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From: McTimoney, David (ASD-W)
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2015 5:10 PM
To: (ASD-W) District Education Council; John Slipp (johnslipp@gmail.com)
Subject: FW: Stanley Elementary & Stanley High School

For your information and I will include in the report...
David

From: Jody Pinnock [<mailto:jody.pinnock@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2015 5:06 PM
To: (ASD-W) Sustainability Contact; The Village of Stanley; McTimoney, David (ASD-W); Gallant, Premier Brian (PO/CPM); Rousselle, Serge Hon. (OAG/CPG - EECD/EDPE); MacDonald, Kirk (LEG)
Subject: Stanley Elementary & Stanley High School

January 28, 2015

Dear DEC members, District Staff and members of the Greater Stanley Community

Being unable to attend the coming community meeting, I write to lend my thoughts on the possible amalgamation of the Stanley Elementary and Stanley High Schools. Having been a DEC member years ago and having gone through the process of reviewing, speaking in favor of and ultimately approving a school(s) closure I can certainly understand the process you have undertaken and the difficult decisions you will face throughout the district.

That being said, it is becoming increasingly obvious that the decision in Stanley is not a difficult one.


Without rehashing the concerns apparent in your documents (from other schools having similar proposed structures), the minimal financial impact possibly gained (again, from your documents), the growth potential of our community or the significant potential downsides including those related to the security and well-being of our children, this has been and maintains to be a fool's errand.

I am not naïve to think there are not significant funding challenges within the district, the greater Department of Education, or the Province as a whole for that matter, but the answers are not going to be found in a community that has continued to sacrifice in favor of a lopsided Rural/Urban/Language based funding formula.

If we are to move forward as a Province, we need to address real issues that have both a positive impact on our children's outcomes and real budget relief.

DEC members, I truly appreciate your service knowing that it is a very challenging and mostly unrewarded role. Further to that, I trust your good judgment will see that further consolidating Stanley Elementary and Stanley High School does not serve the students, staff, community, Province or really even the ASDW budget.

Sincerely,

 Pinnock,
Parent

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