

- A key priority of the Vancouver School District is to ensure all students attend seismically safe schools as quickly as possible.
- A feasibility study determined that a full school replacement was the most cost effective option.
- As part of the province's Seismic Mitigation Program, the Ministry of Education allocated funding to replace Eric Hamber Secondary School. This will be the largest seismic project in Vancouver School District's history.
- The replacement school is designed to be approximately 18,000 square meters and have the same operating capacity of 1,700 students and approximately 120 teachers and staff.
- The replacement school will include a new 69-space child care facility, separately managed and funded by the City of Vancouver. The child care space will be approximately 880 square metres.
- The existing school is to remain operational during the construction of the new facility, minimizing disruption to student learning. The construction area will be securely fenced off to ensure student safety during construction.
- After construction is complete, the existing school will serve as a swing site for other school seismic upgrade projects. Once the existing school is no longer required, the intention is to demolish the existing school building and build a playing field (subject to funding).
- A traffic management plan will be in place to minimize congestion, including staggering start and end times when the new school and swing school are in session simultaneously.
- The District regularly meets with the School Advisory Group (made up of representatives from department heads, teachers, parents, students and District staff) to provide updates on the replacement school.

Find out more information at: govsb.ca/hamber

Key features of the Hamber Secondary replacement school include:

- ✓ A seismically safe new school
- ✓ Estimated construction completion: **Summer 2023**
- ✓ Estimated school occupancy: **September 2023**
- ✓ New building to meet today's standards for modern learning
- ✓ Students not required to move offsite during construction
- ✓ A 350-seat auditorium and a drama studio that is approximately the size of three classrooms
- ✓ Two gymnasiums with changing rooms, a health and fitness studio, and a weight room
- ✓ Student huddle spaces for informal and social gatherings to study and collaborate together
- ✓ A 69-space child care centre on the fourth floor of the building that is separately funded and managed by the City of Vancouver
- ✓ Accessibility, fire and life safety elements in accordance with current building codes and standards
- ✓ Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold standard (sustainable practices)
- ✓ Energy efficient facility
- ✓ Flexible learning environment
- ✓ Outdoor spaces for teaching and learning