



Vancouver Board of Education

School District No. 39

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April 25, 2019

Mayor Kennedy Stewart and Council
3rd Floor, City Hall
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Dear Mayor Stewart and Council,

On behalf of the Vancouver Board of Education, I wish to share with you a Board motion passed at our March 4, 2019, regarding the Eric Hamber School Seismic replacement project.

At that meeting the Board passed the following motion: "...that the Board immediately request the City of Vancouver to provide funding for an auditorium and additional gym space at Eric Hamber Secondary School with an option to have community use of these spaces when not required by the school."

The Eric Hamber replacement school project is a very exciting development for the school community and the Vancouver School District has been actively working with school community on the design and layout of the new school. The Hamber project team have held three rounds of school user group meetings to understand educational programming requirements. These meetings have been very informative and collaborative. There was also a public open house with the school community and surrounding neighbourhood. The District has heard clearly the desire of both school and the broader communities for the replacement Eric Hamber School to include adequate space for fine arts and physical education programming, including an auditorium and an additional gymnasium.

I believe our Board and the City of Vancouver share the goal of providing the best services and facilities for all Vancouver residents. We appreciate the City of Vancouver's commitment to child care at the new Eric Hamber school. It is the hope of the Board that by working with the City we can take advantage of the opportunity to build a replacement school that will meet the needs of Vancouver students and residents now and in the future.

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We look forward to your response and our continued partnership in this endeavour.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janet Fraser".

Janet Fraser, Board Chair
Vancouver School Board

cc: VBE Trustees
Suzanne Hoffman, Superintendent
J. David Green, Secretary Treasurer