

## Appendix 2: Discussion Guide and Feedback Form



# New Westminster Secondary School Replacement Project Community Consultation

November 7 – December 5, 2016

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## Community Consultation: November 7 – December 5, 2016

## We Want to Hear from You

The New Westminster Secondary School Replacement Project Community Consultation Round 1 is taking place from **November 7 to December 5, 2016**. This Discussion Guide and Feedback Form provides a summary of information regarding the New Westminster Secondary School replacement planning, design and construction process.

Materials, including this Discussion Guide and Feedback Form, are available at [newnwss.com](http://newnwss.com).

### How Input Will Be Used

Input received during this round of community consultation will be considered, along with financial and technical information, in the design for the new secondary school. A Consultation Summary Report summarizing input received during this consultation will be made available online at [newnwss.com](http://newnwss.com).

A second round of consultation, anticipated for spring 2017, will seek feedback on plans to minimize potential construction-related impacts.

### Public Open Houses

Drop-in, no RSVP required.

Date	Time	Location
Tuesday, November 15	5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	New Westminster Secondary School, Pearson Cafeteria, 835 8th Street
Saturday, November 19	10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Fraser River Middle School, Gymnasium, 800 Queens Avenue

### Small Group Meetings

Small group meetings are scheduled for two hours. Please register to attend a small group meeting by emailing [newnwss@sd40.bc.ca](mailto:newnwss@sd40.bc.ca) or calling **778-379-3310**, as space is limited.

Date	Time	Location
Tuesday, November 15	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	New Westminster School Board Office, 811 Ontario Street
Wednesday, November 23	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	New Westminster Secondary School, Library, 835 8th Street

## About the Project

In June 2016, the Province of B.C. announced funding for the replacement of New Westminster Secondary School (NWSS). The \$106.5 million project will be the largest school investment in B.C. history. This will be the third recent new school opening in New Westminster, following the opening of École Qayqayt Elementary School in September 2014 and the opening of Fraser River Middle School in September 2016.

Anticipated to open in late 2019, with construction starting in 2017, the new NWSS will accommodate 1,900 grade 9 to 12 students. The new school will provide a state-of-the-art learning environment. It will be designed to optimize the use of flexible learning spaces to maximize collaboration and active learning; this will include technology that enriches the learning process, multi-purpose spaces and modern shops, as well as contemporary fine and performing arts spaces. It will also meet today's standards for modern learning, safety and accessibility, and incorporate the latest sustainable energy and waste management systems.

Built in 1949, the current school has served New Westminster students exceedingly well, but the facility is outdated and requires seismic remediation. It is the only secondary school in the City of New Westminster and one of the largest in B.C., which will be a key consideration in planning and building the new school.

Also importantly, part of the property is located on a former burial area. Commitments have been made that no construction will take place on any known burial area.

For more information about the history of the school and property, and the School District's ongoing work with groups with historical connections to the site, see pages 9 and 10.

### You can learn more and provide feedback by:

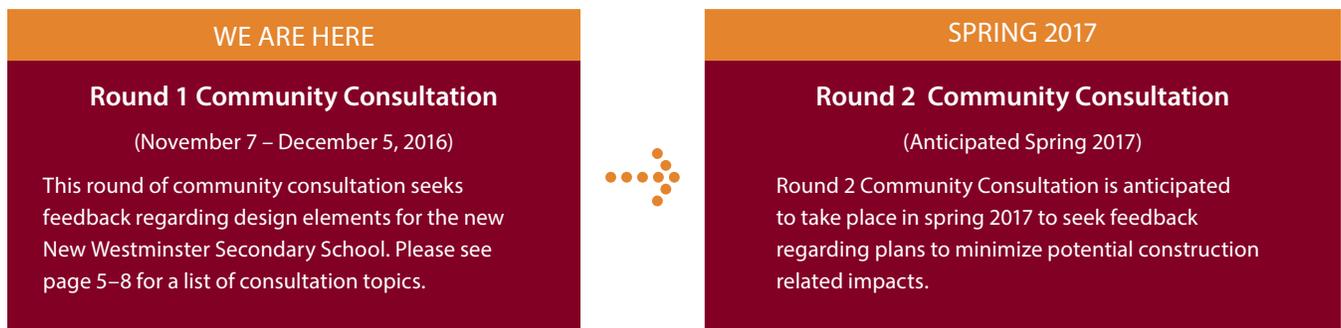
- Attending an **Open House** (drop-in, see schedule left)
- Attending a **Small Group Meeting** (please RSVP, see schedule left)
- Reading this Discussion Guide and completing a Feedback Form (hard copy, or online at [newnwss.com](http://newnwss.com))
- Visiting [newnwss.com](http://newnwss.com)
- Providing a written submission
  - by email: [newnwss@sd40.bc.ca](mailto:newnwss@sd40.bc.ca)
  - by mail: Attn: NWSS Replacement Project, 811 Ontario Street, New Westminster, BC V3M 0J7
- Calling: 778-379-3310

