



April 12, 2022

via email: [educ.minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:educ.minister@gov.bc.ca)

Honourable Minister of Education, Jennifer Whiteside  
PO Box 9045, STN PROV GOVT  
Victoria, B.C. V8W 9E2

***Re: Request for Financial Support to Purchase Land for Aberdeen Secondary School***

Dear Honourable Minister Jennifer Whiteside:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Board of Education of School District No. 73 (Kamloops-Thompson) to request support for the purchase of land needed for the future Aberdeen Secondary School in Kamloops.

The property purchase for this school is listed in our 2022-2023 Capital Plan as our number one priority under "Site Acquisition". The new Aberdeen Secondary school is listed in our 2022-2023 Capital Plan as our number two priority (after Batchelor Heights Elementary) under "New School".

Please see the attached letter from Aberdeen Highlands (the land owner) indicating that they will honor the July 2021 appraised value until December 31, 2022, after which, they will reevaluate the price and may entertain offers from developers as there is a significant shortage of developable land within the City of Kamloops.

Securing this land is crucial to support our current and future secondary capacity needs in the southwest sector of Kamloops. Sa-Hali Secondary is currently at 137% capacity and is expected to increase to 155% capacity in 2031.

This site is 13.5 acres with an appraised value of \$6,093,000, which is \$450,000 per acre. The School District has the required School Site Acquisition Charge system in place with the City of Kamloops, and as of February 17, 2022 the School District has \$10,948 in School Site Acquisition Charge funds to contribute to the purchase of the site.

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Please know that our Board respects any decision that you make around this request. Thank you for your time and consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heather Grieve". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "H" and a long, sweeping tail.

Heather Grieve  
Board Chair, School District No. 73 (Kamloops-Thompson)

cc: SD73 Board of Education



April 4, 2022

School District No. 73 (Kamloops-Thompson)  
965 Notre Dame Drive  
Kamloops, BC  
V2C 5P8

Attention: Mr. Art McDonald, P. Eng., Director of Facilities

Re: Lot 5 Plan KAP89096

Dear Sir:

Aberdeen Highlands Development Corp. held a special meeting in late March to discuss the request from the School District to hold the price of Lot 5 at \$ 6,093,000 as per the 2021 appraisal. As you are aware the demand for land in the Aberdeen area has increased significantly in the past 6 months, as have the prices. As this is our only remaining available site, we receive constant requests on the availability of Lot 5, however, recognizing the need for a new secondary school in the Aberdeen area and the needs of SD 73, we have said it is not available at this time.

Our group has confirmed that that we will reserve Lot 5 for the School District and maintain the 2021 price of \$ 6,093,000 for this site until December 31, 2022. If no formal agreement is in place by December 31, 2022, we will reevaluate the price and we may entertain offers from developers.

Yours truly,  
Aberdeen Highlands Development Corp.

Michael Ternier  
Development Manger