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**CAUTION:** External Message

Good afternoon,

I just read the article in the Nanaimo News Bulletin (May 3) about plans to re-open Rutherford School, possibly sooner than planned.

Increasing international student enrollment appears to be the solution to have the financial resources to move ahead with an earlier opening.

I am amazed and disappointed that a wealthy province like B.C. depends on international students to provide resources to keep our education institutions in operation.

At one time, I believe, this was related more to post secondary institutions. However, as this news article confirms, we also have elementary school age international students subsidizing our schools.

Seems to me there is "something wrong with this picture". The provincial government is responsible for education in B.C. Education should be a priority to see continual growth and success for all British Columbia residents. I realize there are benefits of having international students in our communities but we should not be dependent on them to keep our education system viable.

Thank you for "listening", I look forward to your responses.

Audrey West  
Nanaimo

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