

February 25, 2025

**Subject:** Upcoming Construction at Diefenbaker Elementary

Dear Neighbour,

The Richmond School District would like to inform you of upcoming construction at Diefenbaker Elementary, scheduled to begin in March 2025.

In summer 2024, the Ministry of Education and Child Care announced funding to replace Diefenbaker Elementary with a seismically safer and modern school facility. The new school will also feature a Neighbourhood Learning Centre, which will provide additional community services, including child care.

As part of the Province's Clean BC emissions-reduction goals, the school is designed to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions—by more than 75% compared to a LEED Gold standard building—supporting a more sustainable future.

### **Construction Timeline and What to Expect**

March 2025: Initial ground treatment work, including densification and preloading.

Early 2026: Start of building construction.

Summer 2028: Expected project completion.

Throughout the project, the safety of the neighbourhood will remain a priority. The district will work closely with the construction team to minimize disruptions and ensure compliance with all safety and environmental regulations.

We appreciate your patience and support as we undertake this important project to enhance learning spaces for students and provide valuable services to the community.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

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