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Subject: Council Innovation Fund

To: Members of Council

The Calgary Board of Education (CBE) supports the Cliff-Bungalow Mission Community Association's application to the Council Innovation Fund for the 17th Avenue Pocket Plaza project. The project, located on the northeast corner of Western Canada High School (WCHS) property will benefit the students and faculty of our school. Even in its current condition, the site is used as a pick up and drop off location for students. A revitalized space, with the addition of seating, will transform the corner into a vibrant space for students and community members to use and will interconnect WCHS to its surrounding community.

The Cliff-Bungalow Mission Community Association approached us about this project, asking for permission to use this CBE-owned property. We are unable to provide funding or maintenance for this initiative however we do see the value in this project and would like to support it as best we can.

We are impressed with the dedication exhibited by the community volunteers spearheading this initiative. They have spent many months building partnerships with the stakeholders involved. They have built a collaborative relationship with the school administration at Western Canada High School and have taken the time to engage the students in the initial design process. It's clear they are a committed group of volunteers with the enthusiasm needed to see this project through.

We are excited to see the 17th Avenue Pocket Plaza take shape and bring new life to this forgotten corner. Members of Council, we at the Calgary Board of Education ask that you support this application to the Council Innovation Fund,

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

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