



Superintendent's Report to the Board (Revised)

December 3, 2014

Madam Chair and Board Members:

Free the Children Atlantic Canada We Day

On November 28th, over 700 students from AVRSB schools joined thousands of other young people from around the province for *Free the Children We Day* in Halifax. We Day is a day-long educational event that celebrates the power of young people to create positive change in local and global communities.

To earn the opportunity to participate in We Day, students and staff have been working together to learn about issues affecting their own communities and communities in other parts of the world, and taking action to make a difference. Participating schools have signed up for We Act, a year-long service learning and social justice engagement program. Each school has pledged to complete at least one local and one global project this year.

Organizing the logistics for We Day was an example of AVRSB staff working together for students. Many thanks go to school staff who coordinate We Act and We Day student groups and who chaperoned the event. Nadine Evans, Acting Coordinator of Transportation, along with Transportation staff and bus drivers provided safe transportation to and from the event. A special thanks goes to Stan MacVicar, Vice Principal, Central Kings Rural High School, and Steve Miller, Vice Principal, West Hants Middle School, for acting as liaison persons between the Free the Children organization and our schools.

Seasons Greetings

This is our final Board meeting of this calendar year. To Board members and staff at schools, work sites, and regional office, thank you so very much for your excellent work and contributions to public education and for all that you do for students in the Annapolis Valley.

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season.

Respectfully submitted,

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