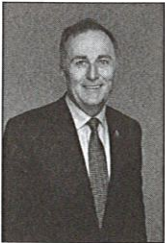




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**Attn: Letter of Support for Sustainment of the Adventure Class at Queen Victoria Public School, in Belleville**

June 10, 2019

Dear Committee Member,

As Member of Parliament for the Bay of Quinte riding, it's my pleasure to offer full support for the Adventure Class at Queen Victoria Public School, in Belleville, Ontario. Given the recent announcement of this classroom's pending closure, I am wholeheartedly requesting your immediate review of this decision to cut funding for this program.

In the past it has been an honour to draw the House of Common's attention to the dedicated and compassionate educators that work as part of this program. Specifically, this program has retained two educators who received a Prime Minister's Awards (PMA) for Teaching Excellence and Excellence in Early Childhood Education for the 2016-2017 academic year.

These recipients, Sheryl Parker and Susan Sewell-Charles, are just two of the tremendously engaged educators operating from public and private institutions, at all grade levels, in our riding. Sheryl and Susan, as a team, have both worked very hard to encourage the talent, ideas, and engagement of students in the Adventure Class. Together, they have provided a dynamic and inclusive environment for students to acquire the innovative knowledge and skills required for their long-term success in life.

**I firmly believe that *sustainment* of the Adventure Class has the potential to positively impact our regional delivery of authentic and creative learning experiences for children most at-risk of being left behind in other types of classroom formats.** This program already enjoys the support of parents and local organizations in our community. This program is equally important to the Adventure Class students, both past and present.

I kindly request your careful consideration of any resolution that can be applied to remedy this situation. Any support that may be available to provide Queen Victoria Public School with the means to continue offering this dynamic learning environment would be appreciated. Thank you, in advance, for your consideration of the associated operational budget or programming documentation already supplied by the Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board.

Warmest regards,

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