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I am a: Parent/Caregiver

Re: Rose Valley Elementary School

Message:

I am writing as a concerned parent and longtime resident regarding the current condition of Rose Valley Elementary School.

I attended Rose Valley Elementary myself approximately 30 years ago, which makes the condition of the school today particularly disappointing. In three decades, there appears to have been very little meaningful improvement or investment in the school, and the lack of basic upkeep is now extremely noticeable.

The property looks tired, neglected and, frankly, decrepit.

The basketball hoops have broken chains. The lawns are patchy, dying and poorly maintained. Weeds are significantly overgrown throughout the property. The exterior paint is worn and deteriorating. The windows have large metal shutters that contribute to an institutional and outdated appearance, and the overall exterior of the building looks as though it has received minimal attention for many years.

This is the environment our young children are walking into every day.

What makes this even more difficult to understand is the contrast with other elementary schools in West Kelowna. Hudson Road Elementary has received improvements and presents as a much more modern, cared-for school. Mar Jok Elementary is a beautiful, modern facility that reflects the growth and investment occurring in our community.

Meanwhile, Rose Valley Elementary has seemingly been left behind.

The disparity is particularly frustrating for families living near the catchment boundary. If we lived one street over, our child could attend the brand-new Mar Jok Elementary. Instead, she attends a school that looks and feels as though very little has changed since I attended it 30 years ago.

This should not be the difference that one street makes in the educational environment available to children living in the same community.

This is also about more than appearance. The physical environment of a school matters. Children should feel that their school is a place the community values and invests in. Parents should be able to send their children to a facility that is safe, welcoming and properly maintained—not one surrounded by broken equipment, dying landscaping, overgrown weeds and a visibly deteriorating building.

West Kelowna has grown enormously over the past 30 years. Families continue to move here, build homes, pay substantial property taxes and invest in this community. Our public infrastructure needs to keep pace with that growth, and that includes the schools serving our children.

Rose Valley Elementary does not need a few cosmetic touch-ups. It needs major attention and meaningful investment.

At minimum, I would like to see a comprehensive assessment of the building and grounds, significant exterior maintenance and painting, proper landscaping and irrigation, replacement or repair of deteriorated recreational equipment, improvements to the exterior appearance and a longer-term plan to modernize the facility.

I would strongly encourage you to visit Rose Valley Elementary and walk the property yourself. I believe seeing its current condition firsthand—and then comparing it with the facilities available to children at newer and improved schools such as Mar Jok—would make the disparity very clear.

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