

[The following letter was sent to four civic agencies: City of Vancouver, Vancouver Park Board, Vancouver Coastal Health and BC Housing]

February 15, 2023

Re: Queen Elizabeth Annex Surplus Consideration

Good afternoon [civic agency],

Last year in June 2022, the Vancouver School Board approved the closure of [Queen Elizabeth Annex](#) (QEA). Now, the Board is considering if the QEA site should be declared surplus to the educational needs of the District. Under the [School Act](#) and Board [Policy 20 – Disposal of Land or Improvements](#), the Board must first decide to surplus the land before exploring alternative land use possibilities.

QEA is located in the Dunbar area. The annex accommodates an average of 70 students and is considered a small school when compared to a preferred elementary school size of 300-500 students. Based on the District's [future enrolment forecasts](#), the site it is not, and will not be needed for educational purposes in the future.

As shared during the [public engagement](#) regarding the QEA closure, if the Board decides to surplus the QEA site, the District recommends the Board dispose the site to the Francophone public school board, Conseil scolaire francophone de la Colombie-Britannique (CSF), either through sale or long-term lease. There is serious interest from CSF to acquire the QEA site.

Potential funds generated from a sale or long-term lease of the land would provide capital revenue for the Board, that can then be directed for priority capital investment such as building a new school in an area with enrolment demand, as well as expanding or seismically upgrading an existing school.

As part of the engagement process, the District welcomes feedback from [civic agency] about the Board's consideration to declare QEA as surplus to District needs and proceed with disposition of the site and buildings to CSF. Please submit your feedback to engage@vsb.bc.ca by March 1, 2023. Your feedback will be included as part of the engagement summary report and submitted to the Board for consideration. The Board will decide if the site is surplus at a public Board meeting on April 11, 2023.

For more information about the surplus consideration, visit govsb.ca/QEAsurplus.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Regards,

David Nelson
Deputy Superintendent