# New Westminster Secondary School Replacement Project

## ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION

Previous consultation with the community has informed planning to date and community and stakeholder consultation will continue through all phases of construction. The consultation program will be inclusive, and will incorporate various tools for face-to-face, online and written participation. Input received through consultation will be considered, along with financial and technical information, in the design for the new school.

## CONSULTATION TIMELINE



## MEMORIALIZATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

We are continuing to engage with First Nations communities, the Chinese Benevolent Association, the Legacy Initiatives Advisory Council, Inclusion BC, and other organizations that represent communities with a history or potential history of ancestral burials on the site. As the project moves into the design stage, the School District will lead a Memorialization Advisory Committee (MAC) that will engage with First Nations, the Chinese community, Inclusion BC and other affected communities.

We are working with these organizations to better understand their views and preferences regarding the ongoing planning and investigation work. We will continue to engage with affected communities and gather their input on how best to memorialize the dedicated and protected areas of the site that are known to have been used for burials.

## CONSTRUCTION TIMELINE

Designing and Building the New School				
November 2016	February 2017	September 2017	September 2017	Late 2019
Request for Qualifications Issued	Three Teams Shortlisted	Selection of Successful Firm	Construction Phase Begins	Substantial Completion

# New Westminster Secondary School

The current New Westminster Secondary School (NWSS) is home to approximately 2,000 students, grades 9 through 12, with 200 teachers and staff. It is the only secondary school in the City of New Westminster and one of the largest in B.C.

NWSS is a diverse school which is reflected in an array of educational programs and services offered to meet the needs of all learners and backgrounds.

These programs and services include:

- Arts Program – drama, musical theatre, band, orchestra and dance
- Broad Athletics Program with specialization in basketball, football, hockey and lacrosse, including provincially top-ranked football and basketball teams
- Close working partnership with Massey Theatre and Mercer Stadium that benefits students
- Extensive Career Programs:
  - Discovery Trades – connected to local apprenticeship programs
  - Working Professional Kitchen – providing hands-on experience
- Foundations for Inclusive Learning Program
- French Immersion Program
- International Baccalaureate Program
- International Student Program
- New Aboriginal Student Graduation Support Program
- Sigma Alternate Program
- 50 Extracurricular Clubs and Councils – spanning broad interests

## OUR MISSION AT NWSS

Our mission at New Westminster Secondary School is to develop responsible citizens and lifelong learners who respect learning, the environment, themselves and others.

Students, staff and parents working together to teach, model and reinforce our three simple School Rules will ensure a successful year for everyone:

1. Respect Learning
2. Respect the Environment
3. Respect Yourself and Others

# New Westminster Secondary School Replacement Project

## Consultation Topics Board of Education – Project Aspirations

The new school will be designed to optimize the use of flexible learning spaces to maximize collaboration and active learning. It will meet today's standards for safety, accessibility and modern learning. The design will also incorporate the latest sustainable energy and waste management systems.

The Board of Education for New Westminster Schools has developed 10 project aspirations for designing and building the new school.

*To provide feedback about the project aspirations, please see pages 12–17 of the Feedback Form.*



# 1

### BUILD A SCHOOL THAT WILL SUPPORT THE EVOLVING LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

The vision for the new NWSS is strongly aligned with the redesigned curriculum, which focuses on student-centred learning. Spaces in the new school will be designed with the flexibility to encourage both collaborative learning in large groups and smaller one-on-one sessions as needed.



# 2

### CREATE A SCHOOL WITH THE FLEXIBILITY TO MEET THE NEEDS OF A RAPIDLY CHANGING SOCIETY

The new NWSS will not just be a school but also a 'community' or 'village' in which different groups of students find themselves crossing paths and interacting with others in ways that might not have been possible before. The environment will encourage interaction and collaboration between different parts of the school community.

