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Sent: Friday, December 19, 2014 9:15 AM
To: McTimoney, David (ASD-W)
Cc: Noel, Mark (ASD-W-DEC); Clark-Caterini, Carol (ASD-W); Kilfoil, Alma (HorizonNB)
Subject: RE: Bath Middle School, December 11th Meeting

Thank you for your response David.
It is sometimes difficult to respond to only numbers and formulas.

Happy Holidays to you and yours,

Jaye Hargrove

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Subject: FW: Bath Middle School, December 11th Meeting

Hello Jaye,

Thanks for sending in your questions/comments.

While the Step Ahead program running out of Bath Middle certainly is a flagship program, the numbers are not counted in the enrolment figures as they are not "funded" students. The Province provides its funding to districts based on student enrolment. There is a formula for dollars and staff that get awarded to the districts and it is linked to the number of students enrolled in the K-12 grades. The Province has not expanded this funding model to early childhood years, although the expansion has occurred and indeed we are under the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

The French Immersion factor is also one that gets looked at regularly. There needs to be numbers to sustain the program and we don't have those numbers to do it in more than one school in the area. I had mentioned that I will prepare a document that shows the FI numbers and post it to the website.

Thanks, again, for sharing your comments. I will print this message and add it to the sustainability study report for the DEC.

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From: Clark-Caterini , Carol (ASD-W)
Sent: Wednesday, December 17, 2014 5:29 PM
To: Jaye Hargrove
Subject: RE: Bath Middle School, December 11th Meeting

Good afternoon Ms. Hargrove and thank you for your comments on Anglophone West School District Sustainability website. I will forward your comments along to Mr. McTimoney, Superintendent of ASD-W, as well as, the District Education Council.

Again, thank you!

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Cc: Kilfoil, Alma (HorizonNB)
Subject: Bath Middle School, December 11th Meeting

Good Morning,

I attended last night's first meeting in the sustainability study process for the Bath Middle School. It was well attended. Alma Kilfoil, a founding Board Member of the Early Childhood Development 'Step Ahead' program at the Bath Middle School, spoke.

She asked if our flagship program's student numbers might be added to the 44-student number. They share the building. I couldn't help but notice the Gov't of NB Dept. of Education has proudly added 'Early Childhood Development' to their name.

We were one of four model schools chosen in NB and Atlantic Canada to initiate this wonderful program.

Bath's banner success story and continuing excellence suggests the possibility of expanding the Early Childhood program at Bath Middle School.

Also, our catchment area was addressed. It was suggested we might adjust our student numbers easily through bussing. French immersion students from Bath have added greatly to fatten up the Florenceville-Bristol middle school numbers. This could easily be rebalanced through infusing more French into the Bath programs.

Finally, the Bath Middle School is so widely and well used that it has become a Community Centre. Emily, a Florenceville-Bristol Elementary School Teacher said to me recently "It's never a good idea to close a school".

Respectfully,

Jaye Hargrove
Bath High School, Class of '75