



# GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS SECONDARY SCHOOL



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Dear students and parents,

## **Welcome to Grandview Heights Secondary.**

My name is Darren Bedard and I am proud and honoured to be your new Principal. I hope that you are settling into this school year that is no doubt very different from what we have experienced in the past. I am excited and pleased to share our first Grandview Heights' Newsletter with you. Although our school is scheduled to open in just under a year (September 2021), these Newsletters will be an important means of communication with you as we build and shape our school culture together. These Newsletters will also be posted on our school website and shared through Twitter and Instagram.

You can reach us by phone at **604-542-3320** or by email at [grandview@surreyschools.ca](mailto:grandview@surreyschools.ca) if you have further questions or inquiries.

We invite you to regularly check back for the latest news in regards to the school's ongoing construction and developments.



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## **State of the Art School, Facility and Learning Environment**

Grandview Heights Secondary is located at 16987 25 Avenue and at this time is about 65% built. Anyone who has walked or driven by the site will surely be impressed by its magnificent design and layout. The school is designed around what we know about student learning and has incorporated innovative learning spaces, break-out and collaboration rooms, where students can utilize modern, flexible and inclusive environments for personalized and inquiry-based learning. Among many other unique features, the school encompasses a state-of-the-art theater, visual and performing art and dance studios, advanced applied design and technology spaces that will focus on robotics, engineering, electronics, and wood and metal design. Grandview Heights will also have a large and small gymnasium, weight room, fitness room and a full-size outdoor playing field and separate practice field, all surrounded by beautiful grounds. Our gorgeous Atrium will house our learning commons and includes open and flexible space on the third floor for students to utilize.

### **Renderings**



Grandview Heights Secondary is a part of the larger surrounding community that is rich in culture and diversity. We are very excited to welcome our new students and families as of September 2021 from Morgan Elementary, Pacific Heights, Rosemary Heights, Sunnyside, Edgewood Drive, Earl Marriot, Semiahmoo, and Elgin Park.

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## The Beginning of a Legacy.

I know that change is not always easy for some and that Grandview students will be coming from several schools. These are places that they have called home for many years - places that are familiar and full of friends. Leaving what's familiar to us is not an easy thing to do! However, I hope you will work with me to communicate to your child that the upcoming move will be a great opportunity and a memorable journey. Very few students, parents, teachers and administrators get the chance to create a school community from the ground up and to work and learn in a beautiful, new and innovative environment.



Have a peek at this amazing fly through of our new school:

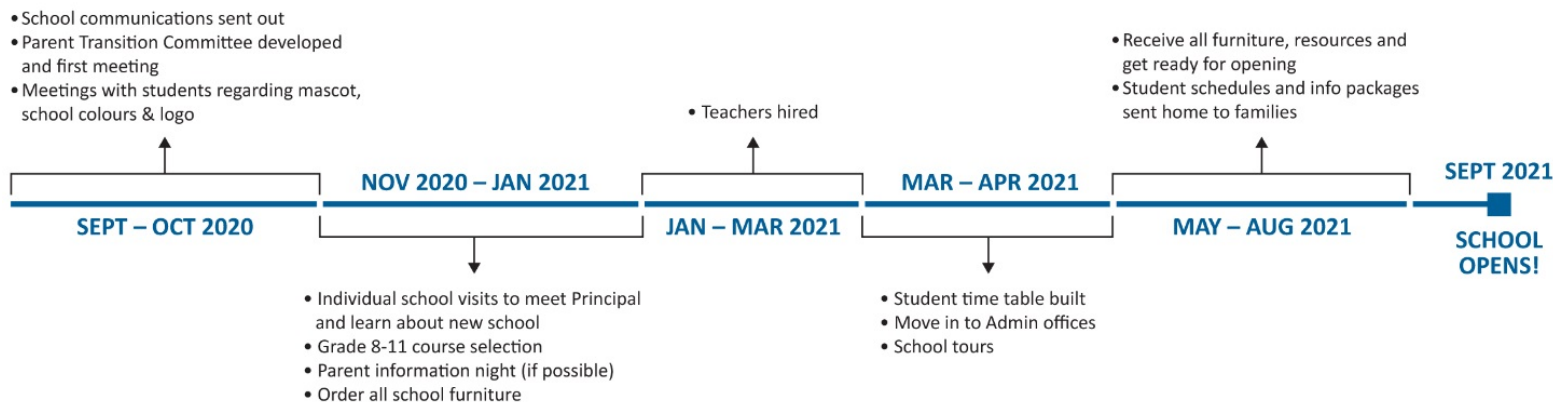
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JQQIppUwN2Q&feature=youtu.be>

## Creating a New School Culture and Mascot.

A significant aspect of creating a new school culture is the identifying and naming of the school mascot. The naming, selection, and design of our school mascot will be done in consultation with our aboriginal community and with each school community in which our students will be coming from. The consultation process will begin soon and we will unveil the mascot and logo later this Fall.

## Our Timeline to Opening.

This past July we opened up a temporary office for Grandview Heights at Semiahmoo Secondary school. I am excited to have Karen Ponuick joining me in the office as our head clerk for Grandview Heights. Together we are busy planning, preparing and implementing the many details needed for opening up our great school. Here is a rough timeline:



We look forward to our journey together in creating a positive, inclusive, and vibrant school culture that compliments the modern and open design of our great new building. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us if you have questions or inquiries.

Warm regards,



Darren Bedard  
Principal