



PUBLIC PETITION NO.

PE01579

Name of petitioner

Jean Hepburn

Petition title

Funding for the New Barrhead High School

Petition summary

Calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to release funding immediately so that the construction of the new Barrhead High School can commence.

Action taken to resolve issues of concern before submitting the petition

Myself and other parents of the young people in Barrhead High School have contacted local councillors, council planning department, education department, our MPs, MSPs, MEPs, as well as John Swinney and Nicola Sturgeon. All replies have explained the cause of the delay, but offered no solution. We have had no replies so far from any representative from Scottish Government. East Renfrewshire Council plan to continue with newer school replacement projects, despite the new Barrhead High School being on the council's agenda prior to 2009.

Petition background information

The children of Barrhead were promised a new school 3 years ago. The school should have been opened by now. But due to legal delays building work had not started. Now, after the legal issues had been resolved, money has been suspended from the Scottish Futures Trust, the impact this has had is that construction can not begin until the money is released.

The current school is not fit for purpose. Nicola Sturgeon published a document *A Stronger Scotland* in September 2015. She states that "children in all parts of Scotland-whether in our least or most affluent areas-have a fair chance to flourish." Barrhead is in desperate need of a new high school so that the children can flourish. She also states "school communities are most likely to flourish when the children have good quality, warm, comfortable places to learn." Our children have dreams and aspirations and deserve the opportunity to learn in an environment that will nurture their hopes for the future.

Unique web address

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/GettingInvolved/Petitions/NewBarrheadHighSchool>

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Comments to stimulate online discussion

Equality for all children in ERC. Release funding for Barrhead High School immediately.

Our children deserve a better school to enable them to flourish