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**Board Purchases Riverside Site**

MISSION, BC – The Mission School District Board of Trustees announced today that they have purchased the Riverside Trades, Training and Career Centre site, located on the Lougheed Highway in Mission. The site has been leased by the school district since Riverside's inception in 2001; however, for the past year, the Board has been working diligently to secure both a permanent and suitable home for the successful programs offered at the school. Now that the site is owned by the district, a feasibility study can be conducted to investigate options for making the building a more appropriate educational facility. This study is to begin immediately.

The purchase of the Riverside site enables the district to move forward on some of the recommendations of the secondary program review, received by the Board earlier in the year. Specifically, the district will be acting on recommendations related to the relocation and/or consolidation of the continuing and alternate education programs.

Effective for the start of this school year the continuing education program or Adult Learning Centre will be relocated to the Riverside site from its previous location at the School District Administration office. Other recommendations around relocation and consolidation of the alternate education programs will be reviewed and evaluated in the fall.

"The Riverside purchase is an exciting and integral step in the implementation of the recommendations of the secondary program review," said Board Chair Diane Kruger. "We strongly believe that implementing these recommendations will increase opportunities and support for our students, and that's really what we are all about", she said.

The Board of Trustees received and reviewed the Secondary Program Review report in the spring of 2005. A committee, comprised of staff, parents and community members, received input from more than 100 stakeholders on information relevant to the district's secondary schools.

Riverside offers trades training along with regular programming to more than 300 secondary and adult learners.

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