the floor to those who have been working for the opportunity to speak for so long. That being said, I am happy to support you all in any way I can and please feel free to reach out to let me know how I can help!

### *Why I love KCS*

As a parent who has had three children pass through the doors of KCS, I have nothing but positive things to say. The small, community feel of the school and its faculty, the friendliness and welcoming vibe, is simply not something one will ever find at a larger, city school. My two youngest were out of zone, and both attended KCS for the full 6 years. They thrived in that environment, and have nothing but fond memories of their time there.

The idea that other children in this area will not have the privilege of attending such an amazing school is quite sad. The threat of closing existed in 2000 when my oldest attended we managed to survive a full 17 years beyond that! We need to do what is best for that community and those children – and KCS is it!

Debra Magee

Parent to Devin (1999), Haley (2012) and Cole (2016)

### *Why I love KCS*

I like KCS because they have such nice teachers.

Cole Magee (grade 6 student, George Street Middle School)

### *Why I love KCS*

KCS is a great school. I love the teachers, and all of the fun activities they plan throughout the year. I love how it's not too big, and the principal knows everyone's name, and how easy it is to make friends because everyone is so nice. It's also a great learning environment with a great outdoor space.

Haley Magee (grade 10 student, FHS)

April 2, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

In support of Saving KCS - We would like to let you know how much our daughter enjoyed her time at Kingsclear Consolidated School and how much her time at KCS helped her become the person she is today.

When we decided to move back to NB, one of the reasons why we chose this city was because of Kingsclear Consolidated School - a small school with a great sense of community and an amazing, caring, dedicated teaching staff. A type of school that is a rare commodity in today's world. We knew it was a school that would help our daughter grow both academically and as a human being.

The school also helped to develop our daughter's leadership abilities. These abilities have helped her to try out for many new and exciting opportunities in her first year of middle school that she may not have tried out for, had she not come from such an amazing school. She has been successful for some things she has tried out for and unsuccessful at others. However, even when she did not succeed she was very happy and supportive of her former KCS friends (and new friends) who achieved success. Again, these are wonderful skills which I know were nurtured at KCS because her former classmates share these same qualities and abilities.

It isn't the biggest school in the city but it one of the best and we are firm believers that bigger isn't always better and KCS is an amazing example of that.

For the benefit of many future students, please continue to keep KCS open.

Sincerely, Tammie and Mark Belliveau



Hi Krista,

As parents of two children who went to KCS from K-5 inclusive-we adored this school- all the teachers are aware of who your child is, even if they haven't had them in their class- there is a feeling of ownership and community with this school for students and parents alike. I think because the school is smaller- teachers needed to be creative to meet certain objectives in music and phys ed in particular, but subsequently all kids participate, all kids were included and they were able to do some really great and creative projects. The administration was accessible and flexible with parents- I always felt so supported as a parent, particularly in those first years when we were new to the school and didn't know "the rules" or what was expected. It felt so good to be called by your name and know that you weren't another face in the crowd. Both our children had brilliant elementary school experiences and I wouldn't change a thing!

Jenn Gorham

Matt Gorham

Parents of Mike and Sam Gorham

Thank you for including me in this email.

Kingsclear Consolidated School remains one of the few community schools in our province that enriches it's students, families and teaching staff. This is not typically a reason to keep a little school open in this province but for our community-there is no reason this school should be on a sustainability list with an over populated Garden Creek and no confirmation on a school for the Hanwell area. The early immersion change for the fall of 2017 should bring the number of students back up at KCS and decrease the population at Garden Creek and their need for portable classrooms to house our kids.

Kingsclear is a school with amazing potential for so many kids. My daughter attended the school while Karen Dangle was Principal. The school thrived with a dedicated, committed and professional leader. The teaching staff was incredible and was really excited about what our little school could deliver to all learners. As a special needs student, Maya was included and given the chance to really connect with the class and be part of the activities that offered a smaller audience that wouldn't overwhelm her

We don't need to do a sustainability study for KCS. The school is outdated and does not offer a gym to say the least. What shouldn't happen is to close a school that has the ability for the next few years to give the gift of a smaller environment to our kids until a decision is made for a school located in Hanwell. Overcrowding Priestman Street School and Garden Creek with the children from our community and Hanwell is not the answer.

Hire a principal that wants to make Kingsclear successful. Consistency and commitment from on leader makes a huge difference in the quality of education we can offer our kids. Have early immersion from grade 1-5 or offer Kindergarten, immersion grades 1-2 at Kingsclear until the new school is built.

I don't feel that warming you with memories of my daughter's years at Kingsclear is going to make a bit of difference for a sustainability study. I do believe that our community is strong and does expect a responsible action by the government on the future of educating our children and not overcrowding our schools to save a dime.

Lana Thompson

Former parent and ADVOCATE for KCS

Close

Dear

~~Close~~ Closing the ~~school~~ <sup>KCS</sup> ~~and~~ ~~and~~ destroying it would be terrible ~~because~~ know how much you are going to hurt the community and why would you do that because KSC is old and had one bad turn out if the community is willing to fight for their school it probably means more to the community than meets the eye make the right choice and don't close and destroy know clear it is an amazing school that belongs in its own community where it stand more many years to come

? From former KCS students

Nola and Anna

Kingsclear was a big part of my childhood. I loved it there because I felt loved and safe, the staff were great and all the activities they did for us. I also hope that it will continue to stay open so other children can enjoy the same experience that I had.

