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To: Planning [REDACTED]  
Subject: Abacus Primary Support

To the Planning Officer, Camden

I am writing in support of the Abacus Belsize Primary School, a respected and established school in this area of NW3.

I know well the parents of children who attend the school and I see how much it matters to them. They have thrived in this educational and social setting.

I am aware the Abacus enrolment limit has remained at about 200 students which is good for all concerned—the teachers, parents, neighbours of the school and, especially, the students.

The Abacus kids have trooped off to the Kings Cross area as their interim venue, always in the hope of moving to the intended premises.

The former Police Station will be a fine permanent home for the school. It will instill in the students the value of preserving historic buildings and of using them for the good of the whole community. I am told the premises will be available to vetted other users in off-school time — surely a situation of “win/win” for Hampstead/Belsize.

The building, when it was vacated by the police, was, as I understand, given for the purposes of education. This is therefore an issue of public trust.

On behalf of the young citizens, now and in the future, of Hampstead and Belsize, I urge you to seize this great opportunity to enhance their lives and protect their education.

How wonderful for these kids to walk to school right in their area, knowing many people supported their dream.

If there is anything more that I can do to aid this initiative for Abacus, I hope you will contact me. I work in theatre and publishing so come and go for my work but remain at your service.

Sincerely,

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Choreographer and Dance Historian

