

Sept 19, 2019

Dear DEC Members,

I am reaching out to you today in regards to Bath Community School being placed on your agenda once again. I spoke with David McTimoney yesterday and felt the need to provide some information regarding our situation.

I am sure you will be provided with information from DEECD and DTI with regards to declining enrollment and costs. In response to declining enrollments, it is an issue throughout the province and we feel there are several things to consider. With province wide adoption of F.L.O.R.A along with catchment changes, reduced number of transfers and including programs like our STEP Ahead facility, schools like Bath and Centreville community can begin to grow again.

In response to cost overruns, I am sure some of the conversation will focus on “ unexpected costs “ arising from removal of asbestos. We feel these asbestos related expenses are irrelevant, as it must be removed whether construction is completed or building is torn down as debris cannot be put into a landfill with asbestos remaining. Therefore the cost differential arises from difference between reconstruction versus demolition. Our group calculates this difference at around 1 million dollars, where the province has it at near 2 million. If we accept the governments figure as worst-case scenario, the choice the province has to make is, do they want a 5.5 million dollar parking lot or a fully renovated school for 7.5 million?

In conclusion, we would request a motion be made to respect the vote of the previous DEC, who voted us the # 1 priority for a mid-life upgrade, and reaffirm their commitment as you would wish future councils to respect your decisions.

Thank You

Concerned Citizens Group

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