



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS | JH SISSONS REBUILD

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1. What are the issues around building a new JH Sissons (JHS) school?

There were diverging opinions on the location of the school on the JHS property, the architecture of the school, and accommodations for students.

Once the final decision has been made on the location of the build, the planning study will commence.

2. What were the results of the geotechnical study?

Due to the height of the water table, ground stability and school footprint required, the most appropriate and stable location is on the existing school site, for both current and future use.

3. Are there any viable options for other locations?

On the JHS property, there were three sites originally proposed by parents. Core samples, height of water table and ground stability were measured during the geotechnical study. The results concluded that, while all sites are viable, the existing school site is the safest and most appropriate location from a cost and longevity perspective.

4. Where will the students go during construction?

The Superintendent of YK1 has developed an accommodation plan for students to move to other YK1 schools across the city for the duration of the construction.

5. How will the quality of their education be maintained?

Students' education will not be compromised; they will be a part of the school community they are moved to.

6. How long will the construction process be?

Construction is planned to begin in August 2020 to be completed in August 2022.

7. How much will the project cost?

This amount will be determined once the Request for Tender phase is complete and a contractor is chosen for the new project.

8. What will the new school look like?

The design of the school will be finalized over the coming months during the planning study process.

9. When can students and families expect to move back to the new JH Sissons?

Construction is planned for completion in August 2022.



10. With the extension on École Allain St-Cyr just completed and JH Sissons being rebuilt, when is the GNWT going to invest in community schools across the territory? The GNWT provides for infrastructure throughout the territory through the capital planning process.

Along with the schools in Yellowknife, there are projects in both the planning and construction phases in Colville Lake, Behchokǫ̀, Sambaa Ke (Trout Lake) and Tuktoyaktuk. Additionally, other schools have renovation projects of various scopes underway.