## Secondary Campus Improvements Underway

- Science Lab Renovations to be followed by Gymnasium Addition
- New Development Plan Addresses
   Costs and Time

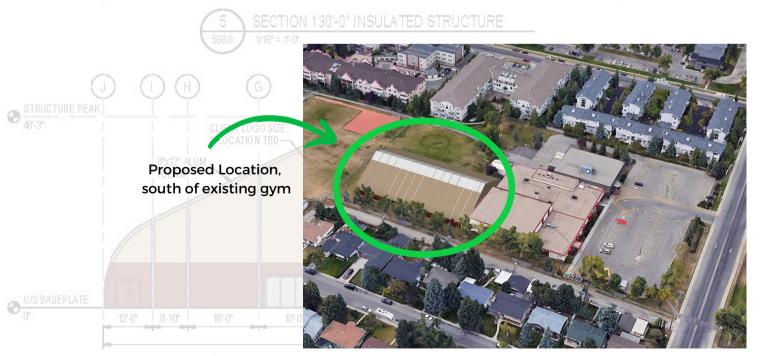
In June, the CSCE Board approved funds for a classroom renovation that will create a new high school chemistry and physics lab. The lab project includes the addition of sinks, faucets and counters, storage cabinets, new flooring, acoustic ceiling tiles, LED lighting, enclosed prep room, fume hoods, portable tables and stools.

The classroom conversion marks the first of several major improvements to the secondary campus facilities. It is part of a revised development strategy to address urgent and long-standing needs of the secondary school.

"Excellent high school lab facilities and doubling our physical education space are long overdue," says Executive Director Ken DeWyn. "We've now identified solutions that will address these needs within our financial means and can be completed in less than two years."

The revised Phase One improvement strategy combines a series of renovation projects with new construction to deliver long anticipated and essential learning spaces. This includes converting Room 116 into a flexible science lab, and building a new "Sprung structure" to accommodate the entirety of the physical education program. This newly proposed sports and fitness complex will include two full basketball courts, change and washrooms, weight training and workout areas, observation deck, equipment storage, and offices.

"It's important to understand that these first projects are correcting deficiencies in our facilities," added DeWyn. "Our ability to serve current students well remains compromised without them. Any future hope of growth and vitality hinges on how well we provide facilities and equipment for core learning programs now."



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Beyond the initial additions for science and physical education, the Secondary Campus Design Team is exploring a repurposing of the original secondary gym space. As described during the CSCE's virtual AGM in June, once all phys ed program activities have moved into the new sports and fitness complex, the two storey, "big box", former gym space could be renovated into two storeys of classrooms and common areas. The renovation idea has garnered keen interest because it would allow CCS to add new learning spaces and accommodate student population growth without expanding the current building's footprint.

While the former "Secondary Expansion Plans" had proposed a conventional, "all new construction" approach to address priority needs, the hybrid improvement plan allows CCS students and families to benefit almost immediately from a series of more expedient, cost-conscious projects. It might not look like the former plan, but it contains all the space and essential needs that launched the drive towards facility expansion in the first place.

photo of another project, provided by Sprung Structures

The current project timeline anticipates the science lab will be completed during the first half of the 2021-22 school year. As the lab renovations are underway, architects and engineers will continue finalizing the details of the sports and fitness complex with an eye on initiating construction at the earliest possible date in 2022.

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