

District Receives Ministry Funding for Frank J. Ney Expansion Project

Wednesday, January 25, 2017

On Tuesday, January 24, 2017, the Ministry of Education announced funding in the amount of \$1.3M for the construction of an addition to Frank J. Ney Elementary. The remaining funds to complete the project will be provided by the district.

In December 2015, the Board of Education approved the closure of Rutherford Elementary on June 30, 2017, or later, dependent on a number of factors.

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The district has undertaken an extensive review of the seismic work required at Rutherford Elementary as well as a review of the major capital investments needed for upgrades or replacements. The findings indicate considerable long-term savings with the construction of an addition at Frank J. Ney Elementary.

In the coming weeks, the district will make sure families at Rutherford, Frank J. Ney, Randerson Ridge and McGirr elementary schools are fully informed on the next steps in this process.

A School Consolidation Working Group (SCWG) will be created in order to address:

- Student and family transition
- School facilities requirements
- Student safety
- Closing school history and artifacts
- School financial related matters (i.e. PAC funds)
- Student support services
- Library resources, and staffing implications

The SCWG will include district senior staff, a Trustee, school principals, PAC Chairs, union representatives, and local community members.

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