



September 21, 2019

Dear Minister LaGrange,

RE: the proposed future Langdon High School

The Hamlet of Langdon is located on the Eastern side of Rocky View County. It is a quickly growing community, seeing a 51% growth in population over the last 12 years, as well as an expected tripling to the population with approved residential developments in the next decade. During this time, the residents of Langdon have been working alongside Rocky View County and Rocky View Schools to bring a High School to the community.

Currently, high school aged residents of Langdon, Indus, and surrounding rural residents are bussed to a near capacity Chestermere High School, which also is the designate school for residents within Chestermere. It is expected that Chestermere High School will exceed 100% capacity in a short period of time.

Over a decade ago, Rocky View County and Rocky View Schools acquired land for the future Langdon High School. With the help of a dedicated group of concerned parents, the land was deemed shovel ready in 2018, and yet was not on the approved project list presented by the previous government. With over 10 million dollars invested in the site from Rocky View County, and the fact that the future High school is currently #1 on the priority list from Rocky View Schools, we are ready to see this project become reality. Should this project be approved in 2019, it has the potential to open in 2022 with over 400 students from the area.

This project will provide the future of Langdon an education in their hometown, without the added stress of overcrowding. In addition to the benefit to students having the opportunity to receive an education in their hometown., there is also a huge benefit to the economy of our growing Hamlet. Students will have the opportunity to live, educate, work and spend in their hometown. Without the need to travel, sometimes up to an hour each way on the school bus daily, students can easily walk to and from home to get to school, and to work. Having approximately 400 students staying in town everyday, in addition to School staff, also will see an increase in spending at many local businesses. This is huge to sustain an economy in a rural Hamlet.

As the current Government is preparing the upcoming budget in the fall, it is the hope of the Langdon & District Chamber of Commerce that they identify and acknowledge the importance of approving the Langdon High School project.

Sincerely,

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