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## School District No. 20 (Kootenay-Columbia)

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### Update on facilities planning

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Hopefully you have been able to read the important information the Board released on December 3<sup>rd</sup> as we move forward with our facilities planning ([www.sd20.bc.ca/facilities](http://www.sd20.bc.ca/facilities)). I am writing today to provide you an update on the process and help clarify some questions that are being asked.

Individuals and groups can make written or emailed submissions for the Board's consideration. Written and emailed submissions must be received by Friday, January 4, 2013 and should be sent to: Facilities Consultation, School District No. 20, 120-1290 Esplanade, Trail, BC V1R 4T2 or [facilitiesconsult@sd20.bc.ca](mailto:facilitiesconsult@sd20.bc.ca). All submissions will be provided to all trustees and posted on our public website. A thematic summary of the submissions will be highlighted at the public forum. We will attempt to post answers to as many questions posed in these submissions on our website.

The format for the public forums has been finalized. The intent of the forums is for the public to be able to discuss the various potential school closures/reconfigurations and for trustees to listen to the conversations and gather information. Some tables will be selected to report out on their conversation and then others can add points not already shared. All ideas gathered from the tables will be collated and shared with the Board after the forum. After the table conversations then the Board will have a 45 minute session to hear individual comments. Where we can respond to specific questions we will and when that is not practical then we will respond to those questions through our district website. The forums will not be the venue for presentations to the Board. A reminder that the forums are scheduled for Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at 6:30 pm at the Rossland Secondary School gym to discuss potential closures or reconfigurations in the Rossland and greater Trail area and Thursday, January 17, 2013 at 6:30 pm at the Twin Rivers Elementary School gym to discuss potential closures or reconfiguration in the Castlegar area.

In an effort to gain additional information and hear from school parent advisory committees (PACs), the Board has added meetings for potentially affected PACs to make presentations. These 'invitation only' meetings will provide up to 4 members selected by each PAC the opportunity to present to the Board. Invitations have gone out to PAC presidents in potentially affected schools. These meetings will be held after the public forums but before the first reading of any potential closure bylaws.

Lastly, the Board has slightly revised the schedule of readings for any potential closure bylaws. First reading remains on Monday, February 4, 2013 in the gym at Trail Middle School (TMS) as part of a Board meeting starting at 7:00 pm. Second reading (where the Trustees debate the issue) of any bylaw that passed first reading and would affect schools in the south end of the district will be held in the Rossland Secondary School gym on Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at 6:30 pm. Second reading of any bylaw that passed first reading and would affect schools in the north end of the district will be held in the Twin Rivers Elementary School gym on Wednesday, February 13, 2013 at 6:30 pm. Third reading of any closure bylaws passing first and second reading will be held at Trail Middle School gym on Monday, February 25, 2013 as part of a Board meeting starting at 7:00 pm.

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Updated timeline:

Date	Time/Location	Description
Monday December 3, 2012		Board released background information to public regarding potential school closures/reconfigurations
Monday December 17, 2012		Update release related to facilities planning (this document)
Friday January 4, 2013		Deadline for written/emailed submissions
Tuesday January 15, 2013	6:30 pm Rossland Secondary School gym	Public forum to discuss potential closures/reconfigurations in Rossland and greater Trail area schools
Thursday January 17, 2013	6:30 pm Twin Rivers Elementary School gym	Public forum to discuss potential closures/reconfigurations in Castlegar area schools
Tuesday January 22, 2013	6:30 pm Rossland Secondary School library	Invitation only PAC delegation presentations to the Board for RSS, MacLean, JLC PACs
Wednesday January 23, 2013	6:30 pm Twin Rivers Elementary School library	Invitation only PAC delegation presentations to the Board for CP, TR, KE and RCS PACs
Monday February 4, 2013	7:00 pm Trail Middle School gym	Board meeting that is scheduled to include first reading of bylaws related to school closures/reconfigurations
Tuesday February 12, 2013	6:30 pm Rossland Secondary School gym	Special Board meeting that is scheduled to include any second reading of bylaws related to school closures/reconfigurations that affect schools in Rossland or greater Trail area
Wednesday February 13, 2013	6:30 pm Twin Rivers Elementary School gym	Special Board meeting that is scheduled to include any second reading of bylaws related to school closures/reconfigurations that affect schools in Castlegar area
Monday February 25, 2013	7:00 pm Trail Middle School gym	Board meeting that is scheduled to include any third reading of bylaws related to school closures/reconfigurations

Sincerely,



Darrel Ganzert  
Board of Education Chairperson