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**Re: Support for Transparency in School Facilities Planning – Sir Guy Carleton Elementary School.**

The **Joyce Street Action Network (JSAN)** is a community-led group working to support the retention of cultural food assets and slow gentrification in the Joyce–Collingwood neighbourhood. Our work centers on sustaining a neighbourhood where cultural foods, community connection, and intergenerational cultural transmission can continue well into the future.

We are writing to express our support for the concerns raised by the Vancouver District Parent Advisory Council regarding school facilities decisions affecting Carleton Elementary, and to strongly oppose the proposed closure of **Sir Guy Carleton Elementary School**.

As a neighbourhood undergoing rapid transit-oriented development, school closures and land-use changes directly affect the families, cultural communities, and local businesses we support. The lack of transparency around key planning information—including the updated Long-Range Facilities Plan and undisclosed subdivision applications at Carleton—makes it impossible for the public to participate meaningfully in decisions that shape our community's future.

**Why Carleton Elementary Must Not Close**

1. **Rapid Growth:** Joyce–Collingwood is one of Vancouver's fastest-growing Transit Oriented Areas, with six towers over 30 storeys and multiple mid-rise developments planned. Closing Carleton contradicts projected population needs.
2. **Incomplete Capital Planning Data:** Current VSB planning does not fully account for TOA growth, child care needs, or district program spaces. Decisions made without complete data risk long-term capacity shortages.
3. **Vancouver Plan Commitments:** Carleton's site supports "complete neighbourhood" goals, providing opportunities for child care and essential public amenities.
4. **Precinct Plan Commitments:** Carleton is one of the few remaining sites capable of accommodating promised public benefits within the Joyce–Collingwood Station Precinct Plan.

**Request to the Vancouver School Board**

- to suspend the closure process until full and transparent information, including the updated Long-Range Facilities Plan (LRFP), is made public.

- to engage with local non-profits, neighbourhood groups, and residents to explore alternative community uses for the Carleton site.

JSAN stands with parents, students, and residents in calling for open, accountable planning and the preservation of Carleton Elementary as a vital community asset.

Sincerely,



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December 12, 2025

Dear Trustees,

Re: Carleton Elementary School – Community Petition Signatures

The Collingwood Recreation Society is a nonprofit organization in Renfrew-Collingwood run 100% by volunteers and donors that builds community in our area through inclusive recreation, youth leadership, and civic engagement.

Thanks to 20+ big-hearted volunteers giving their time and energy, here's what the community has accomplished to date for Save Carleton:

- 2,281 petition signatures collected to Save Carleton;
- Over 500 red hearts displayed across Joyce–Collingwood, each symbolizing a family who needs this school;
- 800 flyers hand-delivered to homes in the neighbourhood;
- 250 lawn signs coming throughout the community;
- Participation in 4 community festivals; and
- Representation at VSB public delegation hearings, and a Public Forum which occurred at Collingwood Neighborhood House on December 10, 2025.

In addition to the above, we have also compiled comments from 236 community members in support of saving Carleton and attach these for your records.

Please accept this letter as the formal record of the 2,281 petition signatures received to this time. We are continuing to collect petition signatures.

We respectfully request that you pause the proposed closure of Carleton Elementary and engage meaningfully with the community to plan for growth in the rapidly densifying Joyce–Collingwood area. We need Carleton both now and in the future.

Kind regards,

**COLLINGWOOD RECREATION SOCIETY**

Comments for trustees
<p>1.The Joyce area is a sizable area with new developments coming in. It would seem odd for young families in the area to have to commute such a distance away to send their kids to school if they can no longer access this school. It isn't meant to be a suburban experience living in the city.</p> <p>2.Whether or not it returns with the previous sized population, the other buildings or future development on the lot could offer community services or community repurposed educational facilities, services, etc. as well.</p> <p>3. Isn't Carleton a heritage asset for the city? There aren't too many of these monuments left, how else are future generations going to learn about the earlier years of Vancouver? For such a young city, there aren't too many original buildings left. When you visit other cities in the East there are plenty of historical landmarks that are repurposed for the community as a way of preserving cultural history.</p>
Adrian Dix promised that this school would be repaired, seismically upgraded, and reopened. This property makes for an excellent school site with lots of play and learning space for sports and outdoor learning. Do not divest any part of this land like they did with Fleming.
All of these new condos and rentals are being built, the school needs to stay to provide crucial space for kids who will be moving into the area
All schools are needed for our children and their children.
All schools must be safe. Childrens educations must not be compromised.
Allow us to create a stronger community by giving us a space like the Carleton grounds to come together, feel and know that we belong, that we have a safe space to go to for our wellbeing and participate in community happenings.
An increase in population also needs parks, schools, childcare and other services even more so than we already do
As a [REDACTED] had the privilege of celebrating Carleton's 100th anniversary in 1996, it breaks my heart that this school is facing closure. This closure would impact many families in the area and despite the rezoning, the neighbouring schools are being loaded at capacity making it difficult to meet the needs of students and their families.
<p>Carleton Elementary is a historic educational site that should not be closed down. [REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED] This elementary school is in the heart of so many current residents with many young children, and it is expected that even some previous Carleton graduates who still lives in the Joyce-Collingwood area may decide to have a family and eventually need to enroll their kids somewhere. Please do not close down my school</p>
Carleton Elementary School is part of history and should be kept a place of learning not a bunch of apartment building selling for a ridiculous amount that the common family can't even afford. It doesn't serve to the community.



Carleton has been sitting empty for almost the last decade. This is typical of what the VSB thinks of East Vancouver neighbourhoods like Collingwood: To be ignored what else is new?

People need to use their voices and voting power to hold the public school district to account. They work for the people they are not a corporate entity - even though they act like it.

Carleton has had an important impact on my life and peoples life around the surrounding neighborhood. Vsb has let down everyone with empty promises. The oldest school in bc which had been let to rot. This school has outlasted the test of time, yet vsb decides it wants to wait for decades to try to tear it down. Any attempt on tearing down the school has always been left with community backlash. So if you think that this community will simply "forget" then you are wrong. This tight knit community won't just sit back and watch.

Carleton holds a special place in the hearts of many in the community. With the growing density of Joyce Collingwood, it is needed more than ever.

Carleton is an important school in the community and we would like to keep it.

Carleton is in a unique neighborhood where there is likely to be future growth meaning more kids. We need to keep these properties and their buildings.

Carleton is one of the oldest schools in Vancouver. It has a history that should not be ignored, it should be celebrated and filled with students and community activities outside of school times.

Only narrow minded people and developers would be in favour of demolishing this beautiful building with so much history.

In war time each family was given a small plot on the Kingsway side to grow food for their family. There are so many more stories.

Save Carleton!

Carleton School is centrally located in the Renfrew/Collingwood community. It is a school with a great reputation.

Carleton School should be listed as a heritage site. I recently pointed out the air raid sirens on the roof to a passenger in my car. She had never seen anything like it, and it acted as a great conversation piece. Does the whole city need to become a concrete jungle with no character? Please keep Carleton School.

Carleton school was [REDACTED] elementary school and it was one of the best schools. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Please save our school. It should not be torn down for apartments, it is over 128 yrs old. Please save.

