

RE-ENVISIONING THE SLOCAN VALLEY BEGINNING WITH THE EARLY YEARS

A new solution – A better start

► Expanded Services

School District 8 is committed to providing the very best learning opportunities for the children in our district. We know that early learning provides the foundational skills and understandings on which future knowledge is built.

Through a new provincial initiative Creating New Childcare Spaces in BC (Childcare BC Capital Funding Program; SD 8, and the community), an expansion of services on the Winlaw Elementary School property will more effectively meet the community's needs and address future capacity concerns.

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► A New Facility

A new child care, Kindergarten and support services facility to be co-located at on Winlaw Elementary school grounds will provide:

- Before and after school Kindergarten care for Winlaw families
- Early Childhood Educator (ECE) certified in-class support for Kindergarten and pre-school learners
- Space to provide a combination of learning support services (eg. Speech language, OT, inclusion support, etc)
- Quality programs to support growth & development of the whole child
- Increased accessibility for all families
- Well-supported, seamless transitions to classroom learning environments



► Early Years Programs

By offering high quality Kindergarten and early learning opportunities that support the cognitive, physical, emotional and social development of our children, we are confident that a Slokan Valley Student Services Centre can help children develop the foundational skills they need to be successful when they transition to the school.

A collaborative program approach:

- Consistent team of educators
- Reduces transitions and travel for children and families
- Sharing physical space and resources to create optimal environment to provide learning support services.

► Addressing Future Needs

In addition, a new Slokan Valley Student Services Centre will ease projected student population growth concerns in the existing school facility. The District will continue to address maintenance and facility improvements.

QUESTIONS?

Contact the SD8 Board Office:

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Thank you to all parents, guardians and stakeholders who have supported this planning process.

