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I wish to speak to the recent proposed cuts the Maintenance Department.

A few years ago a "**Core Review**" was conducted within our office department which resulted in the elimination of 2 clerical positions. This greatly increased the workload of the remaining 3 positions. Again, the Board is proposing further cuts leaving 2 clerical positions which will ultimately have a negative impact on the efficiency of the trades, grounds and the custodial staff, as well as the efficiency attending to Community usage of District facilities. The Community usage of District facilities is a **revenue generating service** and this service to the public should be a priority.

The board has also proposed a cut of one FTE in the Carpentry Department. This position will be moved and funded under the (AFG) Annual Funded Grant which is controlled by the Ministry. This will leave only 3 carpenters.

This lack of manpower will have a negative impact on our department to attend to repairs and maintenance in a timely manner.

Some examples below but not limited to


- Roofs
- Floors
- Doors and door hardware
- Folding partition
- Vandalism – interior and exterior
- Security shutters
- Building envelopes issues
- Millworks and cabinet building and maintenance
- Lock and security issues
- Windows security and repairs

We presently have 1 carpenter designated to perform Complimentary Carpenter Service which is at the sole discretion of the School Principals and to be used for non-maintenance items such as:

- School equipment repairs
- Installation of new tack board/white board
- Moving of tack boards/white from classroom to other classrooms as needed

I ask that you reconsider the cut to the office staff. I also ask that you discontinue with the Compliment Carpenter Service, this will allow this person to preform essential carpentry duties. I believe that the board has a responsibility to ensure that the assets of the schools are repaired and maintained.

Thank you



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