



NANAIMO LADYSMITH
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Letter from the Superintendent's Office
October 9, 2019

RE: Board Correspondence on School Capacity

Dear Mr. Robinson:

At the recent Regular Board meeting, the Board of Education requested that staff respond to your letter dated September 18, 2019.

Your feedback regarding capacity at Dover Bay Secondary and Frank J. Ney, McGirr and Randerson Ridge elementary schools along with a plan for a career skills intermediate school on the Rutherford site, was greatly appreciated.

Your letter will be considered in the upcoming long range facilities planning process.

Sincerely,

Scott Saywell
Superintendent/CEO

Karen Matthews

Subject: FW: Letter to Nanaimo-Ladysmith Public Schools Board of Trustees

From: Mark Robinson
Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2019 9:51 AM
To: ExecutiveAssistant-CFOandCEO <ExecutiveAssistant-CFO-CEO@sd68.bc.ca>
Subject: Letter to Nanaimo-Ladysmith Public Schools Board of Trustees

Board of School Trustees,
Nanaimo-Ladysmith Public Schools

C/O Karen Matthews,
Executive Assistant – Superintendent, Board of Education and the Secretary Treasurer,

Dear Board of School Trustees,

This letter has been written to voice concern regarding capacity at Dover Bay Secondary, and the surrounding elementary schools Frank J. Ney, McGirr, and Randerson Ridge.

We are all aware of the situation regarding capacity; hopefully the district can consider looking at the former Rutherford site to help alleviate the physical stress on the (now completely full) facilities at all four schools.

A novel idea has begun to grow which addresses these concerns and also would be attractive to Victoria not only in terms of injecting capital funding, but a great project to showcase the entire province.

Rutherford Community Career Intermediate School--- with an additional focus on career skills suited for British Columbia (sustainable forestry and fisheries, tech, Vancouver Island agriculture, etc.) -- would be attractive not only for the area but for the entire district.

The positive snowball effect would be catching intermediate-aged students and thus reducing the capacity problem at all schools.

Not requiring additional portables at half a million dollars a shot at surrounding schools would be a financial bonus, and presenting a strong and positive plan to the province would bring an amazing new opportunity for students in our district.

This may be the next best opportunity for our district and ultimately all stakeholders would win as a result; the hope is that trustees consider this as an idea worthy of further time investment.

Thank you for the dedication and time you have offered to our district.

Regards,

Mark Robinson