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WAIMAKARIRI DISTRICT COUNCIL

Community Board Resolves to Support Nursery School

Following a deputation from the Rangiora High School Nursery at last week's Rangiora Community Board meeting, the Board has resolved to offer its support to the centre as it seeks to find an acceptable solution to an eviction notice presented by the Rangiora High School.

The nursery school, which has been based at its current site at 4 Wales Street for the last 74 years, has been advised by Rangiora High School who owns the land and buildings that it must vacate from the premises in December 2013, so the site can be occupied by the Rangiora High School Learning Unit.

Rangiora Nursery School Management Committee President Sue Cochran represented the nursery school at the Board's meeting and said the centre wants to establish communication with the Rangiora High School Board of Trustees about the situation and is looking for guidance as to how to move forward.

Cochran outlined the potential challenges for the school should they need to relocate, which include the significant costs associated with having to find a new site and/or rebuild the centre.

Following the nursery school's presentation, the Rangiora Community Board considered a staff report, and formally resolved that it offers its support in seeking an acceptable solution to the situation the nursery school finds itself in.

The Board said if the nursery school stayed at its current premises, there was an opportunity for both parties to have a positive and strong community relationship by offering work experience and career choice programmes to high school students.

A copy of the staff report is to be circulated to other Community and Advisory Boards for their information.

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