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There it is — this new addition to Miles Macdonell Collegiate has been designed to allow enough classroom accommodation for the higher grades this fall.

Provincial authorities all down the line have been advised of our problem and from every corner your School Board has been given whole-hearted support and approval of the proposed extension.

In order to clarify apparent confusion in the minds of quite a number of East Kildonan residents, this addition is on our own property, to our existing building already in the area, and has absolutely nothing to do with the present scheme as proposed by Council in the new development area around Golspie st.

Council has ear-marked money for a proposed 8-room school in their residential development. That money and that school is

supposed to go towards accommodating elementary pupils moving into the new area and is dependent on the number of homes sold there. At that time only will the money be used which Council has set aside.

The bylaw, which you will vote on next week, April 27th, will allow your School Board to proceed immediately with their plans to provide your senior high aged children with the necessary classroom space — this year. Twenty-two and a half hours after the polls close on Wednesday, the Board will open tender bids which are ready and waiting, and within a few short days construction will begin — providing the bylaw is passed.

Regardless of the new development in East Kildonan, this proposed addition must be built this summer because our existing school population demands it!

Let's tackle first things first. We will need at least 100 rooms this fall, and we only have 92! The need for classrooms falls this year in the higher aged brackets. Next year it will undoubtedly fall in the elementary range, and right in the new development area.

Let your Board take care of that problem next; but first, let's get this new addition to Miles Macdonell underway now.

There may be some who wonder why we don't build a place big enough and get this bylaw, voting, and what-have-you over all at once. Well, if the Board thought this would solve everything, you may be sure it would have been done before now.

We have not only financial limitations to consider, but also the question of space. We cannot have

rooms idle and we must try to keep school schedules on a normal basis. Not that staggered hours have an adverse effect on the pupil — it has been proven by class standards and individual standards that children's work actually improves with staggering! The real problem is normality of routine — at school, and at home. The younger the pupil, the greater is the problem.

Well, maybe that's getting off on another subject — the main idea is for you to get out and vote next Wednesday. We can surely do better than the disgusting turnout in another suburb recently when a \$375,000 school money bylaw was passed by a majority of just over 7% of their people!

Show the rest of Winnipeg that East Kildonan is progressive in more ways than one, and that you are interested in the education of the younger generation.