



RUSA Resolution S20 - 02

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Resolution to Condemn the Conditions of the Sale of Lincoln Annex School

Whereas, Lincoln Annex School in New Brunswick, NJ educates approximately 750 students from the third grade up to the seventh grade⁴;

Whereas, in June 2019, Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey and RWJBarnabas Health announced the development of a cancer pavilion, one which includes inpatient services, outpatient services, and research laboratories⁵;

Whereas, there is interest by the Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey and RWJBarnabas Health in buying the land under Lincoln Annex School to build the new pavilion;

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<https://www.tapinto.net/towns/new-brunswick/sections/development/articles/resident-watchdog-group-plans-to-turn-up-heat-on-rutgers-board>

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<https://www.cinj.org/rwjbarnabas-health-and-rutgers-cancer-institute-new-jersey-announce-new-750-million-state-art-free>

Whereas, there is no proposed plan for rebuilding a replacement school should Lincoln Annex School close, nor is there a confirmed timeline for when the construction of such a school would finish⁶;

Whereas, this sale could result in moving the students of Lincoln Annex School to a converted warehouse, as was done to students when New Brunswick's A.C Redshaw Elementary School was closed for reconstruction in 2008⁷;

Whereas, Rutgers University, as an institution dedicated to education, should not operate at the expense of the quality of education provided to others;

Be it hereby resolved, the Rutgers University Student Assembly (RUSA) and listed sponsors condemn the sale and demolition of Lincoln Annex School before a new school is built for its students, and advocates for an agreement that keeps in mind the fates of children and families affiliated with Lincoln Annex School;

Be it further resolved, RUSA and listed sponsors charge President Virani with the task of advocating for and following up with this cause at the administrative level of the university.

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<https://www.mycentraljersey.com/story/news/local/development/2020/01/17/new-brunswick-activists-fight-school-sale-rutgers-cancer-institute/4489346002/>

⁷ <https://patch.com/new-jersey/newbrunswick/the-long-wait-for-ac-redshaw-elementary-school>