<p>Carlton is a beautiful school. The buildings are beautiful and the staff and management were wonderful people. The children loved going to Carlton and the parents were highly satisfied with the education provided there. Closing down that school instead and repairing it and opening up for the purposes of the enrichment of future generations is a loss of a valuable educational establishment.</p>
<p>Carlton School is the iconic one in Vancouver should be preserved, can't eliminate the history building.</p>
<p>Cherish this iconic school. Save the history and future</p>
<p>Children are our future. Do not waste the youth.</p>
<p>Children should be provided with sufficient educational facilities.</p>
<p>Children's education, healthy school environment, teaching and bringing up high level of education and life values skills need right facilities - school needs to be saved!</p>
<p>Closing Carleton permanently puts a strain on neighboring schools who are already at capacity. With funding cuts from the vsb drastically minimizing classroom supports in schools while having classes at full capacity this is unfair to our children who deserve quality education not just being housed from 9-3.</p>
<p>Closing Carleton would be short-sighted. Our community has been clear over and over that Carleton is essential to the Joyce-Collingwood area, and it needs to be repaired and re-opened. We need Carleton now and in the future. Thank you.</p>
<p>Closing schools when population is increasing is not serving the community. The school board needs to do better.</p>
<p>Communities matter, schools matter, Carleton matters to this community!</p>
<p>Current and anticipated demographics for this neighborhood clearly show that this school is needed and must reopen. We have been fighting for many years to save this school for our local families. Please look at the demographics and then do what s needed to save and reopen this school.</p>

Dear Trustees,

██. With the City of Vancouver's 2016 Joyce Collingwood Station Precinct Plan and the surge of development already underway, our neighbourhood is now one of the fastest-growing areas in the province. Thousands of new residents are arriving through approved projects, and even more density is planned. It is clear that we will need more educational space, not less.

Closing Carleton now would contradict the VSB's responsibility to plan for long-term capacity especially during a period of rapid growth. This decision would be short-sighted and inconsistent with the realities of densification.

████████████████████ when it was considered acceptable to have 30 students in a classroom. The result was lower-quality education, overstretched teachers, and fewer resources for children with special needs. We should not repeat these mistakes.

Please make the right choice for current and future families in our community. Don't close another school. Rebuild one.

Dear Trustees,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed closure of Sir Guy Carleton Elementary School and to respectfully ask that you vote against this decision.

Carleton is more than just a building it is a foundation of our neighbourhood's history and identity.

██ attended Carleton, and it played an important role in their early education and sense of community. The school has touched generations of families ██████████ and closing it would erase a piece of our shared history.

I understand the district faces challenges, but I believe Carleton still has tremendous long-term value for the community. Once a school is closed and its land repurposed, the loss is permanent. Future families will no longer have access to a local, community-rooted learning environment.

I urge the board to explore alternative solutions such as redevelopment, partnerships, or provincial support before moving toward an irreversible closure.

Please help preserve this school for future generations.  
Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Dear Vancouver School Board Trustees,

██ a neighbor school close to Carleton. Afterwards I went to ██. This is all to say I know how lucky I was to live close enough to walk to my school everyday and it would be a shame and disservice for VSB to take away this opportunity from local children in the community. ██ at Carleton ██ and it is a lovely school and community. It is the duty of VSB to be educating kids, to foster local communities and not be closing schools.

This neighborhood and many in Vancouver will continue to densify, and student levels will continue raising. If the VSB goes about closing schools, we will run into the problems of Surrey, where students are in over packed schools and portables. Sadly by then it'll be to late if Carleton is closed. Even when I was in school, class sizes were increasing due to budget cuts. We need to keep the schools open to keep class sizes sensible and manageable.

As a historic building, Carleton school should continue to serve its purpose as an elementary school. It's a beautiful historic building that has many years left with maintenance that should be made. It's rare to still have such school especially in the Eastside. Funding is always spent on updating Westside schools, I hope the same effort can go into historic schools all around the city.

Dear VSB Trustees,

While this institution has long served a meaningful [REDACTED] and I'm sure for others as well, it continues to live on in the memories of our alumni and for current students as an incredibly meaningful experience and integral part of our Collingwood-Neighbourhood community for years. With its buildings sharing a long historic presence in the East Vancouver neighbourhood, it continues to serve a great deal to the cultural and academic lineage within many families and individuals that were/are impacted and grew up close by.

It has been years since I have looked back on this delegation process from when I was [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and it is now after [REDACTED] that I have learned of the further ramifications and impactful changes that the Vancouver Public Board has been proposing for years after a long absence of public updates it has just come to my knowledge that the city had attempted Carleton's closure even during [REDACTED] Thank you to [REDACTED] for providing the community with a full website to reference these timelines and past provisions. In addition, learning the future steps of renovation for this large area of land shocked me. The surrounding establishments and former buildings have been replaced with strata housing and further condo infrastructure - how big of a difference will placing new high rise condos in place of an elementary school make? Is the city making these revitalization efforts in the best interests of future families and the city's broader educational development in mind?

Carleton continues to stand as a 2.44-hectare educational establishment (Heritage Vancouver, 2011), and if I am not mistaken, it is one of the largest standing elementary schools across Metro Vancouver today. Due to this sizeable space, Carleton can offer many opportunities for the growing diversity, culture, and academic needs for future generations. For instance, more programs like student-led initiatives, even collaborations (i.e. Science World Programs - [REDACTED] Indigenous education, advanced STEM/robotics classes, creative arts performances/training), and more, can contribute to the empowerment of the trajectory of young children. Aside from extracurriculars, accommodations for neurodivergent youth, and those with further mental/physical disabilities can find a safe space to unify and can AFFORD to learn within a big PUBLIC institution.

That being said, [REDACTED] living by the neighbourhood intending to enroll in an easy and accessible place when the time comes down the line. It would be a huge honour and a dream for [REDACTED] to be able to attend Carleton. [REDACTED] most of its fruitful memories to all the games [REDACTED] play around the flagpole, running a cross the huge grass/gravel field for track, making that big transition between the primary to the intermediate building and realizing the inevitable reality of growing up, the Scholastic Book Fair, the Indigenous music circles presented at morning assemblies, the Collingwood Days Fair, etc. However, if the decision has to be made that Carleton must come to a close after all these years, my hopes are that former students may have the opportunity to be able to celebrate and honour it one last time.

(1. Vancouver Schools: Sir Guy Carleton & Carleton Hall. Heritage Vancouver, <http://heritagevancouver.org/top10-watch-list/2011/1-vancouver-schools-carleton/>).

Dear VSB Trustees,

Please don't close Carleton Elementary: our fast growing community needs public schools on public land. We will have more than 1000 your from 5-12 years of age by 2033. There are six new towers over 30 storeys tall just steps from where I live and where the school is located. Our community needs public space with public amenities. Please don't close this school in the heart of our community. Respectfully submitted.

Dear VSB Trustees,

Please save Carleton School! With the development of Joyce-Collingwood, we need to save Carleton and open up a new school, library and other child-centered spaces on that property. We have many highrises already and more are coming - to support these growing developments, we need schools!

As a tax payer in Vancouver, I would like to see governments using those funds to support children and education. I would be more than happy to see our tax dollars at work in fixing up Carleton school so that students may attend there.

Thank you for your kind consideration

Do not close or dispose of this school. The community needs it!

Do not get rid of Vancouvers history.

Do not sacrifice our precious school land and spaces, once they are gone they cannot be reclaimed.

Do Not Sell Public Lands. Come up with a plan to build a new school and community

Do not sell school land, it will be needed for more seats for the population growth!

Do not turn carleton into towers. We dont need more. We already have a population crisis!

Don t take down Carleton pleaseeee

Don't sell Public Land!! Once gone, it's gone. Then what? The neighbourhood around Carleton school is slated for added density and if that site disappears what is your plan?

David

Economic development should not hinder the education of children

Elementary schools are what my taxes pay for!

Give our kids a chance. Where are the planned new housing kids supposed to go? Tired of paying taxes for an empty or unused property. No more housing is needed here. Joyce and Kingsway is a highway truck route now. How can you plan putting families on the school land? Ridiculous ideas you city planners have.

