# Vancouver Public

# Schools



**BOND PROGRAM REVIEW** 

#### **Community Forums**

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### **School Board Deliberation**

- Superintendent's recommendation defer 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue Elementary
- Defer other projects, including VITA Elementary
- Issue non-voted debt to address funding shortfall

# Force Field Analysis Review Pros & Cons

### Superintendent's Recommendation

(Presented to School Board on November 12, 2019)

That the Board of Directors approves Bond Resolution No.849 to remove the new 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue elementary school from the project list and utilize those budget resources to offset market escalation and fund additional improvements at the remaining project sites

### Recommendation Rationale

• The 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue school is not needed based on projected enrollment. Following the completion of the other elementary projects, there will be approximately 37 available classrooms

#### Elementary Schools Enrollment and Capacity Forecast

	2018 Oct 1 Enrollment	2025 Projections	New Construction Capacity
Enrollment	10386	10250	11009
Classrooms Used 20.5:1	507	500	537
Classrooms Over (+)/Under(-)			37

Does not include 25th Ave

### Recommendation Rationale

 Existing schools surrounding the 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue site (Anderson, Eisenhower, Hazel Dell, Minnehaha, Walnut Grove) are projected to be over capacity by 2 classrooms in 2025

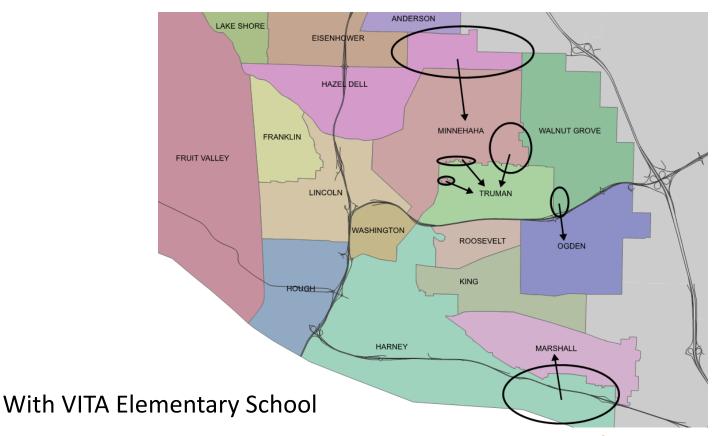
#### Elementary Schools Enrollment and Capacity Forecast

	2018 Oct 1 Enrollment	2025 Projections	2025 Capacity
Enrollment	2980	2898	2853
Classrooms Used 20.5:1	145	141	139
Classrooms Over (+)/Under(-)			-2

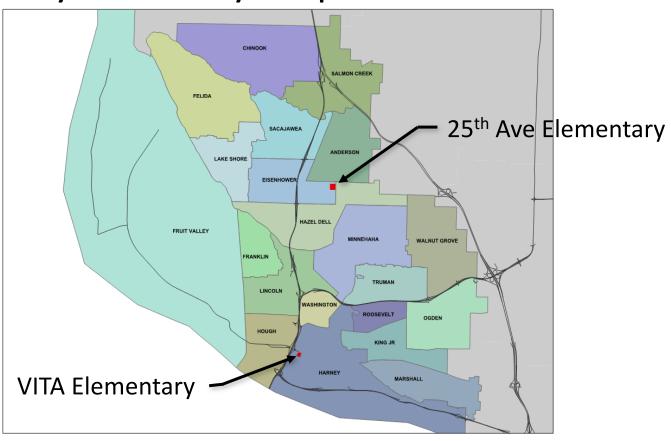
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<sup>\*</sup> includes Anderson, Eisenhower, Hazel Dell, Minnehaha, Walnut Grove

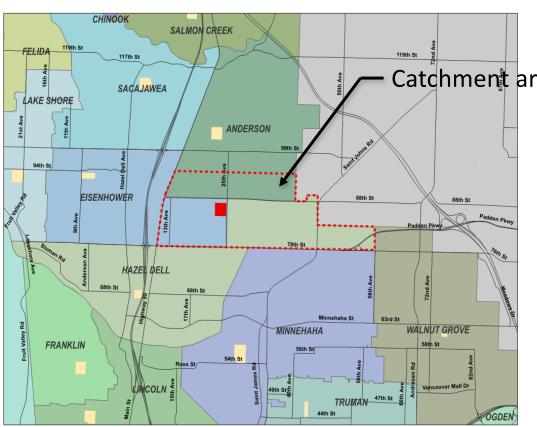
### Possible Elementary Study Areas – Balance Enrollment



### Elementary Boundary Map – New School Sites



### Possible Elementary Boundary Map – 25<sup>th</sup> Ave. Elementary



Catchment area – Capacity 410 Students

#### **Impact:**

Anderson: 6 surplus classrooms (2014/15 constructed 6 classrooms, 2 co-op spaces and new restrooms. Impact fees and non-bond capital funds \$2.1M)

Eisenhower: 5 surplus classrooms (2 classroom addition currently underway. \$1.7M)

### Recommendation Rationale

 The new 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue school will incur \$1.1 million in annual general fund operational expenses at a time when the district's operational budget is faced with significant funding challenges

#### Operational Costs (on-going)

Staffing (non teaching)

Maintenance

Utilities

Insurance

**Food Service** 

Transportation

Total/year

Capital Cost (one-time)

Design, Const., Furniture/equip, Buses

\$ 945,250.00

\$ 64,500.00

\$ 50,000.00

\$ 42,500.00

\$ 125,000.00

\$(117,000.00)

\$ 1,110,250.00

\$42,400,000.00

### Recommendation Rationale

- Construction costs associated with the larger projects have experienced the impacts of unprecedented construction market cost escalation. Increased costs to date account for approximately \$17,000,000 (approx. \$251 million in projects)
- it is estimated that for the remaining large projects to be bid, an additional
  \$4 million may be required to address construction escalation costs
- Proceeding with the construction of the school will require removing other projects from the bond program; e.g., Kiggins Bowl, JPCC HVAC upgrades,
   Propstra Aquatic Center upgrades, and Transportation facility upgrades

### **Recommendation Summary**

- Enrollment data does not support the need for a new elementary school at 25<sup>th</sup> Ave. in the near term
- Annual operational costs for a new elementary school will be a challenge given current budget conditions
- Unprecedented construction cost escalation continues to be a factor to complete all anticipated projects

### Next Step

 The School Board act on amending the list of capital improvements by formal Resolution following additional community input (Feb/March 2020)

**Questions - Comments** 

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