

Chicken Littles want seismic upgrades

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Regarding the current push to dismantle Victoria High School so that it meets current seismic standards, I beg to differ from the current thinking.

I sincerely hope they can remodel the insides to bring it up to current functional standards (Wi-Fi, electric service, what have you), but leave the magnificent structure alone. I have a distinct aversion to these “seismic upgrades” that are being promoted by a bunch of Chicken Littles running around trying to fix something that isn’t broken.

Such as the steam heating at Vic High. Apparently, it serves the school well and is in good operating condition. Why change it?

If any student has been injured during an earthquake near this school in the past 100 years, I haven’t heard about it.

If the provincial government really wants to do something proactive about earthquake threats, it should stop issuing building permits in Richmond, and clear everyone out of their homes there. If there were to be an earthquake severe enough that it would injure Vic High students, the resulting tsunami would devastate every living soul in Richmond (known locally as “Ditchmond”), who are all living below sea level. A fallen cornice or two would not even make the news.

I really wish these folks would get a bit of perspective.

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