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## **Vernon School District launches Vision 2022 to develop a new strategic plan**

*Public invited to focus on the future of children's education*

**Vernon, BC** – Today the Vernon School District launches “Vision 2022,” a project to create a forward-looking, five-year Strategic Plan for our district. The new Strategic Plan will set out a clear vision for Vernon’s education system, and will identify actions needed to turn the vision into reality.

“Vision 2022 is an invitation to everyone in our community to take a closer look at the future of children’s education and have their ideas reflected in the plan,” said Joe Rogers, Superintendent of the Vernon School District. “Together, we will create a vision that develops goals and tangible actions.”

Vision 2022 will involve extensive research, public engagement, and a Stakeholder Advisory Team to ensure that the plan supports the School District’s purpose to provide excellent educational services to its over 8,000 students.

From October to November 2016, there will be multiple opportunities for the public to share ideas on improving Vernon’s school system, including focus groups, an online questionnaire ([LINK](#)) running from now until November 17th, and community meetings in Lumby, Vernon, and the Aboriginal communities.

“We recognize that children’s education plays a significant role in the overall well-being of our community and that’s why we’re asking for input throughout the project,” said Rogers. “We want to engage a broad range of stakeholders including parents, teachers, students, school district staff, Aboriginal communities and community organizations.”

Vision 2022 runs in four phases between August 2016 to February 2017. Phase 1 involved background research and framework development. Phase 2 is on now. Phase 3, running throughout January 2017, will involve using the input from Phase 2 to develop a draft Strategic Plan and gather additional feedback. Phase 4, starting in February 2017, will involve using the feedback on the draft Strategic Plan to refine and approve the plan. An Implementation Plan will also be created to ensure that there are clear, tangible actions to achieve the goals of the Strategic Plan.

More information on Vision 2022 and how to get involved are available at: [www.sd22.bc.ca](http://www.sd22.bc.ca).

[Watch and share the Vision 2022 video:](#)



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