Graduate of Carleton! [REDACTED]

Hello, [REDACTED]. In the past, I've supported family, children's and youth programs at Collingwood Neighbourhood House. I understand the importance of ensuring spaces for families and children in the community and secondly, I recognize the rapid growth that the neighbourhood is facing with incoming high-rise development projects. For that reason, I ask that you do not close down Carleton School so that it can be utilized to serve families in the community.

Hi, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] sad.

Carleton has such a deep history and it will be so sad and a loss if the school closes. It definitely needs to stay and re-open as an elementary school, the location and demographics and population growth demands that the school stays. Please reconsider and let our next generation of children grow, thrive, learn and be a vital part of our Collingwood community.

Hold on to what you have because you will never get it again. Finding space for a full school and surrounding grounds will be impossible when everything is developed.

Carleton's catchment, like every other in Vancouver, is getting denser fast. The children and parents there deserve a local school.

[REDACTED] i and this school has always been the heart of the neighbourhood. Save Carleton from the chopping block.

[REDACTED] It is so important for the young and growing families in the area. It also has housed important community programs for children including music lessons, sports, Chinese school classes, and more.

[REDACTED] It deeply saddens me to hear that this significant piece of history is just left sitting there with little to known progress of the school being repaired.

[REDACTED] and having a school within a reasonable walking distance is extremely important to me. I am so disappointed that carton has been left to deteriorate for almost ten years. This is now how a society should treat its public assets, let alone a historically significant building in our community. I want to see cartoon refurbished. The people of Collingwood and our children deserve it.

[REDACTED] This neighbourhood is becoming denser and denser, with more condos and apartments. We need to have another elementary school. This is a valuable community resource and part of the neighborhood's history. We need a community school and hub. Once you pave it over, it will be gone. It will be due to a complete lack of foresight and consideration of the community if this school is not revived.



I am writing to respectfully urge you not to close Carleton School. This school is far more than a building it is a vital, supportive, and irreplaceable part of our community.

Carleton provides students with a safe, inclusive learning environment where they are known, supported, and encouraged to grow. The relationships that students, families, and staff have built here cannot simply be transferred to another site. Closing the school would disrupt learning, weaken community connections, and remove a resource that has served generations.

Before any decision is made, I ask that you consider:

The impact on students well-being and achievement many thrive at Carleton specifically because of its size, culture, and stability.

The strain on receiving schools, which may face overcrowding, transportation challenges, and staffing shortages.

The broader community consequences, as Carleton is a hub for families and a source of pride and stability in our neighborhood.

The long-term implications once a school is closed, it is nearly impossible to replace the programs, staff cohesion, and community trust that have taken years to build.

Please preserve Carleton School. Our students, families, and community are counting on your leadership, compassion, and commitment to equitable education.

██ We need inner-city schools especially heritage schools such as Carleton to remain a part of our communities and not sell-out to developers. Families need schools such as Carleton.

██ and feel that the school should be saved.



I have an incredibly hard time believing the projections of future enrolments for VSB schools without seeing how accurate past projections were. Same goes for projections of growth in the area.

And where is the pressure on the province to increase and/or contribute funds? The teachers are already being overworked and underpaid and it s the children who are suffering. They ARE the future and they need to be given more resources.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

There are many different reasons it would be unwise and dare I say unethical to cancel this publicly purposed and owned land into anything that doesn't replace what it has been.

\* Because we don't know what the VSB has in mind for this land, it would be fraudulent to ask the public to vote on the first step.

\* A complete plan including a strong public input and involvement is mandatory.

\* Selling any of this land for any purpose would be criminal.

\* Whether the original Collingwood School buildings remain as Heritage should be decided by Vancouver's citizens.

\* Selling any of the land so as to fund the building of a replacement school is lazy-thinking. Lazy-thinking people should not be on the VSB nor Vancouver City Counsel.

\*If the current VSB & VCC are unable to find a publicly accepted way to enrich the Collingwood area and peoples without selling their public space they should admit so and allow ideas to come from elsewhere. There is no shame in accepting help from the people who voted for them.

\* Btw, the view from an elevated rooftop in this location would be very attractive (via tourism and/or restaurant, etc). Commercial leases facing Kingsway while a replacement public space (school and/or other) could be placed on the backside of said commercial space, quietly away from busy streets and people.

The notion that this space should be sold or used in ways that do not directly benefit the local residents anything that does not enhance the neighbourhood and it's peoples should be considered dishonest and foolish. If anyone gains or benefits other than the local residents should identified and cancelled.

We already lost so many vital areas in East Vancouver. We need to support density & growth. Land in Vancouver is already scarce & expensive. Once you sell land you can never get it back! Don't sell our land to the public. We need it!

██████████ and it's been obvious for years that we are rapidly densifying with not enough community resources. It is critical that we repair and reopen Carleton for the well-being of our neighbourhood.

\_\_\_\_\_ and want to have a school within walking distance and with all the increased densities, schools are needed.

It needs to stay open.

[REDACTED] We need this site to remain a school. There are more kids at Joyce Collingwood than previously, not fewer.

<p> [REDACTED] Yet even I recognize the significance and importance of keeping educational lands for educational or otherwise public use. It is short-sighted to sell any part of the property off when the neighbourhood is going to be growing in population. The buildings should be refurbished and perhaps have temporary community use to bring down costs. The land should, of course, not sit vacant, yet it also cannot be sold in any capacity. </p>
<p> I see the Carleton sweaters in the photos, any chance they will be on sale? Would love to support if they are being sold! </p>
<p> I support saving Careleton Elementary. Joyce-Collingwood is one of the fastest growing neighborhoods in all of BC. The Carleton site continues to be needed for public education now, and especially in the future. Our community continues to overwhelmingly support keeping Carleton as an educational hub in our neighborhood. </p>
<p> i understand the board lacks funding for its facilities, I ask that you work with the ministry to obtain funding to reopen Carleton. That you turn to donations from the public to save the oldest school in vancouver. Regards Ben, former student. </p>
<p> [REDACTED] The VSB shut that down. </p> <p> [REDACTED]  [REDACTED]  [REDACTED] The VSB also shut that school down. </p> <p> And now the children [REDACTED] already have a longer walk or commute, and VSB wants to shut yet another school down. That's all I associate the VSB with a this point, shutting down needed schools. Shame on you. </p>
<p> I was a [REDACTED] I see the necessity for more school seats, and also have a sentimental attachment to the old school. Hope it can be saved. </p>
<p> [REDACTED]  [REDACTED]  [REDACTED]  [REDACTED]  [REDACTED] </p>
<p> [REDACTED]. When the fire happened in 2016 that was the summer [REDACTED] It personally negatively affected how [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. It breaks my heart seeing the buildings rot and grow older, they store deep rich stories and the memories of hundreds and hundreds of little children. I want its legacy to continue. </p>

\_\_\_\_\_ and I really believe it needs to be saved. Upgrades etc. do not tear this down as to many schools are closing and kids can t learn in overcrowded classrooms.

[REDACTED] I had the best teachers, the school was huge and even took [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and loved going back to visit teachers. [REDACTED] to play but realized it wasn't the same playground [REDACTED] - the barn, the kindergarten building, the frame and brick buildings too.

██████████ This place gave me a place to learn and grow in an extremely vulnerable time. It's worth keeping around for a lot more than that, but I'd hate to see a pillar of the area torn down for even more gentrification

If you can't salvage the current building, please rebuild it! We need more schools in our community with the increasing density around 29th ave station and along Kingsway.

██████████. please do not let this problem get worse!

In the past we had to fight to keep Britannia school open. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]. I want to support a growing neighbourhood to keep Carleton school open. Education should be a priority and it is also the hub of a community. Please save the school.

It goes without saying that this would be important for the heritage of the community to maintain this educational institution.

