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Prosper Town Council  
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Dear Members of Prosper Town Council:

Hello, my name is Leigh Samson, and I am a Grade 12 student at Prosper High School. I am writing to persuade you to reject the condominium complex proposal. I am certain that once you have read my arguments on the proposal that you will see that accepting is the wrong choice for Prosper.

The old school has been a Prosper landmark for decades and to demolish it now would be devastating to the people of Prosper. All too often after one of these buildings disappears, people wish that it hadn't been demolished. This will be the response with the old school. The people of Prosper will see the loss as a senseless one. There are dozens of sites where a condominium will be welcomed, and historical buildings will not be demolished. Martin Kwan, a Prosper doctor, stated that "the old school is one of the few buildings left from a time when people valued beauty in their architecture". Do you want to be the ones that take that away? To take away a prominent local landmark, and leave another big, blocky, wood-and-siding monstrosity? The answer is no. Build the condominium, but leave the old school alone. Destroying buildings of brick and stone to build "modern" structures is wrong. These new buildings won't last more than thirty years. Cities such as Prague or Paris have the right idea. They keep the old buildings and adapt them to new uses. They don't destroy them; they preserve them. This is exactly

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what we should do. We should preserve the old school, not deprive the town of one of its unique and impressive historical buildings.

I hope that I have succeeded in persuading you to do the right thing. Reject the proposal and save the old school. You can contact me at (780) 234-6684 or write me an email at [leighsamson@hotmail.com](mailto:leighsamson@hotmail.com). I look forward to your response, and I hope you do the right thing.

Sincerely,

Leigh Samson