



## SITE LOCATION CHOSEN FOR NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

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After months of due diligence and extensive consultations with architects, consultants, staff and municipalities, the Board of Education has announced that the new middle school on Heritage Mountain will be built on the lower half of the Anmore site, just north of the Heritage Woods Secondary School.

“Whether we chose to build on the existing playfield on the Port Moody side, or the Anmore site with its higher elevation drop, both presented significant challenges,” said Board Chair Melissa Hyndes. “However, we are confident that we have selected the appropriate site”.

The new \$28 million middle school is now targeted for opening in 2013. The state-of-the-art structure, designed for 450-500 students, will be built to a LEED Gold standard (high energy efficiency) and is designed with the unique characteristics of middle school students in mind.

The Board of Education is committed to working with the municipalities of Anmore and Port Moody, sports associations, the school community and other interested parties to ensure the least disruptive construction period possible.

“We are so excited to be moving ahead with this much needed new middle school, and we also look forward to beginning construction on a replacement school for Moody Middle as well”, added Ms. Hyndes. Details on that project will be released in early October.

An **Open House** for the Heritage Mountain community will be held at Heritage Woods Secondary Tuesday, September 21, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Architectural drawings will be presented, and various consultants and staff will be on hand to provide information and gather input from residents.

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