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April 6, 2006

Mr. Gordon Dirks
Chair
Calgary School District
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Calgary, Alberta
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Dear Mr. Dirks:

Thank you for your letter regarding the progress you have made on the development of your new Administration Centre, which will consolidate your operational and administrative functions into the former Dr. Carl Safran School and a portion of the existing site of the Connaught Elementary School.

We are pleased to answer your requests in the order indicated in your letter.

1. We agree with the recommendation to have the provincial crown surrender its power to revoke the school purpose trust on the land title of the Dr. Carl Safran School property. This would make your board the absolute legal and beneficial owner of this property, free and clear of any requirements that the land be used for school purposes only. An agreement between the provincial crown and your board must now be drawn up, and we ask that you have your solicitors contact Mr. Sandy Fisher, Acting Director, School Facilities South at (403) 297-7715 to make these arrangements.
2. Approval is granted to sell the eastern portion of the Dr. Carl Safran School site lands as per section 197 (b) of the *School Act*, and section 3 (7) of the *Disposition of Property Regulation AR 3/2001* (consolidated up to 168/2004). This approval is subject to receipt of the subdivision approval of this site, two independent appraisals of market value for this portion of land, and a letter of commitment from Bentall to purchase said lands.
3. Approval is granted to sell a portion of the Connaught Elementary School site lands as per section 197 (b) of the *School Act*, and section 3 (7) of the *Disposition of Property Regulation AR 3/2001* (consolidated up to 168/2004). This approval is subject to receipt of the subdivision approval of this site, two independent appraisals of market value for this portion of land, and a letter of commitment from Bentall to purchase said lands.
4. Approval is granted to proceed with the proposed renovation and construction by Bentall as an alternate scheme of construction as per section 9 of the *School Buildings and Tendering Regulation (AR383/88)*.



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We applaud your board in being innovative and creative in its approach to this major undertaking, and wish you well in this project.

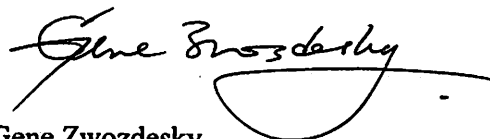
Sincerely,



Ty Lund
Minister of Infrastructure
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cc: Wayne Cao, MLA
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Hope this helps, Gord!



Gene Zwozdesky
Minister of Education
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