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Mayor Marianne Alto and Councillors
City of Victoria
By email: mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca

Dear Mayor and Council members,

The Greater Victoria Teachers' Association understands that the City of Victoria is considering an expansion of garbage and recycling pick up service to multi unit residential buildings.

We are writing to request that you consider, during your exploration, also expanding service to public schools within the City of Victoria.

Currently, the school district contracts waste disposal privately and is not collecting any recyclables separately. As a result, there is no recycling collection in schools other than ad hoc programs run by volunteers within some schools.

Teachers feel strongly that as educators, we should be modelling the sustainable waste practices that we teach about. Unfortunately, this is not currently feasible.

Should the City begin offering disposal services to the schools, we hope that schools would then be able to implement recycling services to put the schools into alignment with our sustainability values.

Yours truly,

Tara Ehrcke, Climate Justice Committee Chair
Carolyn Howe, President

Cc: GVTA members