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Dear Ministers McLean and Clarke,

I am writing to express my deep concern that with the recent announcement of WES being moved out of downtown and to the community of Takhini, there has been no promise from this government for a replacement elementary school in the downtown core.

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.

*My son is a student in Grade 2 at WES and my daughter is age 2 and needs a school to attend in her neighbourhood. We walk and bike to school and daycare but it's more than that -My kids deserve a well rounded community downtown. They deserve the comfort and feeling of a neighbourhood to grow up in. We are more than office buildings, shops, safe injection site, and shelter. We are all that and more, we live here and deserve a well rounded downtown that has the basic amenities that other neighbourhoods in Whitehorse have.*

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

I would 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,

Rosemary Scanlon



Cc: Ms. Emily Tredger, Third Party House Leader