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To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [Lise Bradshaw](#); [All Trustees](#); [Jon Rever](#); [Delta Carmichael](#)
Subject: Re: Letter to Board - District of Lake Country development
Date: Thursday, March 5, 2026 5:15:48 PM
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Dear Ms. Locas,

Thank you for your letter regarding the proposed residential development at 11470 Bond Road and its proximity to Davidson Elementary School. We appreciate the community's interest in understanding how potential development activity may impact with school capacity and site operations.

School District No. 23 (Central Okanagan) monitors enrolment trends and school capacity annually. When a residential development is proposed, the School District considers available information related to projected enrolment impacts, existing school capacity, catchment boundaries, and longer-term capital planning needs. These considerations inform the School District's Long Range Facilities Plan and ongoing dialogue with municipal partners.

With respect to individual development proposals, the School District does not approve land use or zoning; however, it does work collaboratively with local governments to provide input where appropriate on matters related to student accommodation, site access, traffic considerations, and school operations. Enrolment pressures, boundary management, and student accommodation are addressed through established School District processes, including annual enrolment reviews, boundary adjustments when warranted, and capital planning submissions to the Ministry of Education and Child Care.

The District regularly monitors enrolment and capacity at all schools and prepares enrolment projections to support both short and long term planning. These projections inform district-wide decisions and help ensure the school system remains responsive and adaptable as communities evolve. Where a school is unable to accommodate additional students due to class composition or classroom size limitations, students may be directed to the closest school with available space in accordance with established District processes.

Enrolment at Davidson Elementary School has fluctuated over the past decade between 381 and 493 students. The school's current enrolment is 435 students. Based on current data, enrolment over the next ten years is projected to range between approximately 350 and 405 students. These projections are reviewed regularly and updated as conditions change.

School grounds are intended primarily for educational purposes. Public use of school sites outside of instructional hours is subject to School District policy and operational considerations, including safety, supervision, and maintenance. In cases where a school site serves as an informal community open space, the District works with municipalities to identify solutions that balance community access with safe and sustainable school operations.

The School District is aware of the proposed development near Davidson Elementary and will continue to monitor enrolment and operational conditions at the school as part of its regular planning processes. As with other developments, any formal input to municipal decision-makers is considered within the context of available information, timing within the municipal process, and the District's broader planning framework.

Thank you for taking the time to share your perspectives. We value ongoing collaboration with community members and municipal partners as we plan for the needs of students and neighbourhoods across the Central Okanagan.

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Dear Chair Johnson, Trustees, Principal Morrone and Senior Staff,

We are writing as concerned residents to respectfully request that the School District consider providing formal input to the District of Lake Country regarding the proposed high-density residential development at 11470 Bond Road, located immediately adjacent to Davidson Elementary School.

We understand that from the District that School Board 23 has indicated the development may result in increased enrolment at the school. However, as Davidson Elementary is currently operating at capacity, the introduction of a residential development anticipated to accommodate approximately 160 residents may have implications for student accommodation, catchment pressures, and the continued attendance of out-of-boundary students who are currently enrolled.

The proposed development includes a direct pathway connection between the residential site and school property. As a stacked housing complex with limited private outdoor space and no nearby parkland or recreational amenities, there may be an increased likelihood of informal use of school

grounds by residents for recreational purposes outside of school hours.

In the absence of nearby parks or youth amenities, school playgrounds and playing fields may become the primary accessible open space for residents of the development. This may result in increased after-hours presence of non-school users, including teens seeking informal gathering space, and the potential use of school fields for purposes such as off-leash dog activity. Such uses may contribute to wear or damage to playground equipment, turf, and other outdoor facilities that are not designed or maintained for unrestricted public recreational use.

Given the school's rural setting, after-hours use of school grounds may be difficult to monitor or manage. Increased informal use by non-students may present operational considerations related to supervision, maintenance, and student safety during instructional hours.

From an operational perspective, developments of this type located immediately adjacent to elementary school property may therefore present considerations related to:

- increased enrolment pressure at an already full school;
- the displacement or redirection of out-of-boundary students;
- supervision and student safety in areas where school grounds may function as informal neighbourhood open space;
- increased pedestrian access to school property through non-traditional entry points;
- additional maintenance demands associated with increased recreational use; and
- additional traffic activity during peak school arrival and dismissal periods.

As the School District is responsible for student accommodation and the management of school facilities, we believe that Council would benefit from understanding any anticipated impacts on enrolment capacity, supervision requirements, and school site operations associated with this proposal prior to Adoption of the bylaws. It is anticipated that the Bylaw amendments approved on Feb 17, 2026 by Council will be adopted by Council in the next few weeks. The window of opportunity to provide input is short.

We respectfully request that the Board consider whether a formal comment or referral to Council is appropriate at this time.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Anne Marie Locas,

On behalf of the concerned community members in the Bond Rd/Davidson Rd neighbourhood.