



# General Gordon Elementary School



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Ms. Dianne Turner  
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## General Gordon Yellow Schoolhouse

Dear Ms. Turner

Thank you for visiting Gordon to see the yellow schoolhouse and attend our PAC meeting on March 6th. We really appreciate you taking the time to hear our views first hand and share your perspective on the schoolhouse.

As we have written before, our belief is the schoolhouse or the space it occupies should be used to benefit current and future Gordon students, and the wider Gordon community. We think enough time and VSB resources have already been spent on the search for an acceptable proposal to use the schoolhouse. However, we respect that other people, including some of our own Gordon parents, as you noted, have differing views, and that you have considered it appropriate to allow some more time.

**If further proposals are received by VSB, we request that Gordon PAC be consulted on the details of the proposals, before the decision is made to accept or reject them.** If an acceptable proposal is forthcoming, it may yet be possible to make everyone happy. We have only advocated for demolition due to the absence of an acceptable proposal, the consideration of a very unacceptable proposal, and the deterioration of the building.

As we mentioned in the PAC meeting, we have collected signatures on a petition in favour of demolition, which we enclose with this letter. We spoke to parents, teachers and neighbours at drop off and pickup times on March 1st, 2nd and 3rd, and at drop off time on March 6th. Not everyone wanted to sign, but most that we spoke to were happy to sign. In view of what you told us at our PAC meeting, we have put our petition on hold for now, but please bear in mind there is clearly broad support for demolition amongst parents, if no acceptable proposal is forthcoming in the extra time you have allowed.

Yours sincerely

Frank Goodman, secretary  
pp: Promita Abraham, co-chair  
pp: Victoria Stephens, co-chair  
pp: Kevin McKeown, treasurer

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