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LETTER: Seismically safe schools are priority No. 1

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Dear Editor:

Re: [Still Waiting for Approval on Argyle \(http://www.nsnews.com/news/still-waiting-for-approval-on-argyle-secondary-1.1791805\)](http://www.nsnews.com/news/still-waiting-for-approval-on-argyle-secondary-1.1791805), March 13 news story.

(In the above-mentioned article), school board superintendent (retired then rehired) **John Lewis** claims that “replacement of seismically risky Argyle and Handsworth schools has been top priority on the North Vancouver School District’s capital plan for the last 10 years.”

Really? It was only about five years ago that the board sold historic landmark Lonsdale school and almost an entire city block of precious public land.

The school board then used most of the proceeds, some \$30 million, to build its swanky new seismically secure administration building on Lonsdale Avenue. Net result: school board bureaucrats and double-dipping Mr. Lewis spend their time in a seismically secure building, while Argyle and Handsworth students and teachers spend their time in seismically risky buildings.

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