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Sent:Thursday, January 28, 2016 2:45 PMTo:Mounteney, Renee EDUC:EXCc:Woycheshin, John J EDUC:EX

Subject: RE: 185846 | SD53 Save-Our-Schools

I re-read the letter and it's a bit all over the place. I have some wording to add about funding and will get RMD to review it after you. Not sure if you'll even have to add anything to it. Unless you want to answer the questions on behalf of the district?

Thanks,

Rosa Cutler, Administrative Coordinator



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Education Funding Department EDUC:EX

From: dorosz <dorosz@persona.ca>
Sent: Monday, January 25, 2016 12:50 PM

To: Clark.MLA, Christy LASS:EX; Larson.MLA, Linda LASS:EX; Bernier.MLA, Mike LASS:EX;

EDUC Correspondence EDUC:EX; Minister, EDUC EDUC:EX

Subject: proposed school closures SD 53 - South Okanagan

Attachments: Jan 21 Save Our Schools.docx

Please find attached a copy of a letter sent to Admin in SD 53 on Thursday Jan 21, 2016. We would like you to be informed of efforts being put forth by members in our community, Osoyoos. We would also like to request form the BC Government THE FOLLOWING.

1) Please value K-12 education in the province of British Columbia and consider attaching funding to the School Districts to properly and effectively operate our schools!! This needs to be done, maybe even retro-actively. Children in BC are suffering!

An example of this is the 2% Admin raise, the BC Govt didn't attach any funding with this, SD already hit hard by lack of funding now have to find the resources to pay this increase.

Students and parents in BC need your help to keep SCHOOLS OPEN, train these school boards HOW to operate properly,

and most importantly. This liberal Government needs to take a POSITIVE position and increase funding to Education NOW!!

Brenda Dorosz Chair - SAVEOURSCHOOLS

dorosz@persona.ca cell 250-498-1261 home 250-495-5234 Fax 250-495-5243 Bev Young, Superintendent SD 53 Lynda Minnabarriet, Secretary Treasurer Debby Sansome, Director of Facilities cc - SD 53 Trustees / Chair

Please be advised that due to the news release Jan 14, 2016 a Committee has been formed- Save Our Schools. The Chair is Brenda Dorosz along with 15 community members and leaders.

We have some resolutions that we ask to be addressed and answered at the first community consultation February 9, 2016.

- 1. Provide explanation on three errors found in the Facilities Plan Dated January 13, 2016
 - A) "Elimination of Asst Superintendent position." This did not result in a savings as the money was moved to create the Network Leaders positions \$250,000.
 - B)"OSS enrollment projection 215 by 2017"
 The OSS projections 234 by 2017. However with implementation of new timetable at OSS, the projection will be 246.75FTE 2016/2017.
 - C) "SOSS capacity of 700 currently, with no renovations"

 The Ministry of Education confirms a capacity for 550 students
- 2. Provide explanation , reasoning and financials for all scenarios in the report. Please explain the reasoning of Oliver Community -Scenario 2 -CLOSE TEN; OLIVER ELEM K-6; SOSS GR7-12. It clearly is the least disruptive to all students, keeping all SD 53 students in their communities. The report states-OES can accommodate TEN students without a capital investment, sufficient staff for a full service school K-6. Please explain the mobility issues , there are currently wheel chair ramps and there is an elevator in the building .

3. Provide updated figures for Utilization/Capacity

The ACTUAL figures need to be corrected to reflect the implementation of the new timetable at OSS, this will create learning opportunities and further FTE that is NOT reflected in this document. Once corrected, the projected Student Capacity in 2017 will be 80% at OSS and 79% at SOSS.

4. Provide information and documents to support implementation of a 4 day / week timetable district wide.

This idea is proposed and has been discussed with trustees, principals and PAC district wide. This could potentially provide SD53 with sufficient funds to address the budget deficit. The timing issue could be solved with the MOE.

As a dedicated committee - Save Our Schools - we look forward to your responses on February 9th at the consultation meeting.

Brenda Dorosz Chair - Save Our Schools - committee dorosz@persona.ca c-250-498-1261 h-250-495-5234

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From: Cutler, Rosa EDUC:EX

Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2016 10:37 AM

To: Woycheshin, John J EDUC:EX; Mounteney, Renee EDUC:EX

Subject: RE: 185846 | SD53 Save-Our-Schools

Hello,

I have removed this from your list and assigned it to RMD.

Thanks,

Rosa Cutler, Administrative Coordinator



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From: Woycheshin, John J EDUC:EX Sent: Monday, February 1, 2016 1:45 PM

To: Cutler, Rosa EDUC:EX; Mounteney, Renee EDUC:EX

Subject: RE: 185846 | SD53 Save-Our-Schools

The email is talking about school operational funding from the Province. It should go to Rebecca John. The attached letter is directed to the SD, and does not require a MED response.

John W.

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April 12, 2016

Ref: 185846

Brenda Dorosz c/o Save Our Schools

Email: dorosz@persona.ca

Dear Ms. Dorosz:

Thank you for your email sent January 25, 2016, addressed to the Honourable Mike Bernier, Minister of Education, regarding public education funding. I have been asked to reply on behalf of Minister Bernier, and I apologize for the delay.

Thanks to our strong fiscal management, *Budget 2016* was able to increase education funding by \$110 million this year. In fact, at \$5.1 billion our funding to the public school system is at record levels. It is 32 percent higher than it was in 2000/01, even though there are 70,000 fewer students in the system.

It is important to recognize that *Budget 2016* provides funding for teacher and support staff labour settlements. And, though not in the budget, school districts will also see a major cost reduction effective July 1, 2016 when the employer contribution rate for the teacher's pension plan drops. It is estimated to save districts \$45 million across the province in the coming year.

I understand that school closures are difficult, and can appreciate the thoughtful work the board undergoes to make those decisions. Furthermore, I acknowledge the efforts school districts are making to provide the highest quality public education for your communities in a fiscally responsible way. The Province is committed to work cooperatively with school districts to the benefit of all students.

We recognize that finding efficiencies is not always easy, but the savings expectations are reasonable, realistic and similar to what the Province has seen in the health and post-secondary sectors. Your school district has reported that they are on track to achieve planned administrative savings for 2015/16 and the K-12 sector has made good progress in savings efforts to date, particularly through shared services. I am confident that school districts have the expertise to identify new savings without impacting classroom instruction.

Again, thank you for writing. I appreciate having the opportunity to review your comments.

Sincerely,

Rebecca John, Director

Funding and Allocation Branch

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