



Vancouver Board of Education

School District No. 39

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April 25, 2019

Via email: educ.minister@gov.bc.ca

The Honourable Rob Fleming
Minister of Education
PO Box 9045 Str. Prov Gov't
Victoria, BC V8V 9E2

Dear Minister Fleming,

On behalf of the Vancouver Board of Education, I wish to share with you a motion passed at the public Board meeting held March 4, 2019, regarding the Eric Hamber School Seismic replacement project.

At that meeting the Board passed the following motion:

That the Board requests the Province to provide additional funds for the Eric Hamber Secondary School seismic upgrade project to ensure the space allocations for an auditorium, gymnasium space, and arts programming facilities that the current Eric Hamber Secondary School are maintained in the replacement school, considering the existing school will be used as temporary accommodation for secondary students in future seismic upgrade projects thereby expediting the Seismic Mitigation Project (SMP) in Vancouver and also providing additional space for community purposes.”

The Eric Hamber replacement school project is a very exciting development for the school community and the Vancouver School District has been actively working with school community on the design and layout of the new school. The Hamber project team have held three rounds of school user group meetings to understand educational programming requirements. These meetings have been very informative and collaborative. There was also a public open house with the school community and surrounding neighbourhood. The District has heard clearly the desire of both the school and the broader communities to ensure the replacement school contains an auditorium, additional gymnasium space and space for fine arts instruction.

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The District recognizes the unique needs of individual school programs and we are committed to working on a functional design and space allocation of a new school building that will best meet and serve the needs of all educational programs.

The District is committed to working with the Ministry to ensure all our students attend seismically-safe schools, and, that we invest in and build school facilities that support the revised curriculum and promote the development of educated citizens.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janet Fraser".

Janet Fraser, Board Chair
Vancouver School Board

cc: VBE Trustees
Suzanne Hoffman, Superintendent
J. David Green, Secretary Treasurer