

January 18, 2016

The Renfrew County District School Board's mission statement is to create outstanding educational experiences that honour the uniqueness of each individual. With this in mind, we use the following three guiding principles to guide us in our work supporting students:

1. Excellence in Teaching and Learning
2. Safe, Caring and Respectful Learning Environments
3. Wise Use of Resources

In regards to the third guiding principle, Wise Use of Resources and in accordance with the Ministry of Education's Community Planning and Partnership Guideline, we are undertaking a consultation with community partners to determine if collaboration opportunities exist. The purpose of the Ministry's guidelines is to encourage school boards to reach out to community organizations to share planning information on a regular basis. The information sharing will allow the Board and other entities to work together to the benefit of all and to optimize the use of public assets. The Board would like to connect with community partners looking to share facilities (on a cost-recovery basis) to benefit our students and the broader community.

The Board will be holding a meeting to share our planning information and to hear planning information from our community partners. The meeting will take place on **February 17, 2016 at Opeongo High School, 1990 Cobden Road at 2:00 p.m.**

The Ministry Guideline expects organizations to bring relevant planning information, including but not limited to, population projections, growth plans, community needs and land use requirements.

At the meeting, we will be sharing the following information about our schools:

- Enrollment Projections
- Current Utilization
- School Capacity
- Renewal Needs

Under the Board's procedure, the following sites operating at less than 60 per cent of Ministry rated capacity and/or having greater than 200 unused pupil spaces for 2 years or more, are candidates for potential community partnerships:

- Arnprior District High School
- Champlain Discovery Public School
- Fellowes High School
- Herman St. Public School

- Mackenzie Community School
- Madawaska Public School
- Opeongo High School
- Renfrew Collegiate Institute
- Westmeath Public School
- Whitney Public School

If you are interested in attending the meeting, please confirm attendance by February 8, with Michelle Giles (Facilities Senior Secretary) at gilesm@rcdsb.on.ca or 613 735-0151 ext. 2264.

If you have questions about the process please contact Bill Murray at murrayb@rcdsb.on.ca

We value your contribution to the students and residents of Renfrew County and look forward to the possibility of working together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Murray", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Bill Murray
Manager of Health, Safety and Facilities

cc: Director of Education
Superintendent of Corporate Services
Trustees
Principals