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Citizens of South Langford for Sustainable Development

via email: cslsd.info@gmail.com

Dear CSLSD Members:

On behalf of the Board of Education of School District 62 (Sooke), I would like to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 9, 2019 outlining your concerns of the proposed zoning and subdivision of the parcels of land at 950 Worrell and 804 Latoria.

Our Board of Education does have a desire to purchase land in South Langford for a future Elementary school. As you may be aware, SD62 represents the municipalities of Langford, Colwood, Sooke, Highlands, Metchosin and the Juan de Fuca Electoral area. We represent an area that is facing exponential growth and we strive to do our best as a Board to ensure there is suitable classroom space for our students. This is a challenge but we are proud of the relationship we have with the provincial and local governments, and will continue to advocate for funding so we can purchase land and build new schools.

Our Board has a Long Range Facilities Plan that supports our decision making when it comes to land acquisition and school construction. I encourage you to review it as it details the mounting enrolment challenges facing our District, especially our largest area of growth in South Langford. The Plan can be found at http://www.sd62.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/11/2015/10/DistrictGrowth_2018LongRangePlan.pdf

Staff have spent considerable time looking at potential sites in the area to address this growth; we will continue to work with our community partners to ensure the needs of the School District and community are met in an appropriate manner.

Regarding the application being considered by the City of Langford, we are awaiting the outcome of the public consultation process currently underway. The Board will allow the zoning process to unfold and will continue to look at this parcel as a potential school site if the City approves the zoning. Our community deserves schools and we remain committed to purchasing land to build schools for our growing community.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to the Board's attention.

Sincerely,

Ravi Parmar, Chair
Board of Education

Trustees: Bob Beckett, Wendy Hobbs, Bob Phillips, Dianna Seaton, Margot Swinburnson, Allison Watson