It greatly concerns me that the city is decreasing school spots for children in East Vancouver that serves local children , including Indigenous populations. Closing the school will decrease access to green space , and education in the local area forcing children outside their community. It should be maintained as a school . I completely disagree with development other than as a school in this area.

It is an integral part of the community. There is already so much development in the area and even less park and school spaces.

It is short sighted to close a school and develop land in a neighbourhood that is historically underserved by the City. The land should be held for the community to meet growing demand for schools, parks, libraries, and other amenities. This area has been redeveloped extensively, increasing the population, without the development of new or maintenance of existing amenities and public spaces.

It is short-sighted to permanently close Carleton Elementary when there is so much density planned and already in place in the neighborhood. The community needs the school and related services and community space that this school provides.

It is reprehensible that the school board has let the school sit to rot for several years after the fire and made no attempt to rebuild the school for the community. East side students and families matter. Move forward now with repairs or plans to rebuild a school that is big enough to serve this community now and into the future, with space for community services like childcare.

There are plans to densify many areas of Vancouver. Please plan accordingly and wisely to maximize current schools and fields to have capacity to serve their students and communities. We need all of our schools and we need them to be seismically reinforced.

It is VERY short sighted to close down any schools in Vancouver. We will continue to grow as a city, so we need to hang on to all educational spaces for the generations to come.

It seems incredibly short-sighted for the school board to sell off yet more school land when there are only indications that there will be more need for school land in future, not less.

The VSB is truly demonstrating the kind of short-term thinking that indicates the need for new Trustees that take the generational view needed to perform the rules you are currently entrusted.

I truly hope you do the right thing. Should you choose not to, I hope the rest of the community does the right thing and votes you out at the soonest possible opportunity.

It should be save the CARLETON school... there will be more young kids living around the area need a school near that easy access to them and the same with the parents .... Carleton has been a historical area need to keep . A lot of condos been rise up so the population of the area growing so it means lots of kids need to be registered .... and no need to go far and wait for to be listed in "waiting list" .....from graham bruce and Grenfell ....

It would be a shame to not utilize this land for its intended purpose. The bones of a beautiful school that can impact the generations and growth of this area not being restored would be a true shame. [REDACTED] open the school! Don t simply develop this land, it s a heritage site and so few of these areas remain. I have watched this area thrive and grow. It s moving much too quickly in terms of density and we need more educational spaces.

It's a nice building on the outside. I believe it's worth fixing up the inside. Good luck saving it.

Its disheartening to see the continued disregard the VSB has for East Vancouver families. The fact that every few years we have to try to save what schools we have from threat of closure of these valuable educational and community assets is deeply wrong.

Carleton is strategically located in a very important location for families and its renaissance could be an example of really listening to communities and having the wisdom to look to the future. .

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] go to the same school as we are all in the same neighborhood.

Joyce Collingwood is growing exponentially and we will need this facility revamped with its access to the R4, 26 and 19 bus routes for our children

Killarney and others are too far for parents to transport their children.

Joyce-Collingwood is a rapidly growing area, most recently targeted for growth due to close proximity to skytrain and transit. With this rapid growth also comes families and children to this growing community - children who require education and deserve to have this education at their local school in close proximity to home and inside an actual building (not portables). Carleton is not a surplus school. There are students needing this school. It is beautifully situated and important to the community. Furthermore, east end schools and students are just as deserving of schools and funding for their upgrades as their west end counterparts.

Joyce-Collingwood is one of the fastest growing neighborhoods in all of BC. The Carleton site continues to be needed for public education now, and especially in the future. Our Community needs more public schools.!

Losing valuable land in Vancouver is stupid. Build a new school and build it with purpose to ensure it can handle extreme weather conditions, is multipurpose and can be used for elementary and other levels of education, rent out space for daycares, community groups and recognize that densification is a part of a growing city and we'll need our community schools.

[REDACTED] instead of going to another school  
, which is further away, [REDACTED]  
Save Carleton for the future generations

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] it would be a huge loss to the community if this wonderful space gets taken away and replaced. Saving Carlton will really benefit future generations of teachers and children in our community.

New school needs to be built on the old site

No more selling off school property! We need it for our children and future children in Vancouver.

No point building more " posts " ( high rises) then loading them with families and not be able to educate them.

Kids are the future think about it.....



Once again, the City of Vancouver is handing everything to developers and nothing to the people who actually live here. We don't need another luxury tower that no one in this city can afford. We need schools. We need green space. We need a city that actually invests in community because right now, there's barely any of it left. Years of cuts and the loss of shared, meaningful spaces have already hollowed us out.

██████████ who can afford to live in this city but I still care about the next generation and about protecting the communities we do have. Stop tearing them apart.

Keep this up and there won't be a community left to house. Schools are the heart of a city stop trading ours away

Once school land is gone, we can never get it back.

Our area needs the Carleton school! Children's education, healthy school environment, teaching and bringing up high level of education and life values skills need right facilities - school needs to be saved!

Our community deserves a local school and updated playground within walking distance that families can access daily!

Our diverse community is one of the most dense in the city and city council has rezoned for increased development some of which has already begun with large high rise towers and it is so critical to keep Carlton to serve our youth. Families here work and need local schools to reduce insane traffic and congestion. Kids who can walk and bike to school can learn healthy habits and alternatives to driving everywhere. Please keep Carlton school!!

Our population is growing and we need this school!

Our schools help protect and lead the future. The school is close to development and sky train and is a major hub in the heart of Vancouver. This space will be needed.

It's short sighted to close the school.

Please please help save our beautiful school Carlton. It's part of Vancouver's history. Please don't let foreigners buy this land.

please do not close the school, save the school for children to attend so that they don't have to travel too far.

Please look at this from a long-term perspective. Closing the school now will have repercussions just look at the traffic and immigration patterns.

Please restore Carleton to functionality after seismic updates, as VSB promised the community when it closed the school. Vancouver touts itself as a sustainable and eco friendly city but government enforced rezoning to high density residences without ample community services built in-and ignoring Canadas value in providing accessible dual language education - leaves families driving outside their communities to access resources and education. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. This is a model Vancouver should move toward, not away from. In the next 10 a the local pop is going to explode with the new housing and proximity to transit. Please keep the school to build the community instead of profits for developers at the cost of middle income families.

Please restore Carleton to it's glory. Thousands, or perhaps tens of thousands of children have been educated here. It serves a purpose. It is a pillar within our community and our future.

Please save

Please see my email feedback - no school property is excess school property. This closure attempt is short-sighted and even if it was not, the idea you're going to sell it to CSF "potentially" is embarrassingly uninformed as to the true value of the property given it's in a TOA. The TOA almost guarantees massive growth with 5000+ new residences being built in the next 5-10 years. Please give your heads a shake, rebuild or replace the school as VSB property. One more question: why are you not providing the expense to fix up or rebuild the school as an option in the survey? It seems like incomplete data shared to the public.

Please stop implementing short-sighted strategies that undermine the future of public education in Vancouver. As our city continues to grow, the public system must grow with it. Not shrink.

Your responsibility is to protect and expand the schools and programs that our children rely on. Vancouver families are counting on you to ensure we have a strong, sustainable public education system today and for generations to come.

Please think long term. High density means more families and children. We need to keep Carleton.

PLs save the school as [REDACTED] the school in neighbourhood as we are [REDACTED]

We are steadfast to save it and will do anything to keep it.

Population is ever increasing in the long term. If anything we should be saving more land for future children. Let s not be selfish for the short-term.

Rebuild the elementary school and a French school. If possible build tall and densify to include housing. Be creative and think about sustainability for education, community, and long-term income

Reducing local schools is not the right direction in growing thriving city.