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### 3

#### DEVELOP A SUSTAINABLE DESIGN THAT WILL MINIMIZE IMPACTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT

The new NWSS should be designed and built to have minimal environmental impact. The building should incorporate innovative energy and water conservation technology. Where possible, the building should use locally sourced materials and labour.



### 4

#### DEVELOP A DESIGN WITH AN EMPHASIS ON HEALTHY STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND STAFF

The new NWSS is envisioned as a place that feels safe (physically, emotionally and socially) for students, teachers and staff. The design must incorporate community gathering and collaborating spaces as well as quiet spaces to reflect and de-stress. As much as possible, students, teachers and staff should have access to fresh air and natural light.



### 5

#### RESPECT, PROTECT AND PRESERVE THE HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE SITE

The new NWSS will be built adjacent to the site of the old school, which has important historical and cultural significance to First Nations communities, the Chinese community and other communities who have ancestors who may have been buried on the property. The School District has committed not to build on any known burial area, and to protect, preserve and memorialize the burial areas. A Memorialization Advisory Committee will advise the School District on appropriate ways to honour the history of the site. Students will be engaged in the memorialization as an ongoing part of the academic program.

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## 6

### CREATE SPACES THAT CONSIDER THE ROLE OF RAPIDLY CHANGING TECHNOLOGY IN THE WAYS STUDENTS LEARN

The new provincial curriculum places technology at the forefront of learning, and the new NWSS will be designed with the flexibility to accommodate the most advanced learning tools and technology updates. The school will seek to meet students' need for information (seeking and sharing) on a 24/7 basis.



## 7

### CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCHOOL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Active student engagement is integral to promoting a positive school community. The new school building will promote engagement and interactions through multiple gathering spaces that offer unique environments for students, teachers, staff and parents to come together. The 'village' environment will feel welcoming to new students while at the same time honouring the past. The school environment will engage all learners, including those most at risk.



## 8

### CREATE LEARNING SPACES WHERE STUDENTS AND STAFF INTERACT OUTSIDE OF THE TRADITIONAL CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT

The school will be designed to encourage student learning in a variety of places and spaces outside of the traditional classroom setting. Consideration will be given to creating spaces for activities such as welcoming and orienting new students, meditation, mentoring and socializing.

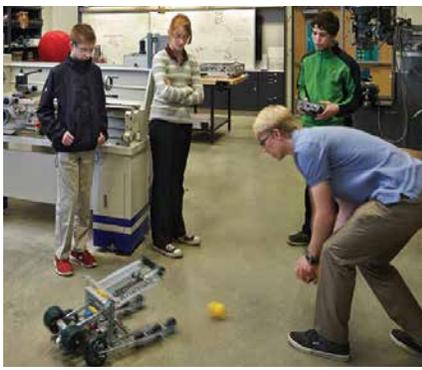
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## 9

### MAKE TEACHING AND LEARNING SPACES VISIBLE

The school design will create learning spaces that are open and encourage collaboration. Teaching will rarely happen in isolation. Instead, it will be observable and transparent to the rest of the school community in ways that encourage curiosity and participation.



## 10

### DESIGN A SCHOOL THAT INSPIRES AND NOURISHES CREATIVITY

The new NWSS will have a simple but elegant design that encourages and nurtures creativity. The space will be inspirational and foster in students and teachers an eagerness to push boundaries and seek excellence.

# New Westminster Secondary School Replacement Project

## About the NWSS Site

The New Westminster Secondary School is located on the southeast section of the city block bordered by Tenth Avenue, Eighth Street and Eighth Avenue in New Westminster. The current school is adjacent to Mercer Field and Stadium, Moody Park Arena and Massey Theatre, all of which will continue to serve the community once the new school is built.

### HISTORY

During the early years of development in New Westminster, some areas of the property were used as burial grounds. The Chinese community in particular have a deep connection to the property, as original Chinese settlers would have been buried in what was then called the New Westminster Public Cemetery. The cemetery began as a small one-acre site on Douglas Road (now Eighth Street) in 1861. As demand increased, the cemetery was expanded, with new lands being cleared for use by both city and provincial institutions.

