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June 30, 2016

Hon. Mitzie Hunter, MPP
Minister of Education
22nd Floor, Mowat Block
900 Bay Street
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Dear Minister Hunter,

Re: Rural Schools Funding Formula

Congratulations on your recent appointment to a challenging and rewarding Ministry. Meaford was delighted by the recent announcement of the construction of a new 'super'-school in our community.

Council of the Municipality of Meaford recently passed the following resolution related to the Funding Formula for Rural Schools.

Moved by: Councillor Poetker

Seconded by: Councillor Calvert

Whereas, the current funding formula based upon per capita enrolment for schools may be appropriate for urban population centres;

Whereas, the current funding formula is antiquated for rural areas with declining populations;

Whereas, the failure to address disproportionate funding will continue to result in educational programming deficits and the ongoing exodus of students from the public school system (transfer of students from the public to the catholic school systems);

Whereas, the federal government has declared Canada a bilingual nation and the loss of French Immersion schooling from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12 in rural areas is contrary to this principle;

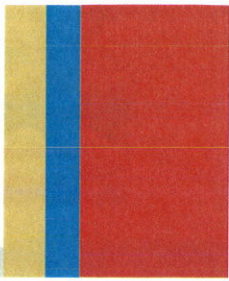


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Whereas, the lack of funding for rural schools has resulted, in many situations, in the elimination of trade and technical programs; and

Whereas, employers in rural areas are seeing a decline in the availability of high-school graduates with skilled trades;

Therefore be it resolved that Council of the Municipality of Meaford requests:

1. That a fair and equitable funding solution should be sought to eliminate the disadvantage faced by rural schools;
2. That the Provincial Government works to ensure that a full range of educational programming is available in rural areas;
3. That this resolution be provided to the Minister of Education, the Chair of the Bluewater School Board, Bill Walker MPP, and Municipalities in Grey and Bruce counties.

Carried Resolution #08-06-2016

In accordance with Council's directive, I am forwarding the resolution to you for your consideration.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mayor Barb Clumpus

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cc. Ron Motz, Chair, Bluewater District School Board
Bill Walker, MPP, Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound
Clerks of Municipalities in Bruce, Grey, Simcoe & Dufferin Counties

