

September 2018

Honourable Zach Churchill
Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development
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RE: Site selection – Eastern Shore District High School, Musquodoboit Harbour

Dear Mr. Minister,

Please accept this letter in support of the Business Case prepared by the Musquodoboit Harbour & Area Chamber of Commerce & Civic Affairs (in conjunction with the Musquodoboit Harbour Community Association, The Old School Community Gathering Place, The Eastern Shore Cooperator & a variety of involved residents) concerning the potential site for our new High School.

The decision on location for our new school should be centered on student needs. When we start the conversation with a student-first approach, it is evident there are no other communities within the catchment area that can offer the same array of services available in Musquodoboit Harbour.

Musquodoboit Harbour is a Core Community in rural HRM, and has also been identified by the Municipality as a Regional Growth Center. Core Communities are the lifeline of rural Nova Scotia – these are the towns with essential services – hospitals, ambulance bases, pharmacies, nursing homes & RCMP detachments. They are also home to the educational institutions, recreational facilities & commercial districts that serve multiple surrounding communities.

As a concerned local resident, I fully support the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce as it relates to their advocacy for our new school to remain within the boundaries of Musquodoboit Harbour. It is unreasonable to think our school could be rebuilt anywhere other than the core of Musquodoboit Harbour, and provide the same benefits to the students, faculty & staff. I trust you, your department & committees will reach the same conclusion.

Regards,

(Signature)

(Print name)

(Address)

(Phone | email – optional)