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We in the community of Honey Harbour are deeply disappointed that this board chose to send our school for an accommodation review. The enrolment numbers initially cited by the school board and presented to you for your consideration were utterly false both in existing class sizes and their projections for the future. HHPS is not under enrolled and there is no expensive un used space at the school. As for the claim by the school board that HHPS lacks "educational opportunities", this may be true, but it is not due to the small size of the school but rather to the school board unwillingness to investigate creative measures to address that problem.

Since going down this path of accommodation review, the school board's input and information has been minuscule, misleading and frankly inept. Their response to question have been mere snippets of info that only lead us to ask " what does that mean?!" Some questions such as "what evidence is there that educational opportunities are lacking" have been completely ignored. Their answers to the arc committee's report are equally scant.

As a carpenter, i am bound by an ontario set of rules known as The Ontario Building Code. This document spells out the minimum requirements of everything i do. Some builders only follow these minimums while better builders exceed it. Producing the bare minimum required by the province is the mark of poor quality. This school board has been engaged in only doing the bare minimum required for this review and this has lead to an utterly impossible battle to have the kind of discussion that needed to find solutions to this situation.

To expect laypeople such the arc committee members to come up with solutions AND have to provide rationale in the face of this misinformation is ridiculous.

There has not been enough discussion of other solutions than closing the school. Put in an extra teacher to ensure minimum of three classrooms. Coordinate with health care to crate community hub in the school. Many many possibilities which have not been considered.

I as you trustees to consider the presentations of the public and the arc committee tenfold to that of the nonreport of the school board. Also, consider the new information from the minister of ed regarding new funding for minimum teachers etc.

Send a message also to the province that these isolated communities need their schools.

Regards.
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