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School District No. 23  
(Central Okanagan)

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

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### **Construction of Mission Elementary School to Proceed with \$13.6 Million Funding**

Kelowna, BC: The Central Okanagan Board of Education is very pleased with the announcement today by the Province to provide funding for a new elementary school in the Mission hills area of Kelowna. This region has experienced significant growth in recent years leading to crowding at existing schools. The new \$13.6-million school will be situated at the corner of Lark Street and Chute Lake Road.

"This has been at the top of the list for capital construction for several years" says Board Chairperson, Moyra Baxter. "The Board thanks the government for recognizing the School District's needs when prioritizing requests for capital funding. The Board would also like to acknowledge the hard work of senior staff in obtaining approval for the new school."

"School District staff will immediately begin detailed design and planning," says School District Secretary-Treasurer, Larry Paul. "We are looking forward to moving a significant number of students to a school in the neighbourhood. We are hopeful that this school will not only address crowding, but also traffic congestion at other facilities."

The new school will be designed to accommodate 80 kindergarten and 350 elementary students, and will alleviate the crowding at schools, in particular, Anne McClymont Elementary. The school will contain ground source heat and cooling, and potentially other green technologies.

The School District plans to award the construction contract in early 2008. "It is our hope that students will be at their desks in the new school in September 2009," said Baxter.

The Central Okanagan Board of Education has committed to providing \$4.4 million towards the construction of the school, and will be disposing of surplus property in order to fulfill that commitment.

The architects for the new school are KMBR of Vancouver, along with local architect Nick Bavanda.

The Board will undertake a community consultation process when naming the new school.

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