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The Board of Education for School District No. 22 (Vernon) is proud to announce the awarding of the contract to build Vernon Secondary to Yellowridge Construction Ltd. of Port Moody, B.C.

Yellowridge Construction is noted in the province for building many successful school projects. School district officials in locations where Yellowridge has been their general contractor have expressed their gratitude and appreciation for the way Yellowridge undertakes and concludes their projects.

The Vernon Secondary school replacement building is planned for completion and occupancy of students and staff for the start of the 2012-2013 school year. The new school is designed for 950 students as a fully comprehensive secondary school. The new school has been designed to achieve LEED Gold standards such as:

- Geothermal heating and cooling
- Maximization of natural lighting
- Energy efficiency maximization for electrical, natural gas, and water usage
- Maximization of “green” approaches to the construction, products, and operational needs of the school.

In addition the new school is designed to minimize both the long and short term maintenance costs through the use of durable construction materials and easily maintained systems.

This project began in 2003 with a submission for capital funding and a resulting approval in principle from the Minister of Education in June of 2004. Since that time the school district, MQN Architects, and the Ministry of Education have undertaken the due diligence, design, and funding, and planning that allows for the school district to commence the building work.

On behalf of the Board of Education, Chairman Turanski expressed the Board’s appreciation to all of the people involved in bringing the project to this point. “To get this project to its present stage has taken considerable time, effort and expertise by our staff and the consultants involved in this undertaking. The trustees look forward with much anticipation to the next phase and to the eventual completion and occupancy of this state of the art educational facility” stated the board chair.

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