Renfrew Collingwood community history is embedded in Carleton school. Losing it would be devastating to the community and a stamp on the graves of [REDACTED] who worked endlessly into their retirement to save the school([https://renfrewcollingwoodcommunitynews.com/tag/\[REDACTED\]](https://renfrewcollingwoodcommunitynews.com/tag/[REDACTED]))

The neighbourhood is growing rapidly and the community needs the space to accommodate the growth. The school is and should always be the centre of the community where people of all ages can come together over the growth of all of us. Schools are traditionally closed after school hours but perhaps new uses can be found for after school times that maximize the space usage that encourages community leadership of all kinds, supports our cultural workers coming together to build belonging and inclusion so we can draw people out of isolation and strengthening broad community connections across difference through the focus on our communal future, our children! Community gardens, community recreation, pottery gatherings( kilns), pizza oven, and other family oriented cultural events come to mind.

Reopen Vancouver s oldest school! Save [REDACTED]

Reopening this school is much needed for this neighborhood. Our neighborhood is growing.

Sale of school board land is short sighted and needs to be reevaluated for how to manage the land in order to generate revenue rather than a one time sale. Enrollment constantly changes, but provincial funding only decreases.

Save Carleton

Save Carleton!

Save Carleton.

Save [REDACTED]

Save our future

SAVE OUR SCHOOL TO BRIGHTEN UP OUR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION AND FUTURE, THEY ARE FUTURE OF OUR COUNTRY

SAVE OUR SCHOOL!

Save the future of my generations

Save the school for the children!!! Stop over crowding other schools!!

Save the school we need schools children need school instead of being cramped in classrooms.

Save this school for our children s children.

Save Vancouver's oldest school!

School is the very important place!!! Children's education, healthy school environment, teaching and bringing up high level of education and life values skills need right facilities - school needs to be saved!

Schools should be kept open for the future children of our city especially for the current situation where densification of residential communities is encouraged.

Selling off a public school might balance a short-term budget but it comes at the expense of our children's long-term education, stability and opportunity. Carleton is more than a building; it's a community anchor and a promise to future generations. We cannot afford to sell out our kids' future for temporary financial relief.

Shutting down schools makes no sense when all of our neighborhoods are densifying and schools are full forcing parents to cross catchments for their child's education.

Stop closing, subdividing, and leasing our schools and VSB properties! You were elected to serve the district of Vancouver by acting in our best interests as a whole with care and thought for the future. You re not doing that. Leasing the basketball courts at the Fleming property for 99 years for \$8.5 million was not done with prudence. It s unclear whose best interest this decision was made for, certainly not the Fleming community, or most Vancouverites.

Stop listening again and again to the ravenous real-estate zombie that keeps wanting to devour Carleton and EastVan lop the head off that marauding zombie once and for all.

And quit bussing EastVan kids over to Westside Vancouver doing that is so classist and racist and destructive of EQUITY.

Supporting my community and the services that are needed.

Thank you for your efforts [REDACTED]

I guess the City forgot about all the housing they are building in the neighbourhood.

The Carleton School and Grounds a community resource that need to be protected for the benefit of the Collingwood community. With new residential buildings popping up around the SkyTrain station and up and down Joyce, the area will need more school capacity. Already families are being denied access to their local schools and forced to neighbouring schools.

The city is growing so rapidly and needs more school. Millions have been spent doing seismic upgrades with no consideration to expansion in the future. Many school are over subscribes. TNot being able to get into your neighborhood can have devastating effects on a family.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Carleton should be saved for the families in the catchment area.

The city is growing, as is the demand for education many more kids will be living in the area in the following years. Keep the land, and push the province to rebuild the school. Thank you.

<p>The city needs more schools all over the city. It's not only to have space for all the kids now but the growing future population as well as needing schools spread around so kids/families can walk to school and also build our communities up. We need to save ALL the school sites. Please take better care of our public assets and our public education system.</p>
<p>The community is expanding fast , with lots condo buldings, amongst growing families moving into our East Van neighbourhood. Education spaces should be preserved for the future generations.</p>
<p>The historic Carlton Elementary School and the entire site should be retained for both practical reasons and out of respect for its long history. Neighbourhood families need it, and so do we all for its historic presence, a rare example of the past allowed to exist in ephemeral Vancouver.</p>
<p>The Joyce-Collingwood neighbourhood is growing with the increased density and needs Carleton School to be able to provide a neighbourhood school to the existing displaced student population and to ensure other local schools do not exceed capacity. Additionally, the land asset needs to stay with the Vancouver School Board.</p>
<p>The lack of forward-thinking will prove disastrous in the context of rapid development. Our city s infrastructure is laughable when comparing it to planned density.</p>
<p>The old Carlton Public School is one of the last remaining public school sites in an already overcrowded part of Vancouver. With our city s population continuing to grow rapidly, existing school buildings and their playgrounds are precious community assets we cannot afford to lose. Demolishing Carlton would only worsen overcrowding in nearby schools and remove vital green space for local families. Please keep Carlton Public School standing and invest in upgrading it instead of tearing it down.</p>
<p>The primary schools in our area already straining with the increased density of these neighbourhoods, we desperately need to hang onto public land for school development. The School Board cannot keep planning on annexes and expansions and lotteries that displace students. This is precious community public land, and parents are already struggling to stay in this city. Why is the community's obvious, insistent, repeated support for Carleton not respected?</p>
<p>The reopening of Carleton Elementary is crucial for the well-being of hundreds of young families who will be joining the Joyce-Collingwood community through the Vancouver plan.</p>
<p>The school has historic and current value. Carleton is located in a densely populated and growing neighborhood. With its proximity to the skytrain, number of high rises and sure-to-come added housing for the middle class, it would be a costly mistake to close down the school. Residential building in transit hubs will bring plenty more residents and school aged children to the neighborhood. It s important that Carleton remain to serve them and the current community.</p>

The school was not badly damaged by fire. The fire went up into the attic and through the roof. There was substantial water damage however there was immediate work done to remove as much of the water damaged walls and remove the water itself from the basement area. There was a tarp over the damaged roof for several years which surely didn't help to maintain the inside structure. To now be told that there is further water damage, without being confirmed that either the new roof or the slate roof are leaking. The foundation is leaking? How is that so? The site, both the brick and frame buildings were not securely kept, so there has been damage from breakins and theft. What is the status of the two arson reports? How has the VSB not continued to follow through?

The gymnasium had no damage and there was electricity hooked up quickly after the fire. The community used that facility on a regular basis after school hours. That could have been a source of revenue for the past 9 years. Yes, of course, someone would have been hired to keep the area clean, but the community would have been engaged with the site. But the VSB didn't want that to happen.

The school in Coquitlam burned to the ground. Carleton did not. The students were both bussed to new locations and the site was empty. The students were able to be placed elsewhere. However the community and school board in Coquitlam did not give up on their school. And they are getting it back. The students who were displaced from Carleton should also be given the opportunity to return. Just because there was room elsewhere, as in Coquitlam, there is no reason that both communities should not be given their schools back.

This area has been a school site since 1896. The community back then knew that there would be growth and went from the original Carleton Hall (which was the Kindergarten building, now Green Thumb) to the Frame Building. The date on the building states 1910. Then the Brick building was opened 1914/1916? The Manual Arts building was added. The gymnasium. The original building was moved from east of the Frame building to its current location when 41st Ave and Joyce St were joined up. The property which is now the upper playground was attached to the school property and the houses there removed.

How is it that almost 130 years ago, people realized that the area would be growing and expanding but the current school board doesn't acknowledge that the area is still growing and expanding. Public land needs to stay public land. Return the school to the community and the community will provide the students.

The VSB has a completely backwards approach to opening, building and closing schools. Zero thought is put into future growth or needs. A perfect example is Eric Hamber's brand new school in year 2 was over capacity that there wasn't going to be a locker for every student. In September of year 2 (so basically 1 year in!!). Every parent group and committee fought for this school to be built bigger and all of that was shut down with reassurances that enrollment was dropping. With the addition of multiple towers in the area, Carleton school will be needed and it should absolutely be fixed and reopened.

