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Subject: The proposed closure of David Lloyd George's school

Dear Sir / Madam.

I write to you as a concerned resident of the county of Gwynedd in North Wales.

Recently, proposals have been put forward to close a significant amount of the county's Primary Schools by the Plaid Cymru led Gwynedd Council.

The area has traditionally been a stronghold for Plaid Cymru with voters loyal to the party but with recent events both local and national who knows how the tide will turn.

The reason for my contacting you is that I am part of a group campaigning to save the primary school which was once the school of the Liberal Prime Minister, David Lloyd George. I understand that some Liberal Democrat MPs have spoken about their dissatisfaction of closing this historic (and I must say, excellent) school. We are very pleased about this and are glad to see someone taking a stand on this issue in the political arena. The school is still very much at the heart of the community, and is enjoying high pupil numbers as well as delivering top quality education as highlighted in the official Estyn reports.

As a previous employee of the Lloyd George museum in Llanystumdwy, I can tell you that The Welsh Wizard's legacy is very clear in the village and the area in general, and that closing the school would equate to closing the museum or his boyhood home - Highgate: a travesty I'm sure you would agree.

I would like to draw your attention to the website we are currently developing to support our campaign - www.arbedllanystumdwy.com - and particularly the on-line petition we are running calling for the Council to stop their proposed closures.

We fear for the legacy of Lloyd George. We fear of the drastic changes this would have for our children. We fear for the future of the village and the community in general. We fear for the Welsh language. Closing the schools as proposed would be nothing short of a nail in the coffin of small Welsh communities.

We are looking for support from as many sources as possible at this critical time and would ask that you pass this eMail on to the relevant person / department. If any Liberal Democrat MPs would be willing to sign the petition, or support us in any other way, we would be very grateful.

I also attach a copy of a letter that was sent to the members of the County Council yesterday.

Please help us to save the school of David Lloyd George.

Yours faithfully,
Robat Jones.

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