

# John G. Diefenbaker Elementary Seismic Replacement Project



## Background

In October 2024, the Richmond School District received project approval from the provincial government for the replacement of Diefenbaker Elementary School, originally constructed in 1980. The project involves constructing a new, two-storey, 3,345 m<sup>2</sup> facility that will maintain the current student capacity. The new school will include a Neighbourhood Learning Centre and will be built to LEED v4 Gold certification standards, reflecting a strong commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship.

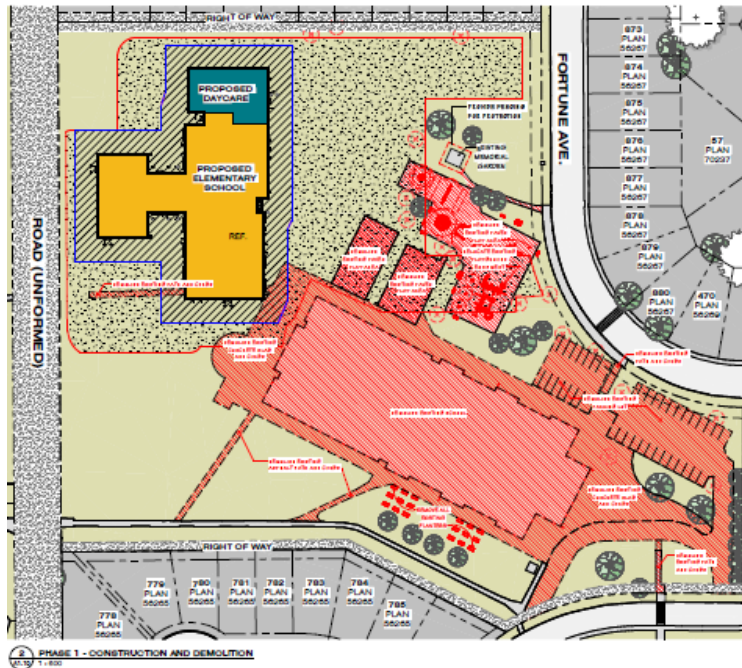
The existing Diefenbaker Elementary will remain fully operational throughout the construction phase. The new building will be situated to the northwest of the current facility. Upon completion, the original building will be decommissioned and demolished, making way for new outdoor amenities, including a sports field and updated playgrounds.

As part of the site redevelopment, school access will be relocated from Hermitage Drive to Fortune Avenue to support improved traffic flow and safety.

## What's Happening – July 2025 Update

Building Permit application has gone to the City of Richmond for review. Preload phase has commenced with site preparation and the building of a temporary access road for construction.

## Phase 1: Construction and Demolition



## Phase 2: Project Completion

