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**Sustainability Study Public Presentation**

To Change or Not to Change?

Good Evening, everyone! My name is Madison Currie and currently I am attending NMS as a grade 8 student. Tonight, I have prepared a speech for you all with the goal to persuade everyone here that keeping our cherished Nackawic middle School open will prove to better benefit our student community in a variety of different ways.

Firstly, with the option of remaining the same, NMS students are clearly not required to re-adjust to an entirely new school environment. Having to re-adjust to numerous different locations myself (courtesy of moving) I know personally that being forced to learn the lay out of a different school building can present many difficulties to the student body; therefore causing NMS student's overall stress-levels to skyrocket immensely during the big move!

Furthermore, NMS staying open will also reduce the possible risks of losing precious Exploratory privileges unique to our school. Being a creative facility, only Nackawic Middle provides our students with exceptional learning sessions such as; art, tech, cookie, shop, health and even sewing! Not only this, but NMS is also equipped with an amazing teaching theatre, hosting countless student plays, classes, important meetings for teachers and students' academic presentations during school hours.

And, I don't know if you heard the news recently, but Leo Hayes, an enormous secondary school in Fredericton, is lacking both a woodshop and exploratory privileges for their students, resulting in many students attending the school wanting to be educated in carpentry, culinary and artistic courses. Leo Hayes is spending thousands upon thousands of dollars each year to send their students to different woodshops around Fredericton. So why close our beautiful school when NMS is already fully equipped with a ginormous woodshop and carpentry room, a large cookie classroom with a total of 4 kitchens, an art room chalked full of art supplies AND even a huge teaching theatre?!

And lastly, when left un-changed, NMS students will not be compelled into attending an overly crowded school environment! Welcoming a new addition of students not only results in crammed classrooms, but also limited a child's use learning resources like technology and cuts back on overall physical activity during gym time!

All in all, I truly hope to have convinced you that keeping NMS open consists of a great number of positive benefits to our student community. Nackawic Middle being such an exquisite school with so much in-store for our students, would you really want to shut us down?

Thank you.