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Dear Premier MacLaughlan,

As parents from Eliot River Home and School Association we'd like to express our disappointment in the school review process. We personally attended the Bluefield family of schools consultation meeting and expressed concern about the consistently large class sizes in the Bluefield family of schools. Some of these class sizes are equivalent to the whole school population of some smaller schools on PEI. At this meeting, we were assured that the school review process would address these concerns about large class sizes. At a Home and School Association meeting at East Wiltshire, the Director of the Public Schools branch reiterated this point and encouraged us to trust the review process. However, we feel the students of the Bluefield family of schools have been failed by this process.

Our schools remain at very high capacity rates with large class sizes and complex class compositions. The resources that should have been allocated to larger schools like Eliot River continue to be used inefficiently in our education system. We feel the results of this process continue to negatively affect student learning and success by not addressing large classes and challenging class compositions.

This school review process was supposed to address Better Learning for All Island students. It is our opinion that this is not the case for the students of Eliot River Elementary in the present day and into the future as they move on to other schools in the Bluefield family.

Sincerely,

Eliot River Home and School Association

cc.

Hon. Doug Currie, Minister of Education, Early Learning and Culture
Hon. J. Heath MacDonald, Minister of Economic Development and Tourism
Peter Bevan-Baker, Leader of the Third Party
Jamie Fox, Interim Leader, - PEI PC Party
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