



## **GEORGE PRINGLE SECONDARY PROJECT REACHES NEW MILESTONE**

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Kelowna, BC – Following a competitive procurement process, Central Okanagan Public Schools is excited to announce Clark Builders was awarded the contract to design and build the new George Pringle Secondary School.

"We commend the work of our staff and everyone who worked hard on this process to choose the right builder for this important project," said Kevin Kaardal, Superintendent of Schools/CEO. "We are confident that Clark Builders will deliver a 21<sup>st</sup> century learning space that will serve the West Kelowna community well for many years to come."

The new George Pringle Secondary School will include a neighbourhood learning centre that can offer community programming including childcare, Indigenous and other cultural services, and family resources.

"We express our gratitude for the Ministry of Education and Child Care's practical investment in a design crafted to effectively benefit children and families," said Lee-Ann Tiede, Chairperson for the Board of Education. "We eagerly anticipate ongoing support through sustainable funding for education and childcare in our rapidly expanding community."

The school will be built with greenhouse gas and energy reduction strategies achieved through a sustainable geo-exchange system for heating and cooling. The energy efficient design features heat recovery, building automation, and lighting control. The design also incorporates non-combustible construction materials.

"We are excited and honoured to be selected and join with Central Okanagan Public Schools in the work ahead to deliver a modern and sustainable George Pringle Secondary School with a neighbourhood learning centre that will reflect elements of syilx culture," said Scott Benoit, Director of Project Development for Clark Builders. "As Design-Builders of educational facilities, Clark Builders and studioHuB architects recognize how design can positively impact the social and environmental landscape to improve the wellbeing and learning outcomes of students, staff, and the community."

The George Pringle Secondary School replacement project was announced in 2022. The new school will accommodate 1,200 students and is expected to be ready for the September 2027 school year. The estimated cost of the project is about \$124 million.

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