

revised November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007

**DISTRICT STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS  
TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ON  
"LEARNING SPACES"**

Background:

The Board has commissioned the following extensive reports which are on the District's web page for information and referral:

- Matrix 2001 - School Site Acquisition Charges
- Matrix 2006 - Twenty-Year Vision of Enrolment and Facilities Needs
- Cameron Report of Public Consultation, 2007
- Trillium Business Plans for:
  - Belmont Zone 2007
  - Milnes Landing Zone 2007

**District Staff has reviewed the findings of all the reports and developed the following action plan for the two zones, Belmont and Milnes Landing, for consideration by the Board.**

Plan to Implement "Learning Spaces"

**BELMONT ZONE**

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| 1. <u>Submit Five Year Capital Plan to Ministry</u>   | Dec. 07    |
| - liaison with Partnerships B.C.  |            |
| 2. <u>Public consultation on closure of Glen Lake</u>   | Jan. 08    |
| • age of facility/seismic concerns/dropping enrolment   |            |
| • demographics of students/catchment areas  |            |
| • transportation  |            |
| • subject to Board decision following public consultation,<br>proceed with closure  | June 08    |
| • students move to neighbouring schools   | Sept. 08   |
| 3. <u>Ministry involvement</u>  |            |
| • liaison with Partnerships B.C.  | Dec. 07    |
| • acceptance of five-year capital plan  | Jan. 08    |
| • seek approval of School District "Learning Spaces" plan   | Feb. 08    |
| • commitment to co-fund plan and approve interim borrowing<br>until proceeds from land dispositions are realized and Ministry<br>approves funding for Royal Bay | Mar. 08    |
| 4. <u>Belmont site disposal and exploring of phased ownership</u>   |            |
| • Board motion to dispose of Belmont lands  | Jan. 08    |
| • Develop land use assumptions in consultation with Langford  | 2008       |
| • Appraisal - partial site - 16 acres   | 2008       |
| - full site - 20 acres  |            |
| • Request amendments to Official Community Plan and<br>Belmont zoning   | 2008       |
| • Commence disposition of part or all of Belmont site after<br>after execution of design/build contract(s) for replacement<br>secondary facilities              | 2009-2010  |
| • Completion of transaction / title<br>after opening of new secondary schools   | Sept. 2011 |

5. Design and Construction of two secondary schools simultaneously: Belmont on Glen Lake; Westshore on Royal Bay
  - completion of design concepts Dec. 08
  - issue Request for Design Build Proposal
  - commence construction - both schools June 09
  - construction completion June 2011
  - opening of new high schools Sept. 2011
  
6. Consolidation of Elementary Schools
  - Initiate discussions for Savory/Sangster Jan. 08
    - safety/better environment/seismic/air quality/ergonomics
    - operating savings (\$700,000)
    - capital investment to partially fund business plan (\$5.4 m)
  - Commitment from Board to consolidate Mar. 08
  - School closure process Spring 2008  
(This is necessary because the Board needs certainty that the proceeds will be available to fund the Belmont secondary school replacement.)
  - Appraisals of properties/Board motion to dispose 2008
  - Catchment area discussions with parents of Belmont Zone June 2010
  - Official closure of Sangster and Savory June 2011  
- subject to official opening of secondary schools (Belmont and West Shore) and grade change conversion
  - Grade configuration implementation (K-5, 6-8, 9-12) Sept. 2011

## **MILNES LANDING ZONE**

1. Initiate public consultation on closure of Sooke Elementary/  
Motion to Close Jan. 08
  - review building status
  - School closure process Spring 2008
  - student demographics - move to John Muir/  
Saseenos/Poirier Sept. 08
  - motion to dispose of asset/rezone June 08
  
2. Seek Ministry approval on Business Plan to build at Sunriver Sept. 08  
(Sooke River Elementary) with funds from Sooke and Saseenos sites

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| 3. Motion to close Saseenos Elementary subject to new Sooke River elementary school Ministry funding approval | Jan. 08/Jan. 09 |
| 4. School closure process (Saseenos)  | Spring 2008     |
| 5. Sooke River Elementary design, bid, build  |                 |
| Design  |                 |
| Construction  |                 |
| Completion  | June 2012       |

Summary:

**Completion of this School District Learning Spaces plan will result in:**

- Provision of two secondary schools (Grades 9 - 12) to replace the existing physically deficient and overly large Belmont Secondary.
- A consistent grade configuration across the District (K - 5; 6 - 8; 9 - 12).
- Close to full utilization of schools in both zones.
- Most schools being within or close to the optimal capacity ranges (250 - 350 elementary; 450 - 600 middle; 900 - 1200 secondary).
- Safer and significantly improved overall quality of the space provided (including upgrading to current seismic, air quality and accessibility standards).

Motions for Action:

**Motions for consideration at November 27, 2007, Public Board of Education Meeting:**

1. Adopt, in principle, the Learning Spaces Action Plan for School District No. 62 (Sooke)
2. Notify the communities of Glen Lake and Sooke Elementary Schools of notice of motion for closure of schools in July, 2008, with a process beginning in January, 2008.
3. Notify the communities of Sangster and Savory Elementary Schools of notice of motion for closure of schools in July, 2011, subject to the completion of one new high school, with a process beginning in January, 2008.
4. Notify community of Saseenos Elementary School of notice of motion for closure of the school in July, 2012, subject to the completion of the new Sooke River Elementary School in Sunriver Estates, with a process beginning in January, 2008.