



March 20, 2016

Suanne Stein Day
Chair of the Council of Commissioners
Lester B. Pearson School Board
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Subject: Three-Week Extension Request for SNAC to Submit Consultation Response "Strategic Plan 2015-2020"

Dear Ms. Stein Day,

On behalf of the Special Needs Advisory Committee (SNAC), I am requesting that the LBPSB Council of Commissioners grant SNAC a three-week extension to provide a response to the consultation on the LBPSB Strategic Plan 2015-2020. Instead of providing input on the April 15th deadline, we are requesting that the deadline be extended until May 6th, 2016.

SNAC recognizes the importance of the 5-year Strategic Plan; specifically for the future planning and success of our students with special needs. It is vital to SNAC that the committee provide a comprehensive response to such a significant document. However, due to the previously scheduled dates of SNAC meetings, we would be unable to have an extensive review of the 5-year Strategic Plan and prepare a thorough response if we adhere to the current deadline.

At our last SNAC meeting on March 16th we introduced the LBPSB Strategic Plan 2015-2020 and had an initial discussion on the document. However, SNAC members have yet to have a detailed discussion, or tackle the "6 Guiding Questions" as provided by the school board. At the March 16th meeting members voiced their opinion that it would be extremely beneficial to have another in-person discussion about the document, but the next SNAC meeting doesn't occur until April 20th. While a subcommittee has been formed to provide initial suggestions, a consultation of this level of importance should ultimately include all members, and should not be done via email. Ideally, with a deadline extension to May 6th, the committee would have sufficient time to provide an in-depth response to the 5-year Strategic Plan.

We are thankful for the opportunity to participate in this consultation and are hopeful that the Council of Commissioners will give our request careful consideration. We would appreciate your prompt response to this request, so that the committee members can plan accordingly.

Respectfully,

Brett Hillgartner
Chairperson, Special Needs Advisory Committee, 2015-2016

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