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Board moving ahead with site studies for City Centre Project

The Board of Education is moving forward with site validation studies on two potential locations for a new school to serve the King George, Pleasant Hill, and Princess Alexandra school communities.

The school division consulted with the City of Saskatoon and considered community feedback to identify seven possible sites for the new school: Princess Alexandra School site, Optimist Park, King George School site, 515 Avenue N South (Parcel P), 19th and 20th site, Columbian Place, and 425 Avenue P South. Each site was reviewed using several criteria including site size, provincial and municipal regulations, land acquisition, health and safety, and location.

At its planning and development committee meeting this week, the Board of Education received the preliminary review of the seven sites and requested comprehensive site validation studies on two locations: Princess Alexandra School site and Optimist Park.

As part of the site validation studies, test fits will be created to show what a school could potentially look like on each site, including possibilities for outdoor learning spaces, playgrounds, traffic, parking, and more. The test fits and additional information will be shared publicly in mid-April and public engagement will be conducted with school families, staff, Elders, community partners, and neighbourhood residents.

All feedback gathered through the public engagement process will be included in the site validation studies, which will be presented to the Board of Education later this spring. The board is expected to decide on a location for the new school by the end of the school year.

The provincial government has committed \$29 million to build the new school. Funds for renovating an existing school, purchasing land for a new school or environmental clean-up were not provided in the budget for the project.

More information about the preliminary review and updates on the City Centre project can be found at www.saskatoonpublicschools.ca/citycentre

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