



SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 19 (Revelstoke) NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL / SCHOOL CONSOLIDATION

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WHY CONSOLIDATE SCHOOLS?

✓ Enrolment decline

The enrolment has been declining at both Mount Begbie and Mountain View and is projected to continue to decline. Low enrolment in each of our two central schools results in not only unused capacity, but unfunded capacity, as the bulk of the District's funding is formula-based, driven by enrolment. It also results in the need to organize with greater numbers of combined classes than we would normally anticipate.

History of Enrolment Decline

Year	Mount Begbie Elementary School									Mountain View Elementary School								
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
95/96	31	22	33	33	26	31	22	28	226	41	26	22	22	21	27	25	30	214
96/97	30	32	24	30	27	23	31	19	216	20	33	27	23	26	22	29	28	208
97/98	20	27	31	21	29	28	25	26	207	21	22	34	23	21	20	24	29	194
98/99	20	16	24	27	20	28	26	23	184	20	15	24	33	18	19	22	26	177
99/00	17	20	17	21	26	18	26	25	170	20	21	16	23	33	17	18	28	176
00/01	35	22	20	22	22	29	19	28	197	17	22	21	18	24	30	24	20	176
01/02	20	29	23	18	21	25	24	22	182	20	22	22	18	17	23	28	22	172
02/03	15	18	27	21	20	20	19	26	166	16	19	17	21	19	18	24	28	162
03/04	23	13	18	32	22	20	20	22	170	17	15	21	15	21	22	19	21	151
04/05	12	23	10	17	27	20	18	21	148	16	17	16	21	16	20	19	16	141
05/06	14	14	23	9	18	26	16	20	140	15	15	12	11	22	13	19	19	126

✓ Operational savings

The District estimates that the consolidation of two schools will achieve annual operating savings (e.g. utilities, custodial services, maintenance, resources, administration) of more than \$200,000. These savings could then be redirected to programs and services, district wide.

✓ Future Growth

In the event that there is future growth due to the resort development, the Ministry would consider facility additions at the time the growth materializes. We will be instructing our architect to ensure that any facility would be designed so that additional space could be easily accommodated.

WHERE ARE WE AT?

✓ Steering Committee - Struck

A committee, comprised of representatives of the Parent Advisory Councils, both principals and District Administration, has been established and will assist with identifying and addressing issues. Parent representatives are Samantha Robert and Renee Carter, Mountain View Elementary and Phyllis Makarewicz and Lisa Moore, Mount Begbie Elementary. The Steering Committee will collect and provide valuable feedback throughout the Feasibility Study to ensure that all concerns are addressed.

✓ Ministry Feasibility Study

The Ministry of Education conducts feasibility studies regarding all school capital projects. Phase One of the Feasibility Study has just been initiated and will determine if the consolidation plan is, in fact, the best alternative for the District. A school site will be determined through Phase One. In Phase Two, school design is the main focus.

✓ Funding

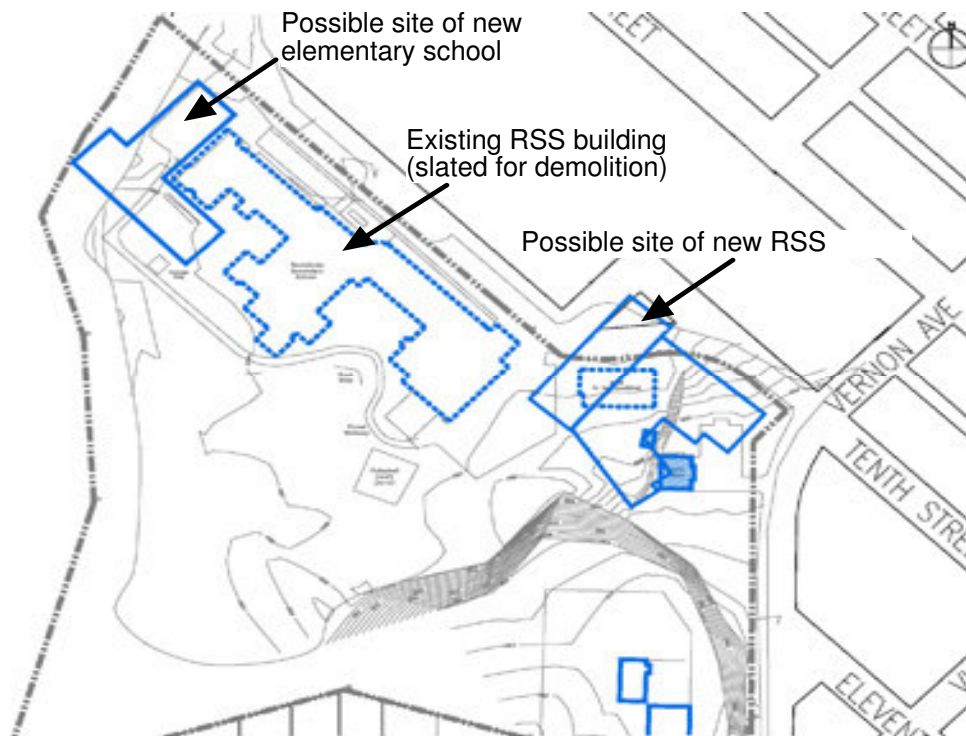
Funding for a new school will be available to the District after the completion of Phase One and Two of the Feasibility Study, at which time construction could begin.

WHERE WOULD WE LOCATE A NEW SCHOOL

✓ School District Property

It is the District's desire to ensure that the new facility is centrally-located; however, a location has not been determined. A survey of our 10th Street site reveals that it is possible to have two schools on existing district property, making this a viable option for further consideration.

This Scale drawing shows some possible locations for the 2 new schools. Many other possibilities exist for placing 2 new schools on the existing 10th Street property.



CONCERNS IDENTIFIED BY THE STEERING COMMITTEE

In regards to an elementary school on the 10th Street site, concerns initially identified and discussed are:

- ! Sufficient playfields for both elementary and secondary
- ! Ensuring positive student interactions
- ! Elementary student safety during recess and lunch
- ! Road safety – parent drop off and bus loading
- ! Parking – staff and visitors
- ! Walk routes to school – sidewalks and crosswalks

Questions / Concerns

The Principals of Mount Begbie Elementary and Mountain View Elementary will be collecting questions and concerns which will be presented to the steering committee. Please direct your comments to:

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