Hayden Sparkes

PS thanks for being there for me.

Dear people that are going to decide the fate of kings clear!

I don't think you should close KCS. That's where I learned to be a great leader I'm in GSMS now and 4 out of 11 Class reps are from KCS so all most half of the grade 6 reps are from KCS. Also there's an alternate. That proves that KCS makes great leaders. Even if it's a small school it's still a great school some times small means BIG and in this case it does. If you close KCS where will all the kids go? You can't just expect them to pick up their stuff and leave...

And the kindergarteners just got settled in, they don't want to have to waste their time settling at a new school and besides everyone wants it to stay open. Also the school being where it is also is great especially for the kids that live in the neighbourhood above it. Kings clear consolidated school means a lot to some people and a lot of memories, take the grade 5 class of 2015-2016 for example that's probably the best year we've had we still go through year books and read autographs all the time and talk together on the bus about KCS and how bad it would be to close it. Please don't close the school.

From Skye Belliveau grade 5 class in 2015-2016.

# Save The School

I'm Brynn, I'm in middle school now but Kingsclear is an amazing school, it taught me and my friends a lot. I've made so many memories there and it's the only school I've known since last year. I still visit the playground sometimes. I know it's not the biggest but it doesn't need to be big to be successful. By the way, most of the grade 6 class representatives are from Kingsclear which shows how well it taught us to be a good leader. So with that said, I mean we really think Kingsclear deserves a chance.

PS



My little sis wants to go to this school and only this school because this is the one she sees us going to, it's her dream school.

PPS



Don't break a little girls dreams 😊😊



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Front Page Reads

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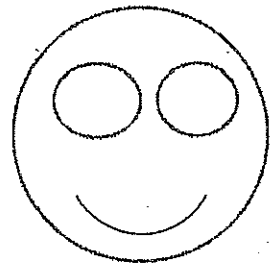
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Don't close KCS! I went to KCS for 6 years and my brother did it as well. At KCS, it was like 1 big family. Everyone knew each other and everyone were friends. KCS helped me to get where I am today. I have hundreds of memories from the last 6 years, both good and bad I will never forget those memories. KCS is a valuable part of our community. In my eyes, it is family.

Sincerely, Garret Jones



Dear the people that decide the  
fate of kings clear



Please don't close this school its  
where I learned how to write and  
read. I only went to KCS for the first  
three years but I wish I stayed till  
grade five. I met most of my great  
friends there and I knew everyone at  
the school when I went. Now I go to  
Garden Creek, sure it's a good  
school but I still would like to go  
back to KCS! And besides my little  
brother goes to KCS and where would  
he go? He cant go to GC he doesn't  
know anyone and he would be stuck  
to me and when he has to go into  
class he wouldn't know anything that  
they do or anyone.

From Maggle Jones

And once again please don't close KCS...

From Lila Waye: former Kingsclear Student who left last year to attend Garden Creek Grade 3 French Immersion

"I loved Kingsclear because everybody knew everyone". I would have stayed in KCS if they had French Immersion. I really miss it!"

To Whom it may concern.

My name is Noah Grant and I am in grade 6 at George Street Middle School. I went to Kingsclear from K – grade 5. It was a great school. The teachers were always nice and made sure all were included. They made everyone feel welcome and were great at what they taught. We feel this small school is really good because it allows to make closer friendships and I think that is quite important. These friendships made me feel more included in the classroom. This is why I love KCS.

Thank you,

Noah Grant

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## Parents for Kingsclear / Home & School Group

Parents for Kingsclear (P4K) have been dedicated to the enrichment of all students at KCS. Our goal is to bring families and students together in fun all-inclusive activities that will also help raise funds to provide for the needs of the school.

We host several Family Movie Nights throughout the year as well as annual events: Halloween Fun Day, KCS Christmas Dinner (co-hosted by Hanwell Rotary), Spring Scavenger Hunt, Spring Talent / Celebration, and the Grade 5 Graduation.

We have also fostered relationships within the community with many businesses and organizations who provide for KCS in the form of donations for our raffles.

We meet with the KCS Administration to discern their needs and provide financial support for Gym Equipment, Music Equipment and new Technology / Equipment. We have provided support for spin bikes in the classrooms, cameras for each classroom, iPads / Notebooks, lightbulbs for Smartboards, etc. This year we will also provide a fun day adventure for all students and a Family BBQ at the end of the year.

KCS is a small school with a mighty spirit and tremendous community support!

please don't close kings clear down it may be a small school there might not be a lot of kids but it runs well and good people and staff kids learn french and other activities i don't think the should close because yeah so its small but kids love it and i love it people near by love it for there kids if they stay open parents and old friends that went there can volunteer to help any activities that go on it shouldn't be closed because of your reason it should stay open to make people happy :) please please make people happy and KEEP KINGSCLEAR CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL OPEN !!!!!!! its an amazing school i could go around to people and ask if they like ics and they will say YES because its amazing so please please please KEEP KCS OPEN !!!!! :) from: paige neves from the class of 2016 graduated from the best elementary school :) and that school made me feel like the school was my family because everyone there was nice and amazing and treated u like it

was a giant home full of kind people:)



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