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Hon. Sandra Jansen
Associate Minister of Families and Community Safety
MLA Calgary-North West

July 11, 2014

Honourable Jeff Johnson
Minister of Education
424 Legislature Building
Edmonton, Alberta
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Dear Minister Johnson,

Re: Proposed Francophone School – Scenic Acres

As you are aware, the chosen site for a new Francophone school in Scenic Acres is proving to be a contentious issue for the community. The City of Calgary's Joint Use Coordinating Council (JUCC) has, at my urging, returned to the table to offer up a number of potential alternatives to the Francophone Board (FrancoSud), but they remain set on the Scenic Acres location.

While this is certainly in their purview, I believe whole-heartedly that this location is not in the best interests of the Francophone school nor the residents of Scenic Acres who will lose one of the last intact green spaces in their community.

I want to express my gratitude to you for agreeing to meet with the affected parties to help facilitate a resolution to this matter. I'm hoping we can accomplish this soon. In the meantime, I would also request that all efforts to move the school project forward, be halted, until the suggested alternative sites are examined for their viability. I believe, with your help, we can find a solution that works for everyone.

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I would further ask that you join me in working to urge the JUCC to consider a consultation mechanism for all future sites over 10 years old to determine whether they are still viable for community schools. This consultation piece is sorely lacking and our leadership could prevent future issues of this nature in our mature neighbourhoods.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sandra Jansen', written in a cursive style.

Hon. Sandra Jansen
MLA, Calgary-North West
Associate Minister of Family and Community Safety

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