

Selecting the Preferred Concept Design

After reviewing the six concepts for Kitsilano Secondary, and receiving advice from the KSPT, the Consultant Team developed a Preferred Concept Design based on the original Concept D.

Within the context of the Planning Principles, Concept D was selected, and further developed. The concept contains the following Key Features:

- Develops a completely new educational facility that includes design concepts for 21st Century Learning.
- Retains north, east and west elevations of the existing 1927 Block.
- Provides 13-foot floor-to-floor height in the new school building to match the floor-to-floor height of the 1927 Block.
- Re-envision Kitsilano Secondary as a Neighbourhood Learning Centre through the provision of new, shared community recreation facilities – just across the street from the Kitsilano

Community Centre; includes a new triple gymnasium, weight room, exercise studio, change rooms, and three multi-purpose rooms.

- Provides for views into the gym from the entrance and corridors at all three levels.
- Creates a new central Legacy Hall to celebrate the school's identity and spirit, and provides a Commons area with food services adjacent to the theatre, gymnasium and library.
- Incorporates sustainable measures to achieve a LEED® Gold standard.
- Creates more open space by reducing the building footprint; allows for a small all-weather sports field for school and community use, outdoor social/teaching spaces and an eco-garden. This also increases opportunities for integrating interior spaces – such as the library and art studios – with the outdoors.
- Provides continued safe occupancy of the school during construction, and minimizes phase lengths and the use of portables.

