



# PRMS Rebuild

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## Reference to Education Plan

- School District # 52 will support student achievement, physical and mental well-being, and belonging by creating a warm, inclusive, engaging school where everyone feels welcome and part of this community.
  - Improving school environments to ensure they are seismically safe and up to the latest standard.
  - The Prince Rupert School Board will increase equity by reflecting our community in our school through careful attention to design and detail, culturally significant design details, and art.
- Objectives:
- Improving stewardship of the district's resources by focusing on effectiveness, efficiency, and sustainability.

This report is for information only.

## Background

- The project was identified as a priority within the Districts Five Year Capital Plan 2017/2018
- The Prince Rupert Middle School (PRMS) was constructed in the 1958 as a secondary school and later transformed into the district's middle school. It is functionally obsolete and misaligned with the educational needs of the school and district. The facility does not meet current seismic standards and experiences ongoing foundation issues.
- The approved option for this project, after the feasibility, study is to replace the current facility at PRMS with a new 2 story, 5,500m<sup>2</sup>, 600 seat school. School replacement will also provide opportunity for meaningful consultation with Indigenous rights holders.
- As part of the province's Seismic Mitigation Program, \$126.7 million was allotted to replace PRMS.
- PRMS is intended to remain in operation during construction.
- The District will regularly meet with the school community to gather input throughout the design and construction phase.



**NEW SCHOOL WILL BE BUILT ADJACENT TO EXISTING MIDDLE SCHOOL**



## Discussion

### Key features of the replacement school include:

- ✓ A new, two level seismically safe school.
- ✓ An environmentally friendly facility built to Leadership in Energy and Environment Design (LEED) Gold standards and targeting to achieve greater than 50% Greenhouse gas emission reduction.
- ✓ Consideration for First Peoples Principles of Learning in the new school design.
- ✓ 400 M<sup>2</sup> of space dedicated to a Neighborhood Learning Centre with priority for out of school childcare spaces.

## Consultation

An in-person public information session was held on February 6, 2024 from 6-7pm. Information was presented regarding the options considered, with further details of key features, construction phasing, and estimated timelines for the approved option. The purpose of this report is to summarize comments received from the public information session and identify next steps.

### Summary of Feedback

There were 7 total feedback forms submitted. Questions and concerns often contained similar themes, which are compiled, categorized below. Additional information related to these themes is noted below.

**Are there considerations or community factors the project team should keep in mind during the seismic upgrade/construction process?**

- Traffic flow and safety during construction
- Parking access
- Cultural sensitivity, inclusivity and disability accessible
- Lots of light
- Minimize noise during construction

**What is the plan for traffic flow and ease of transition for students during construction and after?**

- This will be developed by our project Architects and Construction Manager, and will ensure a streamlined as possible approach that will impact student access to and from school a little as possible.

**What is the plan for accessibility during the build phase?**

- Hoarding, construction fencing and pathways will allow access to and from school in a safe and effective manner.

**What is the plan for the security of the building student and staff safety?**

- The construction site will be completely separated from the current middle school. There will be no construction access on the pathways that students will be using.

**What is the plan for noisy construction during the school day?**

- There will be noise generated throughout construction, the significantly disruptive activities will be scheduled when possible place after hours.

**Please share construction details?**

- The new Middle School is currently in design phase, and construction details will become available this year, please check our website for updates as they come available.

**Have you considered other locations.**

- yes

**Will we be able to accommodate golf course parking?**

- yes

**Can we place a picke ball court on the property if they apply for a grant?**

- Yes(?)

### **Please share construction details?**

- **The new Middle School is currently in design phase. Details on construction schedule will become available in 2025 and will be posted on school website.**

### **In Conclusion**

The intent of the public information session was to communicate the process to date, including the approved option, outline the schedule and next steps, and answer questions with available information. Not all details regarding the project were finalized at the time of the public information session.

### **Next Steps**

- **This project will be continuing through the design process towards construction. Several advisory and working groups were formed in order to provide a meaningful consultation. Multiple engagement sessions with school community and Indigenous right holders will be held. Further details will become available this year, please check our website for updates as they come available.**

### **Attachments:**

1. Appendix A: PRMS Public Information Session Feedback Summary
2. PRMS Public Information Session Fact Sheet
3. PRMS Public Information Presentation Boards