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Dear Mayor and Council,

Re: Response to Letter Regarding Student Behaviour Off School Grounds

Thank you for your correspondence outlining concerns raised by residents regarding student conduct in the neighbourhood adjacent to Grand Forks Secondary School (GFSS). We value the partnership between the City, the RCMP, GFSS, and School District #51 in ensuring that our community is safe and respectful for all.

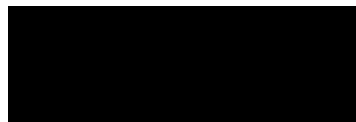
We recognize the seriousness of the reported behaviours, including graffiti, smoking, substance use, and interactions that have caused residents to feel intimidated. As you note, these activities are occurring off school property, which places limitations on the authority of both GFSS and School District #51.

Under the *School Act*, schools and districts are responsible for enforcing student codes of conduct during instructional hours, on school property, and at school-related activities. Provincial standards extend this authority to some off-campus situations, but only when a student's behaviour has a clear impact on school safety, climate, or the learning environment. This means that while we can address behaviours that affect the school community, schools are not granted unlimited authority over student actions in all public spaces outside of instructional hours, and effective responses require collaboration with families, the City, and the RCMP.

The administration at GFSS will continue to communicate clear expectations to students about responsible behaviour and respect for our neighbours. At the same time, effective solutions will require collaboration. Enforcement of bylaws and laws, as well as supervision in public spaces, fall within the authority of the City and the RCMP. We would therefore welcome the opportunity to meet jointly with the City and the RCMP so as to clarify roles and responsibilities and to develop coordinated strategies that balance accountability with the limits of each partner's authority.

We appreciate Council's commitment to this matter and look forward to continuing our shared efforts to foster a safe, caring, and respectful environment for both students and residents.

Sincerely,



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