

To: Victoria City Council

Re: 930 Burdett Ave (Christ Church) school expansion plan

Date: May 27, 2021

Dear Council,

In general, I support the expansion of Christ Church Cathedral's school. While their original correspondence cited the pandemic as a main reason to expand, pandemic or no pandemic, I still support it.

The school's plan to acquire used classrooms is impressive, but plunking them down across the south face of the property could do with a rethink. Currently the school's soccer pitch is plastic, but at least it gets a bit of light. The proposed relocation of the soccer pitch pretty much guarantees that besides the abomination of a brand new toxic, plastic field, it will be forever in shadow on all sides by surrounding buildings.

I'd suggest redoing the proposal where the kids get new classrooms with some sunlight, and a real field with real grass (like Mother Nature intended) along the south side, in the area currently mostly utilized as a giant parking lot. I'm sure the kids could use that sunlight more than all those cars.

And on a side note, I'd like to see the city implement a bylaw against the use of plastic lawns. I can't believe I even have to say that, or that it's even a thing.

Thank you,

Tobin Stokes
731 Vancouver St
Victoria BC