

# **VICTORIA HIGH ENHANCEMENTS AND AMENITIES RECOMMENDATIONS GREATER VICTORIA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **INTRODUCTION**

Following public engagement on potential amenities and enhancements at Victoria High, the District has taken into consideration all of the options, supported or suggested by the community, to include in the school's seismic upgrade and the budgets associated with the desires expressed from students, staff, parents, and community.

The District is now recommending amenities and enhancements that prioritize safety, instructional use and reflect the recommendations suggested by the public. These recommendations come after assessing and cross referencing the top three options of current and future students, current and future parents, staff, alumni, and Victoria residents.

The District has \$1.5-1.9 million for additional amenities and must now prioritize within its budget some of the high cost items that are not covered in the seismic project. This document is intended to provide the Board of Education with the District's recommendations, which includes a brief explanation, an outline of estimated costs, and the scope of each project.

## **TOP AMENITIES AND ENHANCEMENTS**

### **1) New spaces for physical education health and learning**

This ranked as a top three option for many stakeholders because the current spaces in the building have limitations, which also makes it challenging to provide appropriate instruction in an inadequate environment. This amenity is estimated to cost \$200,000 and would include a new fitness health classroom with exterior overhead garage doors, new equipment, new floors, mirrors and a tech package. A weight room would also be added.

### **2) Astronomy observatory deck**

This option was ranked as a number one priority amongst current Victoria High students, students across the District, and Victoria residents. While discussing this option with architects and staff, it was suggested and agreed upon that the astronomy deck on the roof can serve as a multipurpose deck. In addition to astronomy instruction, the space can be booked for eight blocks of the day for outdoor instructional space. This amenity is estimated to cost \$100,000 and would include elements such as safety railings, seating and landscaping.

### **3) Memorial Stadium**

Alumni and staff prioritized the memorial stadium as one of their top two options. The current stadium is considered a safety hazard due to aging infrastructure and poor accessibility and lighting on the north side of the property. It is suggested to demolish the north bleachers and to upgrade the main bleachers with new seating. As the current North stadium provides storage underneath, the proposed option would also include a new fieldhouse/storage facility to provide storage, as well as additional lighting to address safety concerns. These upgrades are estimated to cost \$400,000.

### **4) Theatre**

Overall, improvements to the current theatre ranked as the number one priority across all interest groups. While the District is limited to the upgrades it can provide within the building's footprint, it can provide enhancements to improve the instructional experience. For an estimated \$250,000 the District can improve the current seating and provide new seats in the upper balcony (approximately 100 seats), add black out curtains, and install new LED lights and audio system.

### **5) Gymnasium Upgrades**

This enhancement was ranked extremely important amongst current and future parents. This amenity would cost approximately \$130,000 to install new floors and replace the existing bleachers in the Andrews gym, install new windows in the Roper gym, and address the heritage track in the Roper Gym. It is important to note that the updated change rooms are already a consideration in the seismic upgrade plans.

**6) Track and Field – not recommending**

The District is not recommending the track and turf field due to the high cost and concerns from the community about the turf fields impact on the local environment. The option would require all of the amenity funding and more. It limits the District’s ability to provide other amenities to students and the community, as set out in these recommendations.

**COST BREAKDOWN**

Amenity/ Enhancement	Interest Groups					Features/ Costs
	Parents (current/ future)	Staff	Students (current/ future)	Community	Alumni	
New spaces for physical education health and learning	✓	✓	✓	✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New fitness classroom</li> <li>• Overhead door access to outdoors</li> <li>• Equipment</li> <li>• Spring Floor</li> <li>• Weight room</li> <li>• Tech package</li> <li>• Mirrors</li> </ul> = \$200,000
Multipurpose Roof-Top Deck			✓	✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Railings</li> <li>• Benches/seats?</li> </ul> =\$100,000
Memorial Stadium		✓	✓		✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demolish north bleachers</li> <li>• New seating for main bleachers</li> <li>• New fieldhouse/storage</li> <li>• New lighting</li> </ul> = \$400,000
Theatre	✓		✓	✓	✓	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved seating</li> <li>• 100 new seats for balcony</li> <li>• LED lighting system</li> <li>• Sound system</li> <li>• Blackout curtains</li> </ul> =\$250,000
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Gymnasium Upgrades (Roper and Andrews Gym)	✓					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tiles on the ceiling/walls</li> <li>• New windows in Roper Gym</li> <li>• New bleachers in Andrews Gym</li> <li>• Seismic repairs to heritage track in Roper Gym</li> </ul> <p>= \$130,000</p>
						<b>TOTAL = \$1,080,000 million</b>
<b>Outdoor athletic / recreation facility</b>		✓				<p><b>***Staff suggest to create an unique outdoor amenity for students and community with the remainder of monies.**</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sand volleyball courts</li> <li>• Basketball courts</li> </ul>