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Dear Ministers McLean and Clarke,

With the recent press release of the 5<sup>th</sup> and Rogers land development I am writing again to express my deep concern with no plan for a downtown school after WES is moved out of downtown. It appears that you have an inability to work collaboratively with other branches of government to adequately meet the needs of the public. With moving the elementary school out of downtown with no plans of replacing the school you are actively destroying a community.

As a long-time Yukon resident who is currently residing in the downtown area, the idea that one of the largest communities within the City of Whitehorse will NOT have an elementary school within walking and biking distance for the hundreds of children who live here is absurd. In previous your correspondence, the excuse was made that there may not be very many children residing in the downtown core. This does not address the issue of downtown being a community which the residents pay taxes to go towards schools and infrastructure. With the rationale of only creating schools where children reside, why the majority of daycares located in the downtown core?

I am not interested in hearing a slogan filled response on why it is best to move WES out of downtown. Please respond directly to the following questions.

- When will a new school be built downtown?
- Where are the potential locations?

I look forward to the government thinking beyond their term and creating vibrant spaces for Yukoners in the future. Children are the future and they should have be able to live, learn and play in their communities

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Phil Emerson



Cc: Ms. Emily Tredger, Third Party House Leader