



*A Message from the  
Honourable George Abbott  
to attendees of the  
Official Groundbreaking Ceremony for  
Westview Elementary*

Today is a very exciting day for community members, Aboriginal elders, teachers, school trustees, administrators, students and parents in Powell River. As Minister of Education, I am pleased to send greetings as you celebrate the groundbreaking for Westview Elementary school.

This new school will be home to an expanded gymnasium that will be fully wheelchair accessible, including showers and washrooms for disabled athletes as part of a Neighbourhood Learning Centre. Our government believes it is important for students and all children to have access to facilities like this that encourage healthy living, learning and recreation and support our commitment to building healthier communities throughout British Columbia.

The Neighbourhood Learning Centre at Westview will also include space for a cluster of early learning services and will become a hub for parents and children from pre-natal to age 5.

The school district and the community of Powell River are to be commended for their dedication to students and for their efforts in helping create a school where the community can learn, work and play together.

Please accept my best wishes for a successful event today. Congratulations on starting construction on this exciting new addition to your community.

Yours truly,

George Abbott  
Minister