The VSB should not be left on its own to balance its meagre budget.

It should not be left with one choice alone, to balance its budget-to sell off school playing fields to developers.

Margaret Thatcher the UK's Conservative leader, and great fan of Reagan, sold off 5000 school playing fields during the 1980s. This had a negative effect all round, on pupils, on the community, even on England's showings at the Olympic games.

Vancouver needs reform, not land speculation.

Once sold we will never get that land back-land that past reformers worked so hard to obtain for BC's children.

There already are not enough schools in the area, and more high rises are being completed over the next few years. We should reopen Carleton.

There are a huge number of multi-family dwellings being constructed in our neighborhood and the kids will need someplace to go to school, in addition to families needing additional childcare. I think that the plan to close Carleton is short-sighted at best and downright foolish at worst.

There is and will be continuing major residential development in the area with increased density due to multi family buildings being added to the area. This school will help accommodate the additional families coming to the area. Don't go backwards or we'll face a similar dilemma Surrey is facing. We need to do better with planning.

There will be more students in the future, and the elementary schools around have not enough space to capacity the increasing students. Then where should these students go? Even now Weir elementary school has a long wait list, why we still close more schools?

Think about the future of Joyce Collingwood area and all of the new families moving to the area needing schools for their children.

Joyce Collingwood is the fastest developing area in Vancouver and we need to prepare for the future not go backwards. Be proactive!

Think of future generation! We need more schools instead of selling district property for profit to rich developers.

This area of Joyce/Carlton is steadily densifying and this Carleton school space is needed.

This building has heritage value because of its history and age so needs preservation for that reason also. I am even willing to have a tax increase to achieve preservation.

This catchment has no school for our kids. We are waiting for reopening of this school.

This is a short sighted decision. Density is increasing in Vancouver. We need to preserve our public land assets.

This is a wonderful safe neighbourhood to live in and it just needs the school and the sounds of children to make it better.

[REDACTED] Hoping its not gonna go away since  
it holds so much memories to a lot of people [REDACTED]

This is ridiculous. Education is the future. Kids need schools close by.

This is the first school established in the City of Vancouver and should not be closed. With the amount of low rise and high rise strata residential/mixed use buildings being developed in the area, there will certainly be a need for this school to stay put!

This neighbourhood needs another school as the Joyce Station area grows with multi-resident developments. Where are the kids in this area supposed to go to school??

And it d be nice to preserve/upgrade existing schools instead of razing them wholesale.

This school and space is a great heritage building with so much history of resilience. Please let this space remain as an inspiration for resilience as this community navigates so much uncertainty and isolation.

This school and the property are needed as the student population in the area is projected to grow significantly.

Once gone, this property is lost for generations.



This school grounds serves so many other purposes than just educating elementary aged students. It had Arts Umbrella programs. It held adult recreational sports leagues in the evenings that generated revenue and provided spaces for physical activity in a very accessible location. It held special events like Collingwood Days in the past. It provided additional parking for the temple across the street on the weekends and evenings when service was held. It was a space that provided child care as well before and after school so parents could drop off or pick up their kids around their work schedules. It s a space where people of all ages go to use the fields, basketball courts, and playground for exercise and fresh air. For kids that grew up in this neighbourhood, many are now moving back into their childhood homes to raise kids with the support of their families. Those kids will need a place to go to school.

There is a lot of land that can be used for elementary education but also various other purposes to serve the community like in the past. More sports programs can be run out of the school grounds to maximize use, bring people into the community, and generate additional supplementary revenue for the VSB. With Killarney s fields being under renovation/construction as a FIFA training facility, this has always taken away spaces for people in the community to use that Carleton can provide or if there are future Olympics here again that will utilize Killarney Community Centre again as a training facility pushing people to be without space to use or into other neighborhoods.

#savecarleton

This school is much needed to accommodate the growth of this neighbourhood. Please listen to the people and do not close it.

To close Carleton School would be a devastatingly tragic mistake. The growth of this neighborhood is evident and underway, there will be more and more families living in the Carleton catchment as housing gets completed. The surrounding schools are full already and will not be able to accommodate our growing population. We all know how attractive the Carleton property must be to developers, that much is obvious. The Vancouver School Board showed their intention years ago when they "couldn't repair" the school after the "suspicious" fire. It is obvious to all that paid attention that the fire was an excuse to let the buildings deteriorate further to the point the board could throw their hands in the air and say "we have to sell, it's too much to repair." VSB has a chance now to do the right thing. Reopening Carleton School is the fair and right thing to do by the community and the city. Don't screw this up, VSB.

To save the school, do the required renovations to prep up for the education of children in our neighborhood, that is ever increasing. This will pave the way for jobs in every sector & thereby create classrooms that are not overcrowded.

It is very easy to "tear down a structure," but hardly requires strength from a United community to build up a stronger school to educate children, who will become adults tomorrow. Let us build a strong neighborhood by building and not breaking a structure.

Thankyou.

To sell the site of school property is such a short-sighted decision. Where are the future children supposed to go to school, do you think there will be less of a need for schools in the future? I don't think so. The only reason for this proposal is its close proximity to skytrain.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. Children & youth have a right to attend public schools. This public school was built to enhance and better the lives of all individuals in the community, as well as to enhance the greater society as a whole.

This important public structure was not built with the intention to be torn down - The many hands that built this very school need to be respected. So too, must the very intent behind the purpose of building the school.

Carleton School must continue to be an enlightening, and uplifting source to all the members in our community as it once was. It must provide education to minds that thirst for knowledge.

Tearing it down would be like tearing down people and the future. This is not right nor is it ok. This school was built to move people ahead, not to move them backwards or keep them stagnant.

We have come to a point in our education system, that needs rethinking of what real inclusive education really requires, and what it should actually look like. That time is NOW! Carleton must continue to be part of this legacy.

Just imagine if it was your child, who was told, "sorry, no place for you to learn, to grow or to become or excel..."

Carleton School is not just a building, it's a building of society.

Serious attention to this matter is a must!

With respectful and kind regards

Vancouver is bought and run by real estate interests.

<p>Vancouver needs to care about protecting and preserving its historical landmarks . Carleton is one of those.</p> <p>Our history is being eroded and erased.</p>
<p>██████████ thinks that these small community concerns make a huge difference to having a functional society. Schools matter.</p>
<p>Vancouver s schools are already beyond capacity.</p> <p>We need to be protecting them, and the answer cannot be building on top of sports fields. Outdoor space is crucial for exercise, sports and athletics</p>
<p>Vancouver's population is increasing, and will continue to increase as we increase density within the city. It is insanely shortsighted to consider permanently closing Carleton School. The space, and the school must be preserved. In fact, why hasn't it been re-opened?</p>
<p>VSB has made what appears to be another unilateral decision despite the will of its taxpaying population. You might consider opening this to a referendum, which almost certainly will result in support for a re-build/re-opening of an adapted, modernised education space.</p>
<p>Vsb MUST use future density development projections to plan schools there must be a freeze on any lsnd sales in tod and broadway plan zones or there will be no schools for residents.</p> <p>Vsb is huge landowner in van and should have a mandate to use parts of property for parks in contract with city for the public and use for nature and food security programs for students. Use Tree canopy and other funds to create urban forests</p>
<p>VSB needs to start standing up for lower income neighborhoods instead of using them to fund their debt. Do not close Carleton.</p>
<p>We already asked the community and they gave a resounding, We need a new school in Joyce-Collingwood.</p>
<p>We are fastest and growing community and want Carleton to serve and continue educate or futire generations. As new buildings and housing are being built in the area, the population is also growing and we need the public school to support the education of future generation.</p>
<p>We are waiting for re-opening of Carleton school. This area is fastest growing and we need more schools. School closure is not appropriate step at this time. Nearby schools are so crowded bcoz of this school s closure. We want this school to reopen please.</p>
<p>We have a dire shortage of schools in Vancouver. Kids are not getting into their neighbourhood school because it's oversubscribed. Why is the VSB considering closing yet another school? Public education is a human right. Our kids deserve to go to a school in their neighbourhood, not rely on parents to drive them far from their home and contribute to traffic congestion.</p>

