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Sustainability Study Public Presentation

Good Evening. My name is Emily Fox and I am currently a grade 8 student here at Nackawic middle School. I am concerned about the schools in Nackawic closing and changing. The DEC has given thought to 3 possible options, Make a K-8 school, a 6-12 school, or keep all the schools the same. I strongly believe that we should keep our schools the same and make no changes what so ever. A lot could go wrong if we change our schedule have to re-adjust.

First of all I believe that 2 schools together is a bad idea because a lot of our beneficial classes and equipment would be lost. If the middle school and high school merged, the fine facilities that we enjoy to learn life skills such as culinary arts, carpentry, and sewing would be compromised.

Also what about our gym? I don't believe that everyone knows how important it is to the community. We hold practices, games and even tournaments for all schools and all sports. For all our athletes here I know this is extremely important. If our school stays open we get to keep all of our stuff and the educational and health benefits that go along with it.

I also feel that keeping our schools the way we are is the right decision because older students and younger students. For example, by mixing older students with younger students like in a K-8 school this could cause an increase in bullying. Also the 3 schools in Nackawic are not extremely big. By merging twice the students into one school, what would happen? Everything would be so crowded and busy. Hallways and classes would be overflowing and school would become a less fun environment.

My final point is about re-adjusting. By keeping our schools the same, everything would remain calm and run smoothly. Though, if we merged different schools together, everything would be so confusing. With the change of mixed classes, things moved around, it could become a less fun place to learn with the chance of changed schedules, teachers, and classmates- Oh what a mess it would be.

I hope that I have convinced you that keeping our schools the same is the right decision. With no changes in schools we would all remain happy, calm and free at school enjoying our day. Once again I believe that we should keep our schools the same because with 3 amazing, beautiful and educational schools like this, I can't understand why anyone would ever want to shut one down.