

**Ridgeway Annex**  
**Community Consultation Meeting**  
**Questions and Answers from March 25, 2009**

**Question:** If the Annex stays open, then Ridgeway is built for 350 students (Grades 1 to 7, with 3 Kindergarten classes), if it closes, then the Ministry will kick in \$750,000 for building additional space.

**Answer:** Yes, the Ministry has indicated support for an increase in enrolment to 425 (Grades 1 to 7), along with the 3 Kindergarten classrooms, with an increase in the budget by \$750,000. This would provide for 3 additional regular classrooms and additional special education space.

**Q:** Is the additional \$750,000 from the Ministry of Education based on the closure of the Annex by the Board of Education?

**A:** Yes, it is.

**Q:** Is the main Ridgeway School just Grade 3 to Grade 7?

**A:** No, the main Ridgeway School is for Kindergarten through Grade 7.

**Q:** Are the Kindergarten classes full at Ridgeway, or at the Annex.

**A:** The current enrolment has a full class at Ridgeway, while there is space in the current K classes at the Annex. Registration for next year is in process and there is currently space available at both schools for Kindergarten.

**Q:** If enrolment drops, is there a chance that the school would close before 2011?

**A:** No, the school will operate in support of the Ridgeway construction project. In order to close a school, the Board would need to 're-activate' the Policy 610 process to initiate an earlier date.

**Q:** If the school does close and the construction project at the main school is not complete, would the timing of the closure change?

**A:** Yes, the closure would be at June 2011, or upon the completion of Ridgeway.

**Q:** Would the three additional classes be within the existing structure or portables?

**A:** The additional classrooms would be within the newly constructed heritage building.

**Q:** What are the plans for before and after school care? What will happen to the Ridgeway Kids Club as it impacts Ridgeway Annex students?

**A:** The “Green Building” on the grounds of Ridgeway will continue to operate throughout the period of construction. There will also be one dedicated room at the Cloverley site, where the Ridgeway students will be located for the two years of construction.

**Q:** How will safety concerns be addressed at the Ridgeway school site during construction?

**A:** The construction area will be fenced off to keep good separation between the construction zone and other areas. The majority of the work will be taking place to the east, towards the gravel field.

**Q:** What are some of the benefits of a larger school capacity?

**A:** The larger school will have a library, multi-purpose room and a larger gymnasium compared to the current Ridgeway School. The standard size gym is of the size of equal to the gym size of Westview, Lynn Valley and Dorothy Lynas.

**Q:** Were the Annex to be closed, would the community have access to the playground?

**A:** The grounds would be kept available to community through any leases that may be arranged.

**Q:** Will the fields at Ridgeway be available to use during construction? Will the fields remain as gravel fields? Will the tennis courts remain?

**A:** The gravel field to the east of Ridgeway will likely not be available for use during construction, as this will be the staging area for the contractor. The smaller gravel field to the west will remain available for use, as will the tennis courts. The gravel files will be remaining as gravel fields after the completion of the construction project.

**Q:** When is construction scheduled to begin?

**A:** Construction is scheduled to begin at the end of the summer.

**Q:** If parents decide at this point to change location for their Kindergarten registration, is it possible to make a change?

**A:** Changes in registration for next year’s Kindergarten classes at Ridgeway and Ridgeway Annex are possible through contact with our Central Registration office.

**Q:** Is there a deadline for the Input Forms?

**A:** Input Forms should be submitted to the school office by Monday, March 30, 2009

*The presentation materials from the Community Consultation Meeting  
will be posted to the School District’s website on April 9th*