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City of Victoria

1 Centennial Square Victoria, BC V8W 1P6

Re: Pemberton Woods Campus Renewal - 781 Richmond Avenue

Dear Mayor Alto and City of Victoria Council,

As Glenlyon Norfolk School (GNS) prepares for the future, we are dedicated to evolving alongside both educational and community landscapes. Similar to many schools throughout the province, GNS recognizes the importance of modernizing its infrastructure and augmenting its resources, not only to enhance our educational facilities, but to enrich the lives of everyone connected to our community and beyond.

The renewal has been shaped through extensive engagement and collaboration with a range of stakeholders, including faculty, staff, students, parents, board members, alumni, neighbours and the broader Victoria community. Our goal is to create a dynamic environment where academic pursuits are balanced with activities that nurture well-being, foster community connections and inspire learning across a diverse breadth of subjects from technology and athletics to sciences, arts and culture.

We are seeking more than just enhancing facilities; we are crafting a multifaceted ecosystem that supports a diverse range of needs, integrates innovative solutions and improves local infrastructure to accommodate our growing city. Our proposed plan includes the addition of diverse housing options and improved transportation, all thoughtfully designed to complement the character of our neighbourhood.

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The attached application details the progress, plans and potential of the Pemberton Woods Campus Renewal. We are deeply grateful to the many individuals who have contributed their insights and support throughout the planning and design process.

As an educational institution that has been a part of Victoria for over 110 years, we are driven by the prospect of creating a lasting legacy that enriches our city, empowers our students and strengthens connections throughout the community.

We are proud of our submission and trust it to provide City Council with the information needed to support and approve the application.

Sincerely,

Chad Holtum Head of School

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