

**From:** [Health, HLTH HLTH:EX](#)  
**To:** [OHCS Correspondence Unit OHCS:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: A Sincere Appeal - Please Support Cathedral School Children and our Community  
**Date:** Thursday, January 21, 2016 9:19:47 AM

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Hi Kristine: Would this be an issue for the Ministry of Housing?

Thanks!

*Valentina Cambiazo*

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**From:** s.22

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 19, 2016 9:05 AM

**To:** Health, HLTH HLTH:EX

**Subject:** A Sincere Appeal - Please Support Cathedral School Children and our Community  
January 19, 2016

Dear Honourable Minister Lake:

I suspect the local nature of our conundrum falls outside of Provincial purview, however I am hoping to make an appeal in the event your influence might assist us. I am grateful for your consideration of this issue.

I am writing this letter as a concerned parent of Christ Church Cathedral School (CCCS) students about the proposed Cool Aid housing facility at the former Mount Edward Court building at 1002 Vancouver Street. There are 188 children registered at CCCS, from grades K to 8. Additionally, 43 junior kindergarten students ages 3-5 visit our campus at least once weekly. This school is well established, celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. Instead of celebrating this milestone, however, we are facing the threat of our beloved school and community closing.

As we have learned in a recent town hall meeting involving a Cool Aid representative, this organization intends to convert this building into the Dr. Joe Haegert Centre, a facility to house 101 chronically homeless individuals. This includes a case mix of approximately 1/3 with significant mental illness, and another 1/3 with serious substance abuse issues. We understand that, if this goes ahead, this will be the largest supported living facility in Victoria, and of such a size that a Vancouver social housing association has recommended such a facility exist only in the Downtown Eastside neighbourhood. We understand that no similar facility is located in the vicinity of a school in Victoria or in Vancouver. We also have been informed by a police liaison officer that disruptions outside similar, but notably smaller, Cool Aid facilities occur typically daily. We have been informed by Cool Aid that 2 staff will serve this facility, the same staffing number in another Cool Aid facility that serves 37 individuals and is known to have impacted the community with frequent police and ambulance attention.

We are well aware of the issue of homelessness in Victoria and indeed in the school's neighbourhood, and share compassion and concern for this cause. We share and respect the obvious political will to solve this problem, but cannot accept the impact that this issue will have on our school and the lives of our children. Many Christ Church Cathedral School parents have already informed the school of their intention to withdraw their child(ren) from this school should the Cool Aid proposal proceed. We therefore anticipate that our school may close directly from the impact of our proposed new neighbours.

We anticipate both safety concerns (needles or other potentially infectious materials being left as litter,

potentially on the school grounds, transient individuals, the potential for labile or unpredictable behaviours from neighbours or visitors), in addition to concerns about the appropriateness and peace of a nurturing learning environment.

Honourable Minister Lake, as a public official, if you were designing an ideal community, we cannot imagine that you would ever find the juxtaposition of a large supported living facility the size of which has never been seen in Victoria (or Vancouver for that matter) being situated next to a school. If you knew that such a facility might lead to the closure of that school community, we suspect you would find that similarly unacceptable. We have posed this question to Victoria city council as well, as we do not understand why the proposed Dr. Joe Haegert Centre might be considered as acceptable here? As Minister of Health, we hope that you will agree that the proposed location of this much needed housing is completely inappropriate and that you could intervene on behalf of the true innocents here - our children - who we believe to be at risk directly as a result of the supported housing complex, should it go ahead. We are advocating for our children, who have quieter political voices than the homeless and their noble advocates. Social housing yes. This location no. We respectfully ask for your intervention to not support this project in this location. Our community depends on it and we believe that proceeding with the large social housing development in the proposed site is simply not the right thing to do. I would be pleased to discuss this further and welcome contact via this e-mail address or phone s.22

Yours truly,  
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Cathedral School Parent

**From:** [Westcott, William PREM:EX](#)  
**To:** [OHCS Correspondence Unit OHCS:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: A Sincere Appeal - Please Support Cathedral School Children and our Community  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 19, 2016 10:35:42 AM

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Hi Guys,

Would this be a Housing issue? If so, are you able to respond obo PCC?

