

November 23, 2011

Minister Jody Carr  
Department of Education and Early Childhood Development  
P.O. Box 6000  
Fredericton, NB E3B 5H1

Dear Minister Carr:

I am writing to inform you that the District Education Council for School District 17 met on November 22, 2011, to consider all required criteria pertaining to the sustainability of Burton Elementary School under Provincial Policy 409 – Multi-year School Infrastructure Planning. The study was launched on February 22, 2011 and has followed the guidelines as outlined in Policy 409.

Following the public presentation of the enclosed executive summary, the following motion was presented:

**“Move to maintain the status quo and keep Burton Elementary School open”**

The result of the vote on the motion was 12 in favor and 0 opposed. Consequently, the motion was carried.

We acknowledge the fact that Section 6.6 of Policy 409 requires approval of the Minister for any closure of a school, as recommended by a District Education Council. In this instance, the DEC wishes to maintain the status quo at Burton Elementary School. Due to the public interest and attention this study has received and to bring the study to an appropriate conclusion, we respectfully request a reply from Minister Carr noting the completion of our study.

Enclosed, please find details of our Policy 409 process for your interest. If you require any additional information, please feel free to contact Superintendent David McTimoney or me.

Sincerely,



Marty Forsythe  
Chair, District Education Council

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