

OAKLANDS SCHOOL

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Dear Oaklands Families,

We would like to share an update on the work that will be happening with the 1913 building.

In spring of 2023, it was determined that the south and west facades of the 1913 building require structural upgrading, due to corrosion of reinforced concrete mullions and window headers. For this reason, there is temporary shoring installed inside the affected classrooms to ensure the building is safe for continued use.

We have received funding from the ministry and will be moving ahead with renovations of the 1913 building. In addition to the structural work, we will use this opportunity to upgrade the HVAC in all affected classrooms, replacing the existing radiant heating panels with new, energy-efficient unit ventilators.



 =Area of delaminated/damaged concrete on the Oaklands 1913 Building

Work is anticipated to begin in early 2025 and be complete by the end of summer 2026. The safety of students and staff is of utmost importance during this process, and school district staff will work with the selected contractor to ensure the highest level of safety protections and procedures are implemented when the renovations start.

Once the renovations begin, we will be relocating 9 divisions (Divisions 1-9) 2.7 km to the [Uplands School](#) campus for the school day. This includes all our grades 4 and 5 students (Divisions 1-6), as well as the grade 3 students (Divisions 7, 8, and 9) in the 1913 building. The remaining 13 divisions (Divisions 10-22) will remain at the Oaklands campus. This includes all our Kindergarten students.

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A bussing transportation plan will be organized and communicated to families. Oaklands School will remain the drop-off and pick-up location for students so that there is no disruption to out-of-school care and activities.

We will continue to update families regularly over the coming months leading up to the start of this project.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to oaklands@sd61.bc.ca.

Sincerely,

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