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Carleton-Victoria

Presentation to DEC – Bristol Elementary School Sustainability Study

Thank you for taking another Saturday to join us in Carleton North to discuss the sustainability studies of our public schools.

I want to summarize my remarks as I speak to the issue of the three schools that are part of the sustainability study in the Town of Florenceville-Bristol.

- Bristol Elementary
- Florenceville Elementary
- Florenceville Middle School

I support the Town of Florenceville-Bristol in their efforts to have the Province of New Brunswick approve construction of a new K-8 school within the Town Limits of Florenceville-Bristol to replace the three schools listed above and urge the DEC to make this recommendation to government.

This will achieve significant cost savings from capital avoidance and operating costs as well as provide for enhanced educational opportunities for students.

I ask that your recommendation to government also stress the importance of disposing of the three surplus schools in a timely manner.

I offer no opinion to the exact location of the proposed new school other than it should be within the town limits.

The potential new K-8 school should be right-sized (528 students of 650 student capacity school) to look at current and emerging population trends and the decision should be made by government to move quickly so that the new school is included in the multi-year capital budget process in fiscal year 2020/21.

Thank you.