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**Subject:** Wasteful study of Stanley Schools in ASD-W

Serge Rousselle  
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Minster Rousselle-

I draw your attention to a very troubling situation in ASD-W. In the name of cost cutting efficiencies, the District Education Council (DEC) at the behest of the superintendent has agreed to launch an expensive study of a proposal to consolidate the Stanley Elementary and Stanley High Schools into a K-12 School.

The impetus for conducting this study has suspicious roots in personal and public politics. Despite the background history leading to the decision to conduct this study, the proposal is simply wrongheaded and wasteful of taxpayer money. Arguments have been given for the financial rationale for launching this study, but the superintendent and the DEC have not really considered the obvious costs versus the potential benefits of doing such a study and consolidation.

I probably do not need to relate to you the proud history of the Stanley School System, but suffice it to say that the schools are well respected provincially and cherished by the community itself. I contend that this study itself is far more costly to the district and the government than any possible cost benefit resulting from a consolidation. The physically separate and separately administered Elementary and High schools were physically connected in 1992 under the inspired design team of Disher and Steen Architects. The conceptual design was guided by the desire of the schools and the community, to maintain separate k-6 and 7-12 schools. The resulting facility was an architectural achievement. The separate schools have operated efficiently and effectively since that time.

To come along 22 years later and arbitrarily propose to re-configure this design without considering the cost of maintaining the integrity of that design both physically and socially is short-sighted and wasteful. The province and ASD-W have a responsibility and a duty to the citizens and students of Stanley to do a true architectural study by professional architects of how this consolidation could be properly achieved. The resulting cost of doing the architectural study and the subsequent costs of renovations outweigh any possible cost benefits of consolidation.

This should be obvious to anyone viewing the most elemental aspects of the Stanley situation. I have detected a desire and intent of personnel of ASD-W to play at being architecturally prepared to re-configure this school. This is simply impossible, ill-advised and an insult to the citizens of Stanley and the province.

I strongly suggest that your office have a look at what is transpiring in ASD-W, and intervene to squash this waste of taxpayer dollars before it progresses any further.

Regards,  
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