

Empowering Students...Embracing Partnerships...Ensuring Success
Seymour Community School District

November 13, 2023,

Dear Black Creek Village Board of Trustees;

I was disappointed to hear of the significant reduction of funds for the upcoming budget year for the Black Creek Public Library.

As the District Administrator of the Seymour Community School District, which includes Black Creek, I would like to endorse the important role that the public library plays in helping to develop strong readers in our classrooms as well as supporting our families in creating strong literacy practices in their homes.

Our public libraries are essential in ensuring that all of our children have access to literacy materials. As our free and reduced lunch percentage continues to rise within our community, the resources that our library provides to children and families become even more critical. I am concerned that the proposed budget cuts would impact the amount and relevance of library materials, making accessing engaging reading materials more challenging for children and their families.

In addition to providing accessible resources, our public libraries are often the center of early learning and connection within our communities. The possibility of reducing the library's hours and programming due to reductions in the budget would not only reduce the availability of resources for families, but also diminish the library's role as a place of connection and community for the families of Black Creek.

I understand that the Board's development of the upcoming budget is not an easy process, but it certainly is an impactful one. I implore you to reconsider such a substantial reduction in the budget for the Black Creek Public Library, and I appreciate your attention to my concerns.

Sincerely,



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