Thanks,

**Will Westcott**

Correspondence Officer

Office of the Premier

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**From:** s.22

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 19, 2016 8:51 AM

**To:** OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX

**Subject:** A Sincere Appeal - Please Support Cathedral School Children and our Community  
January 19, 2016

Dear Honourable Premier Clark:

I suspect the local nature of our conundrum falls outside of Provincial purview, however I am hoping to make an appeal in the event your influence might assist us. I am grateful for your consideration of this issue.

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similarly unacceptable. We have posed this question to Victoria city council as well, as we do not understand why the proposed Dr. Joe Haegert Centre might be considered as acceptable here? We are advocating for our children, who have quieter political voices than the homeless and their noble advocates. Social housing yes. This location no. We respectfully ask for your intervention to not support this project in this location. Our community depends on it and we believe that proceeding with the large social housing development in the proposed site is simply not the right thing to do. I would be pleased to discuss this further and welcome contact via this e-mail address or phone <sup>s.22</sup>

Yours truly,

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**Papadopoulos, Nikki OHCS:EX**

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**From:** Rioux, Evelyn L MCF:EX  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 20, 2016 8:43 AM  
**To:** OHCS Correspondence Unit OHCS:EX  
**Subject:** OHCS issue (MCFD # 226315)  
**Attachments:** MCFD #226315 A Sincere Appeal - Please Support Cathedral School Children and our Community

Good morning,

Our Minister's office has requested the attached be forwarded to your ministry for your review/action. We will send an acknowledgement letter stating we have forwarded her letter to your ministry.

Thank you.

***Evelyn Rioux***

Administrator-CLIFF/Correspondence Management  
Client Relations Branch  
Ministry of Children and Family Development  
T: 250 356-5527

## Papadopoulos, Nikki OHCS:EX

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**From:** Minister, MCF MCF:EX  
**Subject:** MCFD #226315 A Sincere Appeal - Please Support Cathedral School Children and our Community

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**From:** s.22

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 19, 2016 8:58 AM

**To:** Minister, MCF MCF:EX

**Subject:** A Sincere Appeal - Please Support Cathedral School Children and our Community

January 19, 2016

Dear Honourable Minister Cadieux:

I suspect the local nature of our conundrum falls outside of Provincial purview, however I am hoping to make an appeal in the event your influence might assist us. I am grateful for your consideration of this issue.

I am writing this letter as a concerned parent of Christ Church Cathedral School (CCCS) students about the proposed Cool Aid housing facility at the former Mount Edward Court building at 1002 Vancouver Street. There are 188 children registered at CCCS, from grades K to 8. Additionally, 43 junior kindergarten students ages 3-5 visit our campus at least once weekly. This school is well established, celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. Instead of celebrating this milestone, however, we are facing the threat of our beloved school and community closing.

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Honourable Minister Cadieux, as Minister of Children and Family Development in particular, I am certain that you would share our firm commitment against exposing our children to these harms. If you were designing an ideal community, we cannot imagine that you would ever find the juxtaposition of a large supported living facility the size of which has never been seen in Victoria (or Vancouver for that matter) being situated next to a school. If you knew that such a facility might lead to the closure of that school community, we suspect you would find that similarly unacceptable. We have posed this question to Victoria city council as well, as we do not understand why the proposed Dr. Joe Haegert Centre might be considered as acceptable here?

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Cathedral School Parent

## **Papadopoulos, Nikki OHCS:EX**

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**From:** EDUC Correspondence EDUC:EX  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 2, 2016 1:48 PM  
**To:** OHCS Correspondence Unit OHCS:EX  
**Subject:** Please respond  
**Attachments:** A Sincere Appeal - Please Support Cathedral School Children and our Community

Kristine – as discussed, please respond obo Minister Bernier.

Thanks  
Carrie

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## Papadopoulos, Nikki OHCS:EX

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**From:** s.22  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 19, 2016 9:00 AM  
**To:** Minister, EDUC EDUC:EX  
**Subject:** A Sincere Appeal - Please Support Cathedral School Children and our Community

January 19, 2016

Dear Honourable Minister Bernier:

I suspect the local nature of our conundrum falls outside of Provincial purview, however I am hoping to make an appeal in the event your influence might assist us. I am grateful for your consideration of this issue.

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Honourable Minister Bernier, as Education Minister, if you were designing an ideal community, we cannot imagine that you would ever find the juxtaposition of a large supported living facility the size of which has never been seen in Victoria (or Vancouver for that matter) being situated next to a school. If you knew that such a facility might lead to the closure of that school community, we suspect you would find that similarly

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