

Letter: Response to Jack Dunn's letter

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To the editor:

I am writing in response to Jack Dunn's letter ("BC defends self against attacks," Feb. 4). Boston College deserves credit for its past and current support of Catholic and public schools in Allston-Brighton, and it is good of him to mention the agony suffered by his friends at the Chancery as they made such difficult decisions. The irony, however, is that no one is questioning the closing of the school (which has an enrollment of over 125, by the way, not 100 - one hopes that those making such painful decisions at least have their facts straight).

In fact, those who take the time to read the full proposal put forward by the Presentation School Foundation would see that it makes full use of the building by providing a full-day, full-year preschool (to meet the year-round needs of working families), an elementary school, a YMCA after-school as well as adult education - a multiservice center that complements the character of Oak Square and provides services for many (Catholic and nonCatholic alike) in the community.

I guess that is why it is so puzzling that BC - as Jack Dunn states - "could not be of assistance in this case." It is unfortunate that an institution that has contributed over \$250,000 to local schools was unable to write a mere letter of support, as over 25 local civic, business and residential community groups have done. The silence - added to the recent uninformed noise coming down from the hill - is deafening.

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