<p>██████████ there are so many kids we see using the playground and it is so poorly maintained. There are so many families ██████████ young children who would be in the catchment of this historic school - we need more schools in this area NOT more condos.</p>
<p>We need a school in this growing neighbourhood. If the current structure isn't fully functional, please present plans to replace it with a comprehensive learning facility before proposing to close the school down. This will demonstrate an understanding of the community's needs. If there aren't plans to replace the facility, it needs to remain functional as is.</p>
<p>We need all the school we have now plus to ones for new immigrants that are coming to Vancouver</p>
<p>We need all the schools we can maintain while our population is growing. Keeping teacher:student ratios low is the best way to ensure no child is left between the cracks.</p>
<p>We need Carleton Elementary School for the kids to learn, play and feel a sense of belonging to the community they live in. This community is growing so fast that Carleton Elementary is desperately needed to be renovated and utilized by the kids once again.</p>
<p>We need Carleton for our growing community. Please see the rise of highrises are being built all around Collingwood. It's an IT spot! The population is growing dense with many many more families. What's going to happen if Carleton closes???? Are the surrounding schools going to be packed with students. Burn out our teachers? have more and more strikes? Don't be a problem. Be a savior. Think about our future!!!!!! Our children our community.</p>
<p>We need Carleton school to remain in the Joyce-collingwood neighbourhood!</p>
<p>We need more schools in our neighborhood because other schools around are getting too crowded and teachers are overwhelmed and not able to give the individual attention every child needs. Please build a new Carleton School so we can keep it in our neighborhood history! Thank you!</p>
<p>We need more schools in the east side. We need more before and after school programs.</p>
<p>We need more schools in this neighborhood not more condos.</p>
<p>We need schools here!! A perfectly beautiful school to give kids a beautiful childhood education. Why not?!</p>
<p>We need schools in East Vancouver as the area densifies. We need to support and expand Carleton. Save the schools and maintain and expand them. The neighbourhood needs Carleton.</p>
<p>We need transparency and a sustainable financial model. These neighbourhoods keep growing. It is shortsighted and damaging to the community to redraw boundaries to what is convenient for VSB to justify these types of decisions.</p>

We should be investing in our future, our children's education and our community. Please save this school. Please do not use this vital land/infrastructure for commercial development, we cannot continue to build while straining our education system and resources.

We should not be tearing down heritage buildings for residential buildings that no one can afford. Taking the Carleton away erases the memory of what was once a bustling, vibrant symbol of community and education in the Joyce area. Please, do the right thing.

**WE WANT TO SAVE CARLETON** for our future generations and grandchildren. Thank you!

[REDACTED] that now growing up is seemingly unheard of at other elementary schools. [REDACTED]

From having timely sessions to learn about autism, anxiety, and the like, to having the opportunity to learn dance, art, and instruments such as cello and violin, and having the community to gather each Friday, as a school collectively, to be active. Collingwood days at Carleton with vendors, dog shows, and more were also [REDACTED] and it's very dearly missed both in the neighbourhood and the city. Carleton is a great, great school and it means a lot to all of us and many children now and the future would benefit from keeping this school.

## Where are the kids to go with closure??

Where is the long term facility plan? How is VSB planning to deal with 150% to 200% enrollment?

Why don't they close some west side schools that have declining populations and less development. Another example of west/east divide.

With a burgeoning population in the neighbourhood, the school board needs to keep the properties it owns to plan for future generations.

With all the increased construction in the neighborhood, let s not be short sighted that land is for community not developers

With all the new developments in the community, we need Carleton Elementary. It makes sense to keep Carleton for the next generation and their new young families. We also need Carleton for childcare. The community of Joyce Collingwood is growing. Keep Carleton Elementary!

With growing density, we cannot afford to lose another school site.

With schools bursting at the seams in Renfrew Collingwood is important to keep what school resources exist. I encourage you to take the steps needed to reopen the school. It's an important part of the community - past, present and future.

With so many new buildings in the area, it's illogical that they want to sell and build more buildings instead of constructing new, modern, larger schools with decent classrooms, more bathrooms, large gyms, and nicer playgrounds for students to study and play in. Where do they plan to put all the children from the new buildings in the schools?

With the increased density planned for the Renfrew Collingwood area in the coming decades, it's incumbent on VSB to save Carleton for future generations. Neighbourhoods should be vibrant, livable places to raise your family, and being able to walk/bike to your local school is important.

Would be such a waste. More buildings of density in the area. You will be looking for a space like this. COME ON PEOPLE!

Yea Carleton needs to be saved for all the children of our community now and future generations !!!  
Our community is growing and it is a shame to be wanting to close this very important school .

Your job is to protect public education for Vancouver School District students, not to dismantle it.  
Fight for our students, and our neighbourhood schools!



- Euclid Avenue — designated for multiplex zoning
- 3362–3384 Vanness — two high-rise towers

These projects will add thousands of new residents to the area. Children from these homes will rely on the nearest schools: Carleton, Graham Bruce, Grenfell, and Collingwood Neighbourhood School. It is no longer accurate — nor responsible — to suggest that demand in this zone is declining, a coordination between the city's planning department and VSB is imperative.

#### Population Data Confirms Increasing Need

7. According to the 2016 and 2021 Census, Vancouver's population grew from 631,486 to 662,248. More importantly, children aged 0–14 increased, not decreased. This single fact contradicts assumptions that fewer school-aged children will require space in our neighbourhood schools. Future development will only accelerate this trend. The Collingwood–Joyce corridor is designated for major growth over the next 25–30 years, with provincial support for increased transit-oriented housing. Our elected MLA, Adrian Dix, has consistently recognized the importance of retaining Carleton in this context.

#### Carleton Has Served Generations — and Will Serve Many More

8. Carleton Elementary has stood at the heart of this community for more than 125 years. Generations of families have come through its doors. Even our roads are named after the school — School Avenue being the clearest example of how deeply Carleton is connected to the identity of this neighbourhood. A rebuilt Carleton would not only honour this legacy but meet the very real primary educational needs of present and future families.

#### Selling the Land Would Be a Costly Mistake

9. The City of Vancouver has almost no vacant land left in this part of East Vancouver. If the Carleton lands are sold now, any future replacement school would cost 10 to 20 times more — assuming suitable land could even be found. Once public land is gone, it is gone forever. Selling Carleton now would burden future generations with impossible costs and eliminate the flexibility needed for a proper district-wide plan.

#### A Respectful Request to Trustees

10. I respectfully ask the Board:

- Do not dispose of the Carleton site.
- Commit to rebuilding the school when funds become available.
- Acknowledge the clear and undeniable growth in this community.
- Recognize that closing Carleton contradicts both Census evidence and neighbourhood reality.

