



Vancouver School Board

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Dear Queen Elizabeth Elementary School Staff and Parents/Guardians:

The seismic upgrade project of Jules Quesnel Elementary School is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2009. During this project the students and staff will be relocated to Queen Elizabeth and Queen Elizabeth Annex Elementary School. District staff and the administrators from the three school sites have had some initial discussions about the relocation, and planning will be ongoing throughout the next several months. There will be opportunities for staff and parents to provide input throughout the process. I intend to work closely with the schools in supporting good communications and the learning experiences of your children throughout the relocation process.

The following principles are intended to guide planning for the Jules Quesnel relocation:

- To foster on-going student learning and development by maintaining the philosophy, programs, (including the Music and Strings programs), and unique culture of each school.
- To embrace opportunities to collaborate as a neighbourhood of learning, while maintaining the uniqueness of each school community.
- To ensure student and staff safety by
 - (a) seismically upgrading the Jules Quesnel building; and
 - (b) effectively managing the Queen Elizabeth and Queen Elizabeth Annex sites.
- To retain out-of-school care programs.

The seismic upgrade project is anticipated to be 12-18 months in duration. Jules Quesnel students and staff will be temporarily relocated as follows:

K – Grade 2 to Queen Elizabeth Annex
Grade 3 – 7 to Queen Elizabeth Elementary

Jules Quesnel students will mainly occupy brand new portables at Queen Elizabeth and Queen Elizabeth Annex but there will be some sharing of space in the school buildings.

A District working group consisting of the principals and vice principals of Jules Quesnel, Queen Elizabeth and Queen Elizabeth Annex, Facilities Staff and the North Area Associate Superintendent has been formed to coordinate the relocation plan. A staff/PAC working group will be established at each school site to identify key issues, provide input and assist in managing the process. The Principal will liaise with the staff and PAC in establishing the school's working group in January.

Updated information on the relocation of Jules Quesnel students and staff, and on the seismic upgrade project, will be provided throughout the process. Please contact your school principal for the most current information.

Thank you for your support in this important process. Our continued efforts will be guided by our commitment to provide the highest quality learning experience for all students.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lynn Green". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lynn Green
Associate Superintendent
North Area

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