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Subject: April 4, 2017 Special Board Meeting

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 To the members of Trillium Lakelands District School Board.docx...

Dear Wendy,

Here is a submission from the Cognashene Cottagers Association with respect to the Honey Harbour P.S. ARC for the Special Board Meeting at the Baxter Ward Community Centre on April 4, 2017.

Please excuse the lack of a proper signature as my son took our scanner.

I plan to attend this meeting.

Rgds

Steve Jarvis

Cognashene Cottagers Association

To the members of Trillium Lakelands District School Board

With regards to the Final Staff Report regarding the Accommodation Review Committee Report, published March 21, 2017 and to be finalized April 25, 2017.

On behalf of the Cognashene Cottagers Association whose members are all taxpayers to the Township of Georgian Bay and therefore contributors to the Honey Harbour schools.

Our cottagers not only contribute tax moneys to the Municipality. We are very active users of the varied facilities and retail operations in this Municipality. As such, we have a vested interest in the economic and social well being of this Municipality and, in particular, Honey Harbour.

It is universally understood that part of the foundation of any relevant community is its support of good local education.

There have already been a number of well documented submissions at prior public meetings regarding this accommodation process and we think the Board is very well acquainted with the thoughts of this community. The Executive Summary to the Honey Harbour Public School ARC dated Feb 28, 2017, provides an excellent summary of these submissions.

Our impression, given the submissions to the Board, is that this community is very much in support of maintaining Honey Harbour Public School.

Further, the letter from the Minister of Education to all school boards, dated Mar 6, 2017 states, on the issue of school closures, that: "Our Government supports and values all communities in Ontario, and our school boards and municipalities must make every effort to work together to ultimately support positive experiences for our students and the communities they live in." This same letter goes on to explain that: "Starting this spring, our government will launch an engagement on supporting new approaches to supporting education in rural and remote communities."

So, we have a community very much in favour of maintaining Honey Harbour Public School, a Provincial Education Ministry stating that the issue of rural and remote school closings is important enough that it will launch "an engagement" this spring, but a School Board, located in Lindsay, Ontario, recommending that Honey Harbour Public School be closed.

We would like to recommend that there at least be a moratorium placed on this process while our provincial government determines what is the best way to proceed.

Thank you for your indulgence and attention to this matter

Stephen Jarvis

Cognashene Cottagers Association