

ARGYLE FULL REPLACEMENT PROJECT UPDATE

February 24, 2016: The North Vancouver School District continues to await confirmation from the Ministry of Education regarding the Board's request to proceed with the full replacement of Argyle Secondary School, rather than the approved seismic upgrade. Since the October 2015 update, key developments are provided below:

- Communication has continued with Ministry of Education staff, indicating that the replacement of Argyle School is at the highest priority of the Ministry.
- The cost difference between the seismic upgrade (\$37.8M) and a full replacement (\$45.7) remains at an estimated cost of \$7.9M.
- The North Vancouver School District now has \$11.38M in capital reserve, with these funds targeted towards the Argyle replacement project.
- The Board has confirmed its intent to pursue the full preferred option that provides additional space for additional classroom capacity (+600 sq. m.), area for multi-purpose /performing arts (+1000 sq. m.), and recreation support space (+176 sq. m.).
- The total cost estimate for the full preferred option is \$51.5M (\$37.8M from the Ministry + \$13.7M funded by the School District)
- Killick, Metz, Bowen and Rose Architects and Planners (KMBR) facilitated a "Designs for Learning" workshop with staff to explore current options for the design of new schools to address the changing curriculum and approaches to learning.
- The Board continues to pursue all options to secure the funding necessary for the full preferred replacement option. The Board has requested a meeting with the Ministry of Education and will arrange a meeting with the District of North Vancouver.
- The Board will also consider the potential to raise additional funds through surplus lands, leases, and other methods.

The Board of Education looks forward to an invitation to enter into a Project Agreement at the earliest opportunity to move this 'long-awaited replacement project forward.

As information becomes available on this long-awaited project, updates will be posted.