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Education Learning Centre Update

We are very pleased to announce that the Education Learning Centre is two steps closer to realization. This past week we received the Building Permit and subsequently issued tendering documents. We expect to be able to select the contractor by mid-August and start work in early September. The ELC will be a highly visible structure and will represent the Coquitlam School District for decades to come. This is a prestigious opportunity for the building industry and there is a significant amount of interest and buzz in the construction community already.

The vision for an ELC, brings the school district's administration together centrally into a new Board office has been a dream for many years. Our existing 65-year-old building has more than served its purpose. As we continue to educate for the 21st century, we need a facility that incorporates our vision and provides the vehicle in which we can continue to excel in the delivery of education.

The ELC Design Team has been led by the lead project manager – Ms. Meighan Scott and well supported by Ms. Devon Ross, Principal, Facilities Initiatives and Mr. Gerald Shong, Assistant Superintendent. The District Leadership Team has been involved in representing their areas of interest and we also gained valuable insights from our Facilities and Maintenance professionals to ensure the building has the appropriate level of functionality.

The ELC Steering Committee – the sponsors of this initiative, was led by our Superintendent- Ms. Patricia Gartland, Mr. Ivano Cecchini, Executive Director, Facilities, and Chris Nicolls, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO. Of course, none of this would have evolved without the support of the Board of Education – both past and present.

Lastly, we are pleased to advise that the estimated ELC cost of \$36 million has been fully provided for. ELC project funding is not eligible for any support from the Provincial Government. It has been totally funded from local resources – about 55% from the sale of the former Coronation Elementary School site and the balance through International Education proceeds and investment and facility rental revenues. Considering that the School District was still emerging from a deficit about 5 years ago; where we are today is the result of our collective collaboration through Directions 2020 to enable us to fulfill this piece of our vision.

A few samples of the Architect exterior renderings are attached, and we will continue to keep you informed as the project proceeds.

Please have an enjoyable summer and stay safe.

Yours Truly,

The Education Learning Centre Steering Committee

Patricia Gartland
Superintendent

Chris Nicolls
Secretary-Treasurer/CFO

Ivano Cecchini
Executive Director

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