

Campaign to save school gathers pace

THE FIGHT to save St Guthlac School in Crowland from closure continues to gather momentum - with almost 400 signatures on a petition to keep it open.

The secondary school would shut if the Geroge Farmer Technology and Language College in Holbeach goes ahead with an £18m revamp to become an academy.

In Thursday's Spalding Guardian we revealed that

cash for school rebuilds is up in the air because of a review by the coalition government, but the new administration is said to be keen on establishing new academies.

Campaigners do not want the funding issue to cause residents to lose sight of the fight to keep the town's secondary school open, and say they fear council chiefs are keen on the idea in the

long-term, irrespective of the outcome of this review.

Jim Astill, who set up a Facebook group to discuss the proposed closure, said: "I would ask those in the community who still feel strongly about this issue to continue the fight to keep the school open. Nothing is safe until we have confirmation that St Guthlac's will remain open."

The Facebook group had

321 members at time of press and a petition put in Co-Op, Spar, Crowland Service Station has attracted about 380 signatures.

Crowland Liberal Democrats also pledged support to the campaign and member Glyn Mayley said: "It does not make sense to bus 320 pupils on a 30-mile round trip each school day and thereby generating a carbon footprint of 7.88 tonnes of CO2."



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