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To Whom it May Concern:

I am a new resident of Kettle Valley and one of my first introductions to the neighbourhood was that getting my kids into Chute Lake Elementary was going to be harder than Harvard. My kids were lucky enough to get in, but the school is now officially operating over-capacity.

I have recently discovered that the land directly across the street from me
is also zoned to have a school, and SD23 had an option to buy it. However, the district decided against it many years ago. I wanted to know when the last time the district has considered this land. I was reviewing the document below

https://www.sd23.bc.ca/DistrictInfo/LongTermFacilityPlan/Documents/Long%20Term%20Facilities% 20Plan%20-%20June%202021.pdf

And on page 11 it mentions the problem of available land. 14.3 acres of beautiful park land in the middle of a growing neighbourhood of young families. I know that SD23 currently doesn't have the financial capacity to put another public school in the Upper Mission, but I do think SD23 should reconsider buying the land and holding it for future use.

This land could also be purchased with:

* money that has been given to the district for Early Childhood Centers (Chute Lake Elementary is one of the few elementary schools without one). Furthermore, as BC decides to move to a public KG 1 and 2 system, this land would make for an excellent kindergarten building.

If you could please let me know any further information you have about how to get this land reconsidered I would really appreciate it!

Thank you for taking the time to read this email!

Kay Gowan

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