

Rainbow District School Board Members, Trustees and Parents,

I'd like to thank-you for allowing me this opportunity. It is to talk to you all about a different point of view in regards to the review of Warren Public School.

This happened personally to my son 3 years ago. It was the year 2004 and my son was in a 4/5/6 class in Warren Public School. He was the only grade 4 student in a class of 7.

Three weeks into the school year and problems were arising physically and mentally with my son. In a short time he started not wanting to go to school, he was crying sporadically at no specific time as well as becoming distant.

Certain circumstances and many talks with my son and my instincts as a mom lead me to believe that I should have him transferred to Markstay Public School where he would have a chance to be in a larger class with children his own age that he could relate to as a 9 year old.

His new class which was a 4/5 split and had 23 students or shall I call them friends. Wow 23 students that was the total enrolment of Warren at that time.

Within a few weeks of transferring, the change that took place was heartwarming to any mother, he was back to being his old self, happy to go to school, having so many friends and new stories to tell of the exciting "things" that the school could offer to him.

I truly do believe to this day that I made the right choice. I do not regret making that change for him and have never looked back. Nor has he.

Thank-you,

Cathy-Lynn Smith  
Markstay Council Chair  
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