

Burton school

My name is Jeff Beyer and my family I have lived here for many years and i went to the school 28 years ago and now my children attend the school. Kaitlyn attended a few years ago and kaileigh is currently a senior, and my little guy is hoping to attend. I was happy to know my children were going to be able to continue attending the school after we won the last needless review of our school. Yet here we are again.

I would like to talk about the transportation and saftey of our children and the benefit of having a school in the commity and to remind the committee here that the school is safe and obviously more than capable of producing above average students.

my oldest daughter who attended Burton and now attends Hubbard, has to catch one of two buses at (705 am), arrives at school 45mins early and has to wait until class starts around 830. This is the norm for kids that have moved above the grade levels in Burton. Our younger Burton kids have an advantage of having a school in their community beacuse they are on the bus for a much shorter amount of time, on mostly low traffic, and low speed roads. Our highway is dangerous at all times of the day. The side roads are snow packed with large banks for most of the winter. they get pick up later in the morning when it is lighter and safer out. The economic impact is positive. not having to make multiple trips into oromocto at 45 mins one way the number of mileage adds up over the year. they use less fuel staying in the community, less emissions and less impact on the safety of our children. Another positive of having the school in the area is if the child misses the bus it's too easy because you don't have to drive all the way into town. You can be there in minutes....After seeing the school board handle the storm last week and the conditions they wanted our children to travel in. Having an over contracted and obviously incapable of doing there job department cleaning our roads and a department that think it's ok to still have a French English divid to teach our kids that they can't share buses. I think keeping them close to home is a much safer choice.

In conclusion. This school has produced countless important members of the community, and as families move from posting to posting they carry that small town school spirit with them. They become doctors, teachers, government officials, superintendents, school board members, and countless brave defenders of our country as soldiers of the Canadian armed forces. we are defending against a policy that traps this school. It's a simple math equation that even the kids here at Burton school can solve, that can show how simple it really is. with only 3 grades of 21 kids we can never reach 100 $3*21=63$...not 100... The province of new Brunswick is failing the small towns that are unique to this country but setting goals that have nothing to do with the capability of the school it's self. The track record for the amount of times in the eighties the nineties up to now that this school has been up for review and won should be all the proof you need. This committee here tonight has the chance to finnally stop this needless bullying of Burton school and the bullying of others like it once and for all.