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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Vancouver School Board (VSB), the Vancouver Park Board, and the City of Vancouver have been approached by BC Hydro with a proposal to build two new underground electricity substations and to upgrade an existing underground substation. These substations are required in order to address the power needs of businesses and residents within downtown, Yaletown and the West End.

The proposal envisions a new substation under land owned by Vancouver School Board at Lord Roberts Annex. A second substation is proposed for Yaletown, but is not on VSB land. The Vancouver School Board has agreed to learn more about this proposal and to participate in a public consultation process led and facilitated by BC Hydro. No decisions have been made by VSB yet about whether or not to proceed with this proposal.

As part of the public consultation process, BC Hydro has planned a number of events and opportunities for members of the school and local community to learn more, ask questions, and provide feedback. Representatives of the Vancouver School Board will be present at each event in order to hear feedback shared with BC Hydro regarding this proposal. The full results of the public consultation process will be made available to VSB and will be considered in making any decision about whether or not to accept the BC Hydro proposal. We encourage staff and parents to attend one of the sessions in order to learn more and share your input.

In addition to this public consultation, a number of third party technical and engineering studies will be undertaken. VSB will be considering all information collected through these assessments in making any decision regarding this proposal.

Again, Vancouver School Board has not made any decision at this time regarding whether or not it will endorse the BC Hydro proposal. At this point the Board's only commitment is to gather information and to participate in a process to hear from our stakeholders, the parent community and the public.

Detailed information regarding the BC Hydro proposal and the public consultation process can be found at bchydro.com/seed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Scott Robinson'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Scott Robinson
Superintendent
Vancouver School District