

LORD TENNYSON SEISMIC REPLACEMENT PROJECT

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Lord Tennyson Elementary will be replaced so students can learn in a seismically safe school.

Education Minister Mike Bernier announced the provincial government has signed a project agreement to fund the \$24.5 million replacement of the 106-year-old school on the same site.

VSB official trustee Dianne Turner, who joined the minister for the announcement on Thursday, Oct. 27, said: “It’s crucial that we get students in seismically safe schools as soon as possible, so I’m pleased to see funding approved to build a new school for Tennyson students and staff.

“District staff have been working diligently to move schools forward in the Seismic Mitigation Program so we can have many more announcements like this one.”

Work on the new Tennyson is expected to start in spring 2018 and be completed by summer 2020. The new school will be built beside the existing school, which will be demolished once the replacement is ready.

The new Tennyson will include a Neighbourhood Learning Centre and feature the modern, open learning spaces that support the new B.C. curriculum. In addition to meeting the province's latest seismic safety standards, the school will be built to the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design gold standard.