### DOUGLAS ROAD CEMETERY

<b>1892</b>	<p>The City of New Westminster gives permission for the Chinese community to use (exclusively) an area adjacent to 8th Street, likely south of the original cemetery site, for burials.</p> <p>A smallpox epidemic prompted the construction of an Isolation Hospital on the site, which likely defined the eastern edge of the cemetery. The Isolation Hospital was destroyed by fire in 1911.</p>
<b>1907</b>	<p>Cemetery area was declared full by the City Sanitation Inspector, precipitating the creation of a new cemetery north of the original site called the Douglas Road Cemetery in 1908. The Douglas Road Cemetery was in operation until about 1920.</p>
<b>1920</b>	<p>Following the closure of the Douglas Road Cemetery, the property was used for a number of purposes, including a public works yard.</p>
<b>WWII</b>	<p>The property was converted to a staging area for army battalions stationed in New Westminster.</p>
<b>1949</b>	<p>New Westminster Secondary School was built.</p>

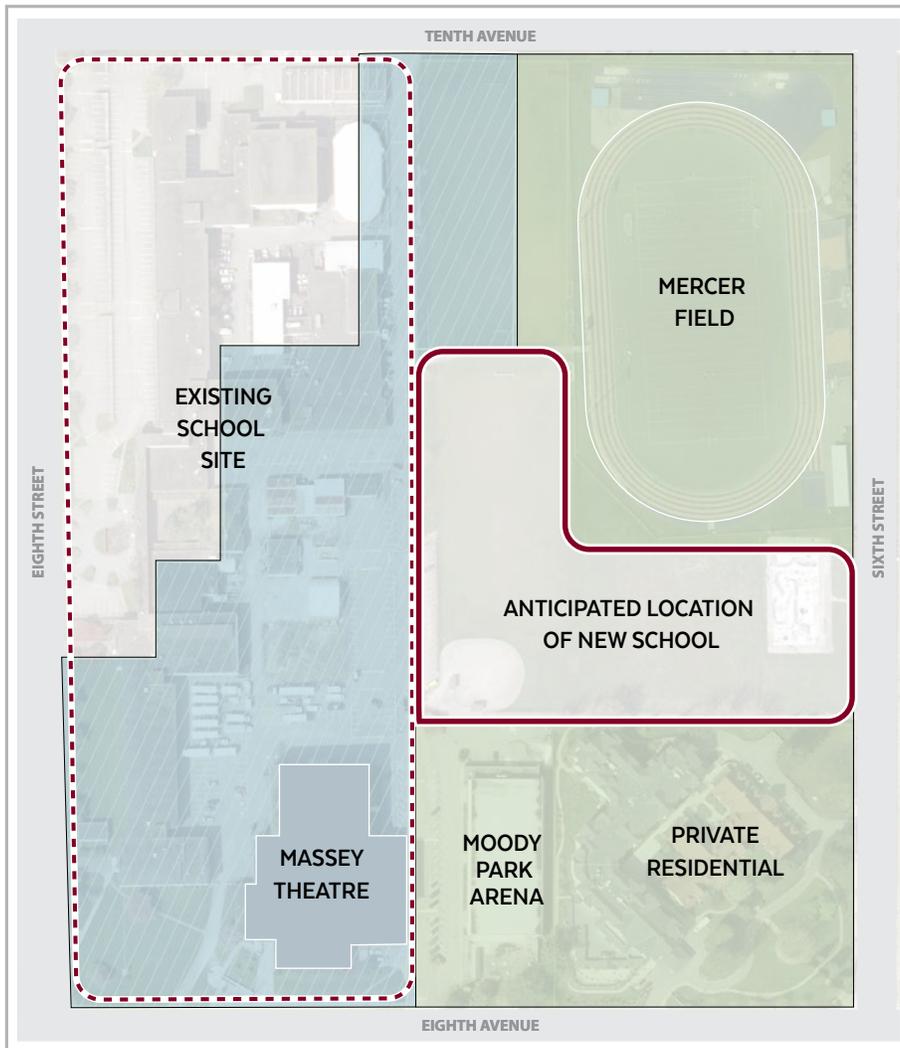
### PROTECTED AREAS

Both the Government of British Columbia and the New Westminster School District made a commitment to protect and preserve the historical significance of the site and to ensure that no construction will take place on any known burial area. The New Westminster Secondary School Replacement Project is dedicated to meeting this commitment.

With the guidance of professional archeologists and historians, we are continuing to study the history of the site and identify how the land has been used. Archeological and geotechnical investigations done to date have shown no evidence of human remains. More work is being conducted to fully confirm where burials may have taken place on the site, and if any human remains or artifacts remain. A professional archeologist will oversee excavation around sensitive areas.

