

# Mission Public Schools News Release



Mission Public School District is located on the Traditional, Ancestral, Unsurrendered, and Shared lands of the Stó:lō people, of Leq'á:mel, Semá:th, Máthxwi, Sq'éwlets and Qwó:ltl'el First Nations, stewards of this land since time immemorial.

## Major Milestone for École Mission Senior Secondary School Replacement Project

#### For Immediate Release

**December 13, 2024** 

A significant milestone in the Mission Senior Secondary School Replacement Project was reached in November with the completion of the Request for Qualification (RFQ) process. Following a thorough evaluation, three shortlisted company partnerships have been invited to respond to the Request for Proposal (RFP):



- Maple Reinders Construction with Stantec Architecture
- Pomerleau with KMBR Architects Planners Inc.
- Ventana Corp with Thinkspace Architecture Planning Interior Design Ltd.

The project is guided by a series of major milestones, designed to ensure the timely construction of the replacement school.

➤ Issue Request for Proposal (RFP): November 27, 2024 – Complete

Technical Submissions for RFP:
 Financial Submissions:
 Contract Award to Preferred Proponent:
 September 2025

Building Substantial Completion: June 2028
 School Available for Occupancy: Fall 2028
 Project Completion: Fall 2029

To support the project's success, planning for community engagement and collaboration is well underway. Meetings will begin in January to provide information to the bidding teams and engage the local business community. These meetings include:

- 1. **Collaboration Meetings:** These sessions will help bidding teams develop optimal solutions while ensuring proposals meet the owner's requirements.
- 2. **Business-to-Business Networking:** This will enable bidding teams to connect with local contractors, suppliers, businesses interested in contributing to the project.

### **Background:**

As per <u>announcement</u> on April 5, 2024, the Province of British Columbia is providing \$175 million to replace Mission Senior Secondary School, with an additional \$1 million contributed by the Mission Public School District. This \$176 million project will deliver a state-of-the-art, 1,500-seat secondary school that includes 250 additional seats to accommodate future enrolment growth.

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#### The new school will also feature:

- A Halq'eméylem Language and Cultural Centre
- A Neighbourhood Learning Centre for community use
- Childcare facilities



<u>Infrastructure BC</u> has been engaged to oversee the procurement process for the project. Updates and further details are available on their website as well.

As a result of the significant investment by British Columbia's Ministry of Education in the future of education in Mission, the new school is expected to welcome students for the 2028-2029 school year.

Follow the Project on Community Engagement Portal (Engage MPSD)

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