

Windsor-Essex Catholic District School Board

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Architect Selected

+VG Architects chosen to design new high school

(Windsor, Ontario, Tuesday, January 28, 2020) – A progressive architectural firm with a proven track record of working with partners in the educational sector will design the new secondary school to replace Catholic Central High School.

A motion to hire the firm of +VG Architects (The Ventin Group) of Brantford, Ontario to design the new school to be located on McDougall Avenue was approved by Trustees at a Board meeting tonight.

“We’re very excited that this firm will be leading the project,” said Board Chair Fulvio Valentinis. “They’re a reputable, well-established company that has a long history of taking novel and innovative approaches to the buildings they create. We’re really looking forward to see what they design for our new school. ”

In 2016 the Board received confirmation it would get about \$26M in funding from the Ministry of Education to build a new school to replace Catholic Central High School. It received another \$7M in June of 2019 to acquire an 11-acre piece of property on McDougall Avenue, less than a kilometer south of the current building on Tecumseh Road East.

+VG was selected from a list of seven architectural firms that were pre-qualified to bid on the project.

“Everyone on the selection committee was extremely impressed by the submission we received from +VG,” said Director of Education Terry Lyons. “They have some very fresh ideas for creating contemporary spaces and a solid reputation for completing projects on time and within budget. We’re certain that we’ll be getting a beautifully designed building for our students, staff and community.”

Some of the projects +VG has overseen include the drafting the 50-year campus master plan at the University of Windsor, St. Mary’s College Catholic Secondary School for the Huron Superior Catholic District School Board, St. Michael Catholic Elementary School for the Algonquin and Lakeshore Catholic District School Board, John Diefenbaker Senior School for the Bluewater District School Board, Vista Hills Public School for the Waterloo Region District School Board and numerous other post-secondary builds.

Now that the architect has been selected, the next step will strike a school design committee to review building needs and space elements, and to hire a cost consultant who will make sure that the project stays on budget.

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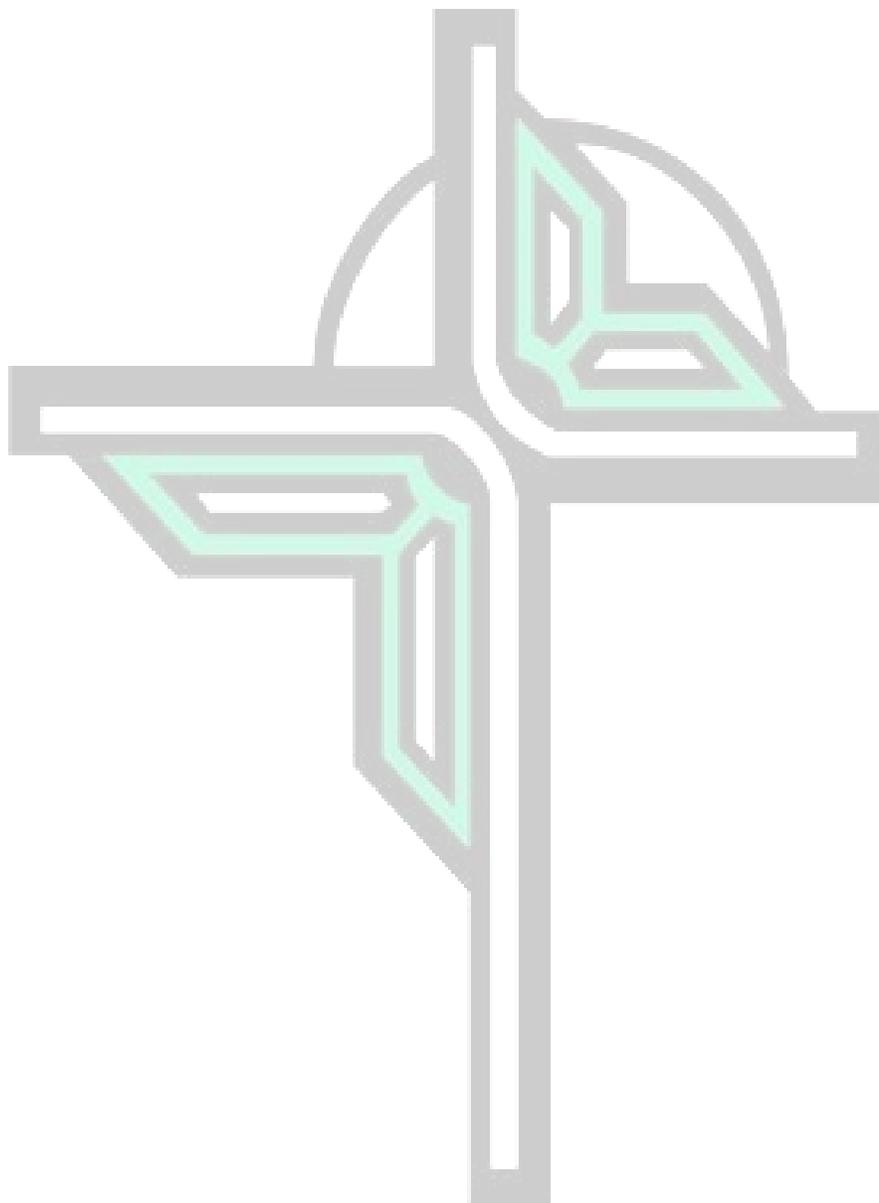
Once a final design has been approved by the Board, a tender will be issued for pre-qualified contractors to bid on the construction of the school.

The Board anticipates opening the new school in September of 2022.

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