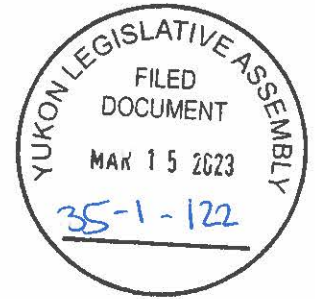


March 10, 2023

Mrs. Jeanie McLean
Minister of Education

Mr. Nils Clarke
Minister of Highways and Public Works

Yukon Legislative Assembly
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Dear Ministers McLean and Clarke,

I am writing to express my deep concern about the recent announcement that École Whitehorse Elementary School is being moved out of downtown, with no promise of a new elementary school in the downtown core.

As a born and raised Yukoner, I am concerned by the idea that one of the largest communities within the City of Whitehorse will no longer have an elementary school within walking and biking distance.

I ask that your departments assure the families and people of downtown that with the departure of ÉWES, plans for an official catchment elementary school within the downtown core will be in progress and given high priority.

I hope that all necessary steps will be taken to assure that building a vibrant downtown community starts with the children and with a school; for that is the heart of any community.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Ms. Emily Tredger, Third Party House Leader