November 12, 2007

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter, on behalf of the Renfrew County District School Board, in support of a new campus for Algonquin College in Pembroke.

Algonquin College is a vital, educational component in Renfrew County that provides the residents with an opportunity to pursue post-secondary education in their own County. As well, the College provides a noticeable economic boost to this area. The Renfrew County District School Board and Algonquin College enjoy a number of educational partnerships, which provide increased opportunities to our students.

The Pembroke Campus of Algonquin College is noted, across the Province, with providing a high-quality, relevant education. A high percentage of students are able to find jobs and have proven to be competent, capable employees. I can attest to this personally, as a number of your graduates work for our Board. An increasing number of students are finding Algonquin College to be the preferred choice for their post-secondary education, and the present campus must be able to grow to meet the anticipated future growth. Unfortunately, this is not physically able to happen at the present Pembroke site of Algonquin College.

With a proven track record in education, Algonquin College requires a campus that meets the expectations of post-secondary students and promotes the excellence of the education that it offers.

We respectfully request that you consider our letter of support for a new Pembroke campus for Algonquin College.

Sincerely,

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