A portion of this site has been designated as a protected area and will be converted to a passive park with a memorial area. Through the Memorialization Advisory Committee, information will be gathered to help determine the best way to memorialize the history of the site.

## NWSS SITE MAP



### LEGEND

-  Existing school site
-  Anticipated location of new school
-  City and private property not available for school
-  Area under analysis to identify extent of burial use and buildable locations

### CONSTRAINTS FOR CONSTRUCTION

- Property limits
- Setbacks are required from private lands in the northeast and southeast corners
- Burial area confirmed as cemetery is not developable
- Burial areas with limits to be determined through ongoing analysis
- Massey Theatre will remain as a community resource
- Playing fields will remain functional to the degree possible during construction
- Existing school will remain functional throughout construction

## MEMORIALIZATION

The New Westminster School District is fully dedicated to consulting and engaging regarding the memorialization of these historically significant areas of the school site. Representatives from First Nations communities, the Chinese community and other groups with historical connections to the site will be invited to participate in a Memorialization Advisory Committee (MAC) that will advise the School District on the most appropriate and respectful ways to commemorate the historical uses of the site. For more information about the Memorialization Advisory Committee, see page 3.

# New Westminster Secondary School Replacement Project

## Learning Today

Our world has changed significantly since New Westminster Secondary School was built. The emphasis in education and the way students learn has changed. Today, learning is focused on understanding concepts and processes, as well as developing a personalized learning experience and flexibility to better match individual student strengths and needs, as described in BC's Education Plan. Read more about BC's Education Plan at [www.bcedplan.ca](http://www.bcedplan.ca).

New technologies have enabled access to information on virtually any topic. Today's students at NWSS are learning skills to successfully locate, analyze and evaluate information, and then apply it in an appropriate and useful way.

### B.C. MINISTRY OF EDUCATION CURRICULUM REFINEMENT

The Ministry of Education is implementing a new curriculum across the province. The new curriculum will help B.C.'s students thrive in today's changing world through developing core competencies.

#### New Skills & Knowledge

By applying their skills and knowledge in new and often interdisciplinary situations, students will develop:

- Critical thinking and problem-solving.
- Collaboration and leadership.
- Communication and digital literacy.
- Personal and social responsibility.
- Creativity and innovation.
- Global and cultural understanding.

#### Aboriginal Perspectives

Aboriginal perspectives and knowledge are an important part of the historical foundation of both B.C. and Canada, and will be integrated into every subject in the new curriculum. All students will have opportunities to better understand and respect a variety of cultures, both their own and others.

# Feedback Form

The New Westminster School District has developed a set of project aspirations to provide inspiration and direction for the planning team. Input received during this round of community consultation will be considered, along with financial and technical information, in the design for the new secondary school. For more information about the project aspirations, please see pages 5–8.

## CONSULTATION TOPICS

### 1. Please indicate your level of agreement with the following project aspirations.

#### 1.1 Build a school that will support the evolving learning environment

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Please provide any reasons you may have regarding your level of agreement.

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#### 1.2 Create a school with the flexibility to meet the needs of a rapidly changing society

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## 1.3 Develop a sustainable design that will minimize impacts on the environment

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## 1.4 Develop a design with an emphasis on healthy students, teachers and staff

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### 1.6 Create spaces that consider the role of rapidly changing technology in the ways students learn

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## 1.7 Create opportunities for school community engagement

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## 1.8 Create learning spaces where students and staff interact outside of the traditional classroom environment

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### 1.10 Design a school that inspires and nourishes creativity

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**Optional:** To receive updates on the NWSS Replacement Project, including notification of upcoming consultation opportunities, please complete the following information. You may opt out at any time. Please note that your name and email may be stored outside of Canada.

Name:

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Organization (if applicable):

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Email:

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Phone:

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*Personal information collected through this survey will inform the New Westminister Secondary School Replacement Project under the authority of s.26 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. If you have any questions about the collection, use and disclosure of your personal information, please contact: Holly Nathan at [hnathan@sd40.bc.ca](mailto:hnathan@sd40.bc.ca).*

### **Deadline for Feedback: December 5, 2016**

You can return your completed  
Feedback Form by:

- **Email:** [newnwss@sd40.bc.ca](mailto:newnwss@sd40.bc.ca)

- **Mail:**

Attn:  
NWSS Replacement Project  
811 Ontario Street,  
New Westminister, BC  
V3M 0J7

Or complete the Feedback Form  
online at [newnwss.com](http://newnwss.com)

# Round 1 Community Consultation

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