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A Win for Persons with Disabilities!

(St. John's) The Coalition of Persons with Disabilities – NL applauds the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and Labrador's decision to keep Whitbourne Elementary school open.

Jerry Weir, President of the Coalition of Persons with Disabilities – NL, states "This is a huge win for persons with disabilities. We are excited to see that the principles of accessibility have been upheld. The Coalition continues to strive for full accessibility for all persons in this province."

Article 9 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities recognizes:

"To enable persons with disabilities to live independently and participate fully in all aspects of life...elimination of obstacles and barriers to accessibility, shall apply to...buildings, roads, transportation and other indoor and outdoor facilities, including schools..."

Whitbourne Elementary is already an accessible school. This ensures that children with disabilities have the same access to education programs which are accessible and equitable.

The Coalition of Persons with Disabilities - NL is an organization dedicated to promoting inclusion and equality for persons with disabilities throughout our province.

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