

#build2learn

Public Engagement Begins

The Board is engaging parents to ask how we can use VSB buildings across the city for the learning of students today and in the future. Our priorities are to create modern learning spaces and ensure all our students are in seismically safe schools.

If we plan and act now, the ongoing seismic program provides us with an opportunity to continue to build modern classrooms that meet the needs of school communities and Vancouverites now and in the years to come. Right now, half of our buildings are older than 70 years. The Province is providing money to upgrade or build seismically safe schools for every student in Vancouver and across BC.

While we will continue to advocate for more provincial funding and the Province will cover seismic safety, this may not cover all the costs associated with building the modern learning spaces we'd like to create at VSB. If we combine VSB money with the provincial funds, this could allow us to build more modern classrooms for the future. To do so, we'll have to raise money.

We'd like to understand your thoughts about envisioning modern classrooms and community spaces, and how we can raise money to build them.

VSB will host two phases of engagement – one online and one through in-person events. Our online engagement is open between February 19, 2020, and March 11, 2020. Please go to <https://build2learn.ethelo.net/> to provide your feedback.

This is part of the engagement process that we started in fall 2019. Through this process, we will develop recommendations for how we can use our buildings to serve the learning needs of students today and in the future within seismically safe schools. We will report back on what we've heard throughout the process by the end of June 2020.