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## **School District No.43 (Coquitlam) is pleased to announce the official opening of École Pitt River Community Middle School**

**Coquitlam, BC, Monday, October 27, 2014** - School District No.43 (Coquitlam) is pleased to announce the official opening of École Pitt River Community Middle School. The grand opening was held on Oct. 27, 2014. The Ministry of Education and the School District decided to build a replacement school for the City of Port Coquitlam neighbourhood with a total cost of \$20 million. Now complete, the new École Pitt River Community Middle School is a dual track school for both English and French immersion programs. The capacity of the school is 450 students.

The school has been constructed to an Energy and Environmental Design Gold standard. Technology is integrated into all learning spaces which fosters a supporting team approach to learning and teaching, and provides flexibility in classroom planning, utilization, and social spaces. As well, the school has features a Neighbourhood Learning Centre (NLC) that hosts Port Coquitlam Sports Alliance, District Aboriginal Education programs and welcoming centre, Community School Program offices and classroom, and a Sport Coordination and Development Centre. Other NLC's have already been successfully incorporated into the planning and/or building of James Park Elementary, Eagle Mountain Middle, Centennial Secondary, and Moody Middle schools.

Community gardens and an outdoor amphitheatre surround the school. As well as there is an effective joint use partnership with City of Port Coquitlam with respect to the school field.

In the 1990's, the name was changed and it was converted to École Pitt River Community Middle School. In the last several years, the Province has provided millions of dollars to School District No.43 (Coquitlam) for a variety of capital projects including new schools and upgrades, renovations, and building envelope repairs.

### **Melissa Hyndes, Coquitlam School District Board Chair**

“The Board of Education of School District No. 43 (Coquitlam) is pleased to announce that the provincial government and the Ministry of Education have officially opened at École Pitt River Community Middle School. This new school building, with the addition of the Neighbourhood Learning Centre, will be a civic hub and will provide a huge benefit to a deserving community.”

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