

[The following letter was sent to Rightsholders from the three host Nations, xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) Band, Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish) Nation and səliłwətał (Tseil-Watuth) Nation inviting them to participate in the engagement]

January 13, 2023

Good morning [Rightsholder],

Following up on our letter from February 17 and April 5 in 2022, I would like to provide you with an update about the Queen Elizabeth Annex (QEA) school site. Following the Board's decision to close QEA in June, the Board has directed staff to proceed with an engagement process to consider the potential declaration of the site as surplus to the educational needs of the District.

As publicly shared during the [2022 QEA closure engagement](#), the Francophone public school board, [Conseil scolaire francophone de la Colombie-Britannique](#) (CSF), is interested in acquiring the QEA site. As such, along with other legal and educational factors, the District is considering whether the QEA site is surplus to the Board's needs and, if approved, for disposal of the site to the CSF. Later today a staff report outlining the QEA surplus considerations will be published on the [District's website](#) (under January 18, Facilities Planning Meeting) and presented at the Facilities and Planning committee on January 18, 2023.

As part of the engagement process the District welcomes input and feedback from the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and səliłwətał (Tseil-Waututh) Nations about the disposal of the QEA site to the CSF. We would be happy to arrange an opportunity to connect with you to provide more information, address any questions you may have, and to receive your input. Please email Donna Wong (ddwong@vsb.bc.ca) before January 31, 2023, if you would like to arrange a time to meet.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Regards,

J. David Green
Secretary Treasurer/CFO