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Wednesday, March 14, 2018

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MEDIA AVAILABILITY:

Superintendent Piet Langstraat will host a short media briefing at the School Board Office at 556 Boleskine Road on Thursday, March 15, 2018, at 12 noon. The Superintendent and Vice-Chair Tom Ferris will be available for interviews after the briefing.

Media are asked to RSVP to Lisa McPhail.

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“Vic High has been an important institution in our community for over 100 years, and it’s essential that we hear from our community before we make decisions about how to best support student learning for the next 100 years,” notes Board Chair Edith Loring-Kuhanga. “The Board of Education will consider all of the input received from stakeholders and community later this Spring.”

There are a number of considerations when planning for upgrades to a high school including educational needs, capacity and student enrolment projections. Other considerations include operating and capital costs, heritage, environment, community values, and community amenities.

A range of options exist, including a full seismic upgrade and modernizing of electrical and mechanical systems, building a new high school, or retaining the exterior facade and rebuilding the interior. *See attached backgrounder for option details.*

Two open houses will be held in April to provide an opportunity for the community to learn more about the options and provide input about what’s important to them when planning for the future. Further consultation with community stakeholders and an online survey will also occur in April. All input will be presented to the Board of Education before considering options.

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Attachment: Vic High Backgrounder

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The open house will provide the community an opportunity to learn more about the plans to seismically upgrade the school. Staff will be on hand to answer questions and people are encouraged to provide their feedback. The open house will be a drop-in format to seek input on community values, ideas and challenges. There will be an activity table for families with young children and school tours will also be offered throughout the morning.

An online survey will also launch on Saturday and run until April 30, 2018. It will be available at: www.sd61.bc.ca

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Share your thoughts:
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Survey closes April 30th, 2018




SOCIAL MEDIA

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The open house will be a drop-in format to seek input on community values, ideas, and challenges. The Superintendent and staff will be on hand to answer questions.

We encourage all community members to attend and bring their family. There will be an activity table for families with young children and school tours happening every 30 minutes.

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Reslie Rutabaga Interesting read! Thanks for posting. According to your report, the current catchment population exceeds the school's capacity. Vic High is currently at capacity with 850 students and there are another 300 that cannot be accommodated. You've projected ... [See More](#)

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Greater Victoria School District Hi Reslie, Thank you for your response. The numbers provided represent the entire District's student enrolment projections.

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Greater Victoria SD @sd61schools · Mar 15

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Greater Victoria SD @sd61schools · Apr 11

It was great to hear Vic High student perspectives on the future of the school. Thank you to the 200+ students that participated. #sd61learn #yyj





Greater Victoria SD @sd61schools · Apr 17

Reminder: Victoria High Open House tomorrow! Join us from 5-7 p.m. in the Andrews Gym to learn more about the seismic options and provide input on the future of the school. *Please use Fairey Tech Building entrance. For more info: bit.ly/2uZVDOm #yyj

