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Parents,

The Greater Victoria School District is planning for seismic upgrades to Vic High School. Opened in 1914, the high school has a H-1 seismic ranking, the highest level of priority need.

The Ministry of Education has supported the seismic upgrades and the school district must submit seismic options to the Ministry for final funding approval. The school district is seeking community input to inform decision-making by the Board of Education.

Vic High has been an important institution in our community for over 100 years and it is essential that we hear from our community before we make decisions about how best to support student learning for the next 100.

There are a number of considerations when planning for upgrades to a high school including capacity and utilization. Vic High is currently at capacity with 850 students. Other considerations include operating and capital costs, heritage, environment, community values, and community amenities.

A range of options exist, including a full seismic upgrade and modernizing electrical and mechanical systems, building a new high school, or retaining the exterior facade and rebuilding interior. For more information: <https://www.sd61.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/91/2018/03/Vic-High-Background.pdf>

Two open houses will be held in April to provide an opportunity for the community to learn more about the options and provide input about what's important to them when planning for the future. Further consultation with community stakeholders and an online survey will also occur in April. All input will be presented to the Board of Education prior to their considering any options. For more information, visit: [www.sd61.bc.ca](http://www.sd61.bc.ca)

## **VIC HIGH OPEN HOUSES:**

Saturday, April 7, 2018  
9 a.m. – 12 noon  
Vic High gymnasium

Wednesday, April 18, 2018  
5 p.m. – 7 p.m.  
Vic High gymnasium

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edith Loring-Kuhanga".

Edith Loring-Kuhanga  
Chair, Board of Education