



NEWS RELEASE

Lake Trail Seismic Upgrade Design Ready for Public Viewing

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COMOX VALLEY, B.C. – Comox Valley Schools invites the parent community, the media and the general public to an important information session to reveal the architectural designs for a new Lake Trail Middle School on Thursday 4 October at 5:30 p.m. in the school library.

The Ministry of Education announced in May funding of up to \$26.2 million toward a seismic upgrade and modernization of Lake Trail as part of the government's commitment to ensure students have safer learning environments.

The school district has worked steadily with [Iredale Architects](#) and a school design committee represented by the educational staff and the parent community to prepare final design concepts that meet ministry standards for education and physical considerations of the school property.

The new school design is intended to support contemporary learning needs and based on research and recognized best practices to support [21st-century learning](#). Unique elements incorporated in the design include flexible spaces, structures to support collaborative and individual learning, increased opportunities for movement, spaces designed to foster inspiration and creativity, and opportunities to integrate technology, natural light and bright colours.

The district will be seeking broader feedback during the information session to ensure that all considerations are captured in the final designs before the Board of Education moves forward with sourcing a contract to begin construction.

Iredale has extensive expertise in building envelope science, interior design and space planning particularly with educational facilities including the recent G.P. Vanier seismic upgrade design. Other school projects include [North Saanich Middle School](#), [Outma Sqilx'w Cultural School](#), and [Sexsmith Elementary School](#).

The replacement of Lake Trail Middle school involves a complete rebuild excluding the gymnasium and is expected to start in March 2019 with a completion date targeted for summer 2021.

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For more information regarding 21st-Century learning in school design, visit
<http://www.21stcenturyschools.com/learning-spaces.html> and
<https://vimeo.com/241957703>

To view examples of how innovative school design is transforming learning visit,
<https://www.edutopia.org/video/building-21st-century-learning-space> and
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9D-euQ-sC8&feature=youtu.be>

NOTE TO EDITORS: Media wishing to attend are to RSVP with Mary Lee, Manager of Communications Comox Valley Schools, via email at mary.lee@sd71.bc.ca or 250-334-5500.