

GREY SISTERS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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Karen Davies, Dean
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Dear Karen,

Re: Letter of Support for a New Algonquin College in Pembroke

It has been a privilege for Pembroke to have Algonquin College in this community offering post-secondary students opportunities for ongoing learning for the past forty years. Many of our professional men and women are graduates of this fine college. They offer important services in this community and in many parts of the country.

The time has come when new and more modern facilities are vital to meet the challenges of the young people of today.

A new Algonquin College has the potential to

- better serve the needs of students who live with any kind of disability that affects their mobility.
- attract many more students to the new college and thus add to the Pembroke culture and economy.
- enhance the educational opportunities for all students.
- enrich the link with Pembroke Regional Hospital and the long term care facilities in the area as it would have increased capacity for nursing students who would do clinical work in these facilities..
- provide additional programs to respond to needs in rural communities.
- offer a more dignified setting for students who are interested in being in Pembroke by providing them with a campus that has the same amenities as found in campuses located in other areas of the province.

The Grey Sisters have a long history in education and we support the need for a new Algonquin College campus in Pembroke.

It is our hope that the proposal will be affirmed and that in the near future a new Algonquin College will be built in Pembroke.

Very sincerely,



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