

Victoria High - Building enough seats for the inner city

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1) Stakeholder Consultation

Vic High Rebuild
Vs
Catchment Boundary Review

2) Boundary Review Feedback

*“It’s all about making the
numbers work”*

Create Adequate Space...

nappy; however, we've made a number of changes since reviewing the input from the community—and we are proud that the District has been able to accommodate so many of the specific neighbourhood requests we've received.”

“We are one of the fastest growing school districts in the province this year. The District’s student population continues to grow significantly and legislation requiring smaller class sizes has impacted the availability of space in our schools,” noted Superintendent Shelley Green. “We must adjust boundaries to ensure there is adequate space in each school to provide the most optimal learning environments for all our students.”

The Catchment Boundary Review started in Spring 2018. The District engaged its community in the Thetis Vale area of the District to help address capacity issues. While this consultation showed strong preferences in this specific community, it was clear that due to class size and composition

Source: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/news-events/media-releases/title/greater-victoria-school-district-proposes-additional-changes-to-school-boundaries-after-reviewing-community-input-announces-final-school-based-consultation/>

Capacity constraints in its facilities

population. In the past four years, the District has seen nearly 1,000 additional students register in its schools. Some schools are full and long-term projections indicate a steady increase in the student population over the next 10 years. The District is proposing school boundary changes to alleviate capacity constraints in its facilities and balance enrolment across the entire District to prepare for future enrolment pressures.

**3) Vic High #'s
don't add up**

Vic High Rebuild

Catchment Boundary Review

Baragar projected #'s June 2019

Capacities and Projected Enrolments by Program

Greater Victoria School District

	Official Capacity	Actual		Projected Enrolment														
		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033
Victoria High (2020-21)																		
Regular	600	628	670	694	710	731	783	837	885	934	945	955	967	946	929	910	915	
French Immersion Early:	181	177	177	182	183	195	191	197	198	200	204	201	204	206	202	201	200	
Total	800	781	805	847	876	893	926	974	1,034	1,083	1,134	1,149	1,151	1,171	1,152	1,131	1,111	1,115

Total projected enrollment 2029 = 1171

Baragar Projected Enrollments (Jan 2019)

Level Capacities and Projected Enrolments by Program

Greater Victoria Sch

Level:

	Official Capacity	Actual		Projected Enrolment													
		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032
Victoria High																	
Regular		550	598	647	689	710	713	736	758	782	793	798	806	815	818	814	808
French Immersion Early:		124	121	133	136	141	149	146	150	151	158	163	164	167	162	161	160
International		149	136	115	110	117	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110	110
Total	800	823	855	895	935	968	1,001	1,027	1,052	1,070	1,080	1,089	1,101	1,099	1,094	1,094	1,094

As early as 2023 we won't have enough seats for our inner city high school students

*These numbers don't include international students

Source: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/91/2019/01/All-School-Level-Projections.pdf>

“All VicHigh Students would go to Oak

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		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033
Oak Bay High (2020-21)																		
Regular		852	885	877	891	903	893	951	1,001	1,023	1,041	1,079	1,053	1,059	1,083	1,041	1,042	1,042
French Immersion Early:		254	245	244	277	289	301	307	306	316	311	303	303	293	290	291	290	290
Total	1,300	1,106	1,130	1,121	1,168	1,192	1,194	1,258	1,307	1,329	1,359	1,390	1,356	1,362	1,376	1,331	1,333	1,332

Oak Bay will be over capacity during this time

Vic High Upgrade FAQs

- Build a new school (with increased capacity for 200 more students):
 - \$47 million (+Reserve) = \$50-60 Million Range

How many students attend Vic High? What is the projected enrolment in future?

There are currently 850 students that attend Vic High. In the next 10 years, there will be approximately 1,400 catchment students. The District will be undertaking a catchment review to rightsize the school to meet the needs of the future.

What is the catchment area for the school?



**Projection for next 10
years (ie until 2030) =**

Future Capacity of VicHigh

and students.

Other upgrades will include new concrete stairwells, upgrades to the mechanical systems, and the installation of a new fire sprinkler system. The option also involves building a two-storey addition on the east side of the school that will accommodate 200 more seats, increasing the school's capacity to 1,000 students. A Neighbourhood Learning Centre will also be included to provide space for community-based programs and services. a

The estimated cost of the 'Seismic Plus Enhancements (1000) Plus NLC' Option is approximately \$79.7 million; this includes the addition of a Neighbourhood Learning Centre which would cost approximately \$6 million. Planning will take approximately one year and then construction will

Total Capacity = 1,000

**We can talk about sports
fields, theaters, observation
decks...**

**But if there aren't enough
seats available for the
downtown core... shouldn't
we solve that now?**

Thank you

