**Subject: Important Update on Diefenbaker Elementary**

Dear Diefenbaker Families,

As many of you may have heard, the Ministry of Education and Child Care made an announcement over the summer that Diefenbaker Elementary will be replaced with a new, seismically safer school: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2024ECC0088-001217>. The new school will be designed to meet the latest seismic safety standards with a focus on sustainability.

As we move forward, the district will be following [Policy 701.2-R](https://sd38.bc.ca/sites/default/files/2024-07/Policy%20701.2-R%20Capital%20Project%20Design%20Review%20Process%2013Mar2024.pdf), which guides the process for capital project design and development. A Project Design Advisory Committee will be formed, involving representatives from the Richmond Teachers Association, Diefenbaker Parent Advisory Council, and other key stakeholders. We understand the importance of your voice in this process, and the Parent Advisory Council representative will be responsible for gathering your input and ensuring that your perspectives are actively communicated and considered throughout the project. I want you to know that your input is valued and will help shape a school environment that reflects the needs and aspirations of our entire community.

This is an exciting time for our school community. We are committed to working together to create a secure, sustainable, and inspiring place for our students to learn and grow. I am confident that the future of Diefenbaker Elementary is bright, and I look forward to the journey ahead.

As I receive updates from the district, I will share more detailed information about the Project Design Advisory Committee, including the project timeline. Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to our school community.

Warm regards,

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