

**CENTRAL OKANAGAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS PLANNING AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE
RECEIVES DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN**

May 6, 2021

KELOWNA, BC – At the May 5, 2021 Planning and Facilities Committee Meeting, the Committee received the draft [Long Term Facilities Plan](#) (LTFP) from the Long Term Facilities Planning Working Committee.

The draft LTFP was developed from a community consultation that included three surveys and three public townhalls. Among the three surveys, 2,043 participants provided 1,662 comments and 41,737 ratings of those comments.

The draft LTFP, as presented, provides a detailed analysis of the School District's present situation, forecasted growth, current and projected facility constraints, and a comprehensive action plan to address those constraints. The first two processes being proposed in the draft LTFP, starting Fall 2021, are:

- A complete catchment review of the Westside Family of Schools and;
- An elementary catchment review of the Okanagan Mission Family of Schools with consideration to reopen Bellevue Creek Elementary School.

Families, community members, and staff are invited to provide their feedback on the draft plan in [Survey IV](#). The survey is now open and will close on May 19, 2021. The results of the survey and the final proposed plan will be presented to the Planning and Facilities Committee on June 2 for recommendation to the Board of Education later in June.

"As British Columbia's fastest growing School District, Central Okanagan Public Schools will be faced with decisions to navigate facilities challenges while it awaits government funding for its capital priorities and to make adjustments when the new schools are built," says Ryan Stierman, Secretary-Treasurer/CFO. "The draft Long Term Facilities Plan sets forward a proactive, actionable plan with a commitment to engage with our communities."

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