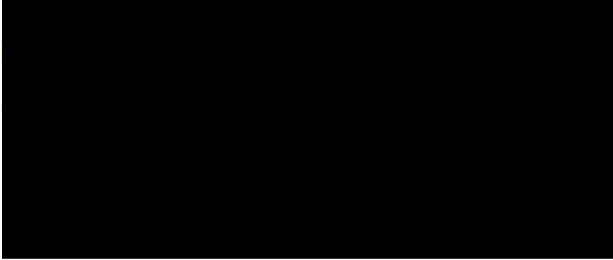
Carleton is not redundant. Carleton is essential — for the children here today, for the ones soon to arrive, and for the generations who will call this community home. This school is surrounded by approximately 500 detached homes in a radius of two



blocks and a large number of multiple dwellings. More are coming as per ambitious plans of our city. Carleton School is situated in an established area for over a century. If rebuilt, it will save residents and young children from the inconvenience of going to distant schools a kilometre or so away from their homes in the vicinity of this school.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,



C.C.

**Honorable Ken Sim**

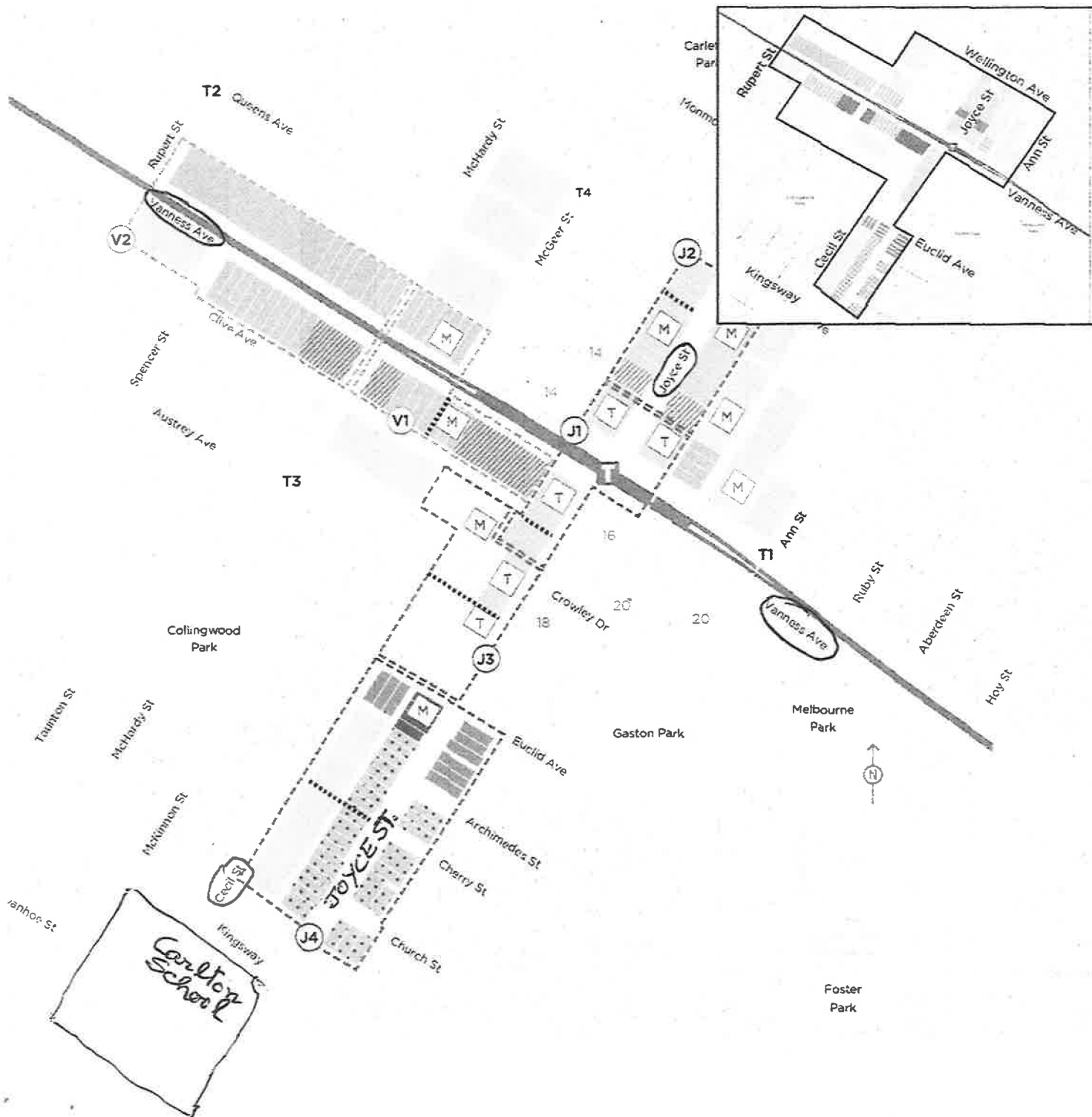
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For his kind information and consideration not to allow a change of zoning of the school land and to provide/seek funds to restore the school for the residents of this area.

**Honorable David Eby**

*Premier, Province of British Columbia*  
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For his kind information with the request to help the VSB with required/necessary funds to rebuild/repair/make seismic upgrades for this historic school in the Kingsway-Joyce area of Vancouver.



## Legend

- Study Area Boundary
- Sub-Areas J1, J2, J3 & J4
- Sub-Areas V1 & V2
- Sub-Areas T1, T2 & T3
- SkyTrain Station
- Pedestrian Connection
- Building Footprint
- Proposed Mi-Rise Building
- Proposed Tower Building
- Heights of Existing Buildings (in Storeys)
- Park
- Mixed-Use: Up to 50 ft. (approx. 4 storeys)
- Mixed-Use: Up to 75 ft. (approx. 6 storeys)
- Apartment: Up to 70 ft. (approx 6 storeys)
- Apartment: Up to 65.6 ft. (approx 6 storeys)
- Apartment: Up to 45 ft. (approx. 4 storeys)
- Townhouse: Up to 35 ft. (approx. 2 to 3 storeys)
- Institutional
- Unlikely to Redevelop



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## Profile table

**Vancouver, City (CY) ⓘ**  
**British Columbia**  
**[Census subdivision]**

Characteristic	Counts
Total	
<b>Population and dwellings</b>	
Population, 2021 <sup>1</sup>	662,248
Population, 2016 <sup>1</sup>	631,486
Population percentage change, 2016 to 2021	4.9
Total private dwellings <sup>2</sup>	328,347
Private dwellings occupied by usual residents <sup>3</sup>	305,336
Population density per square kilometre	5,749.9
Land area in square kilometres	115.18
<b>Age characteristics</b>	
Total - Age groups of the population - 100% data	662,250
0 to 14 years	70,570

2021 Census

**Vancouver, City (CY) ⓘ**  
**British Columbia**  
**[Census subdivision]**

Characteristic	Counts	Total
0 to 4 years		23,840
<u>5 to 9 years</u>	Primary School Age Population = $\leftarrow$	<u>23,070</u>
	Age 5-9 years = 23,070	
<u>10 to 14 years</u> (4 years)	Half of this Age 9-12 " = 11,830	<u>23,660</u> $\div 2$
	Total Elementary Age Group = <b>34,900</b>	
15 to 64 years		478,960
15 to 19 years	<b>Today: Dec. 2025</b>	26,315
20 to 24 years	5% increase in	43,290
25 to 29 years	population over 2021	67,155
30 to 34 years	figures will have	69,225
35 to 39 years	added 1,745 more	57,330
40 to 44 years	children to the above	45,075
	# 34,900	
	+ 1,745	
	<b>36,645</b>	
45 to 49 years	Children Estimated to	42,045
50 to 54 years	be in Elementary schools	44,840
	in Vancouver.	
55 to 59 years		44,360
60 to 64 years		39,320
65 years and over		112,720
65 to 69 years		34,590
70 to 74 years		30,055

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Let's hope they make the only correct solution - do NOTsell VSB land. Do NOT be short-sighted.

Sent from my iPhone

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Let's be honest a decision has already been made...

chat soon,  
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I think I speak for many families. when I ask why wouldn't this be closed if it's not being used? seems like a waste of space that could be repurposed..

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