



## VSB HAS BEEN LISTENING

### Now we'll tell you what we've heard

On May 8 from 1:00 to 4:00pm at Creekside Community Centre (1 Athletes Way), we'll report back to you on themes that emerged during 6 open house/workshops, 12 stakeholders meetings, 6 pop-up sessions, and in our online survey of more than 1,650 people.



### WHAT WE'RE DOING

VSB staff are using criteria from the Interim Long Range Facilities Plan (LRFP) to review schools and decide what to do with them to make sure **seismic upgrades happen as quickly as possible** and that we have **new schools** where we need them in the future.

That plan includes considering **consolidating or closing some schools** to ensure all staff and students are in seismically safe schools and to access funds to build new schools. Consultation asked stakeholders and the public to provide feedback on the Interim LRFP criteria for school closure. Staff will now use that feedback in revising the plan.

### TIMELINE

The revised LRFP will be presented to trustees at a **committee meeting May 18**. Trustees will vote on the revised plan at the **May 24 Board meeting**.

Staff will then continue analyzing all school sites, comparing them to factors for closure from the Interim LRFP, using guidance from public feedback and the VSB school closure policy, to develop a list of schools that could be considered for potential closure.

Staff would present that list to trustees for consideration at the **June 20 board meeting**.

### SCHOOL CLOSURES

**No school has been identified for closure.** All school sites are being reviewed based on factors for consideration of potential closure, VSB policy ("[Potential Consideration for Closure](#)") and themes from stakeholders and the public.

Based on that analysis, staff will develop a list of potential schools to be considered for closure to present to the Board at its June 20 public meeting. Trustees make any decision on whether a school would be closed. That would only happen after extensive consultation with each community.

### ONGOING CONSULTATION

Once a list is presented to trustees VSB policy requires 60 days notice be provided to each affected school community. Staff, parents and other community members would then have many chances to share their perspectives and concerns with trustees before any decisions are made.

After consultation with each school community and careful consideration by trustees **the earliest any school could be closed would be September 2017**.

#### FEB 2016

- Launch of communications
- Stakeholder meetings begin

#### MAR 2016

- Launch of online survey
- March 5 Open House, Creekside Community Centre

#### APR 2016

- Public meetings:
- Renfrew CC (Apr 2)
  - VBE (Apr 7)
  - JCC (Apr 10)
  - River District Centre (Apr 24)
  - SFU World Art Centre (Apr 30)

#### MAY 2016

- Report out on public consultation (May 8)
- Revised Long Range Facilities Plan presented to Committee II (May 18)
- Revised LRFP to trustees for approval - Board meeting (May 24)

#### JUN 2016

- Staff uses plan, public feedback and VSB policy to develop a list of possible schools that could be considered for closure (May 24 to June 20)
- Staff presents list to trustees - Board meeting (Jun 20)

#### JUN-SEPT 2016

- Staff prepares in-depth report examining each school from Jun 20 list
- Detailed report on schools considered for potential closure presented to trustees - Board meeting

#### FALL 2016

- Consultation with affected school communities begins