

To Whom it May Concern;

I have found out that the Board is thinking of the possibility of closing down Wembley. One of the problems seems to be that the physical plant is in serious need of repair. My question is why wasn't this done throughout the years? If upkeep had been done, this mess may not have happened.

I am a former student of Wembley having attended there from Kindergarten to the end of grade 8 during the Sixties. It was the most amazing place to be a student! A school, any school, is usually the heart of a community. Take that away and the community starts to fall apart! This is a documented fact. Try canvassing the province for more funds; have the place declared a heritage site, if that can be done, etc. Do not let this become a trend in your district. If you have to reconfigure the services that Wembley provides, then look at that.

I hope that after May 7th there will be a more optimistic outlook with regards to this school. How does Alexander Public survive? Look into what they do, and try that!!! I know that funding is tight, as it is everywhere, but the cost to the children who attend the school is even greater!! It is very tragic when what is good for the students and staff gets put on the back burner in favour of money.

Thank you for allowing me to share my feelings about this subject.

Yours truly,

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