



# Highpoint Community School

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To Whom It May Concern;

I would like to take this opportunity to support the grant proposal for a Cultural Hub at the Town Hall. I have fulfilled various roles in the Dundalk schools for almost fifteen years. Additionally, my husband and I raised our daughters in Dundalk.

I believe the Cultural Hub has great potential as it will help fill a void of cultural opportunities for youth. I also believe it will be supported by the youth of the community.

To my knowledge, there are not any Arts opportunities for the youth of the town in Dundalk. I don't believe there is even a piano teacher in town. My experience as an educator has been that students gravitate towards opportunities to be involved in school choirs and plays. They thoroughly enjoy opportunities provided in school both through curricular and extracurricular programs. It should be noted however that extracurricular activities are limited, and may only include the opportunity to be part of the Remembrance Day Choir.

Both the location and social economics of the area have a significant impact on opportunities for students. Opportunities provided by other non-profit organizations in town have experience significant student interest. The South East Family Team organizes an afterschool weekly club, with the focus of increasing physical activity. The local library is a popular after-school location for students. When the school has had funding for an afterschool literacy or numeracy program, they have also been well attended. Students are eager to find positive and productive activities in which to be involved.

Dundalk is a growing town with an increase of young families. I believe the Cultural Hub at the Town Hall would not only provide a valuable service for our residents but also provide a window into the history of our past.

Sincerely,

  
Carolynn Dyer  
Principal