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Dear Parents,

From October 29, 2013 to November 28, 2013, the Board of Education and the Coquitlam School District is embarking on a community engagement process for the Learning, Land and Neighbourhoods initiative.

We live in one of the fastest growing areas of Metro Vancouver. Over the next decade, we can expect the number of children in our kindergarten to grade 12 education system to increase by approximately 5,000 students, with much of that growth concentrated in areas such as Burke Mountain and Port Moody.

We are planning for that growth now by building new schools and refurbishing and adding to other ones, so we can continue to provide fair, accessible and quality education for all students. We are also reviewing how we manage our land assets to better support the growing need.

Through the Learning, Land and Neighbourhoods initiative, four properties are under consideration to determine if we are making the best use of them or if there are other ways in which we can maximize their value for students today and in the future:

Coronation Park Elementary School – Closed in 2005, this school sits empty, is in very poor condition and is not expected to be needed for educational purposes.

Moody Elementary School – Built in the 1950's for approximately 250 students, this school is in very poor condition and is on a small site. With expected enrolment of close to 450 by 2026, the existing school will not meet the needs of the community.

A portion of Parkland Elementary site – This process is a continuation from last year. The Board has approved the sale of this property; however, the zoning application requires further consultation with the public.

A portion of Victoria Park – The District owns nine lots which adds up to .83 acres. This used to be a school site until 1968. It is currently used as a park and we do not expect to use this site for any future educational purposes.

On behalf of the Board of Education, I invite you to get involved in this dialogue. Help deepen our collective understanding, identify the challenges and opportunities and share your ideas on how we can make the best use of these properties for our students. Your advice will help guide the Board's decisions and actions.

I have enclosed the community engagement schedule; you can also go online to www.sd43.bc.ca/landmngmt for more information.

You talk. We'll listen.

Yours truly,
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 43 (COQUITLAM)

Melissa Hyndes, Chair
Board of Education

cc: Board of Education
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Learning, Land and Neighbourhoods Community Engagement Schedule

Public Open House

Tuesday, October 29, 2013, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Moody Middle School Gymnasium
3115 St. Johns Street
Port Moody, BC

Join the Board of Education, school district employees and members of the community at this Open House to learn more about the Learning, Land and Neighbourhoods initiative, the community engagement process and an overview of the four properties under consideration.

The input we receive at the Open House will be addressed at each community workshop, where we will discuss each property in detail.

Community Workshop #1: Moody Elementary School

Wednesday, November 6, 2013, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Moody Elementary School Gymnasium
2717 St. Johns Street
Port Moody, BC

Community Workshop #2: A Portion of Victoria Park Property

Tuesday, November 19, 2013, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Leigh Elementary School Gymnasium
1230 Soball Road
Coquitlam, BC

Community Workshop #3: Coronation Park Elementary School Property

Wednesday, November 27, 2013, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Moody Middle School Gymnasium
3115 St. Johns Street
Port Moody, BC

Community Workshop #4: A Portion of Parkland Elementary School Property

Thursday, November 28, 2013, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Parkland Elementary School Gymnasium
1563 Regan Avenue
Coquitlam, BC

Online Questionnaire

October 29, 2013 to December 6, 2013
You can also learn more and provide your input via the online questionnaire.
www.sd43.bc.ca/landmngmt