

### Summary from the last ARC working meeting

The rules that the Ministry of Education have put in place in order to consolidate schools does not deal with improving student achievement; These rules deal with financial reform in order to reduce overhead in an attempt to reduce that the public education system places on the Ontario Government.

1. VFA is mandated to exploit renewal costs to support the Ministry of Education goal to reduce the number of buildings supported by the ministry
2. The rules t



environment in which those students are being educated within respects their social, emotional, and physical needs. A big city school for a small city kid, what are the affects?

- III. North Bay and area's indigenous population; the NNDSB educates indigenous students from all over Northern Ontario when these students come to North Bay with their

- III. Supporting our indigenous students that reside within our community as well as those who access our education system from all over Northern Ontario.
- What indigenous programming is currently available?
  - Making the case that the indigenous programming to be based on need for individual student achievement not overall enrollment numbers.
  - How many self-identified indigenous students does the NNDSB within the community of North Bay support?

Concerns about the affects of a 3-1 preferred school option on our community:

What would the affects of a 3-1 grade 7-12 school built at the Chippewa site be on the West Ferris area and what is the responsibility of the Ministry of Education and the Near North District School Board in maintaining the viability of this unique sub-community within North Bay?

What would the affects of a 3-1 grade 7-12 school built at the Chippewa site be on the overall economic well being of the City of North Bay, due to the lack of an integral community hub located at the West Ferris Intermediate Secondary School location? Without West Ferris ISS, the risk of this area of the city continuing to be marginalized economically is exasperated.

If students are not successful within the proposed 3-1 option, the (-)C /P AM@ 131.4/F2 12 Tf1 0

The Ministry of Education is moving towards deregulating and privatizing Education by imposing strict funding formulas based on population and reform finance rules that expose the vulnerability of schools within smaller Northern Ontario communities. This trend towards deregulation is an attempt to ease the burden on the Ontario Government, thereby, opening up a door for private educational services, such as, independent schools and possibly with government reform, Ontario Ministry of Education funded Independent and Charter Schools. With only one Grade 7-12 option within the city of North Bay, these additional facilities are able to exploit the preferred options lack of choice, and could contribute to further declining enrollment within the board.