



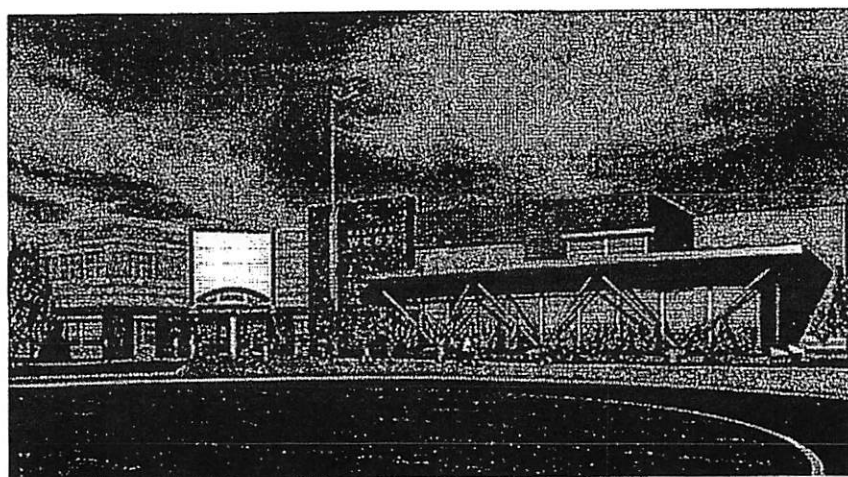
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## HALIFAX WEST High School

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### School to open January 2003 School Steering Team remains confident of opening date

The SST (School Steering Team) remains confident that the new high school being built on the Mainland Common will open January 2003. The school will be completed by December 2002 leaving time to "off gas" (ventilating any potentially harmful chemicals from new building materials) the facility before the January opening. "The Departments of Transportation and Public Works and Education have been focused on the job of fast-tracking this school while making sure it will be healthy," says Jane Davies, chair of the Halifax West High School Feeder School Group and SST member.

Gary O'Hara, chair of the Halifax West School Advisory Council and SST member says, "The construction schedule reflects an aggressive but very realistic timeline. The community can be assured that this project continues to be a high priority for every level of government involved in the project. Everyone is doing everything in their power to complete this school by December 2002, while making sure it is a school that will deliver an incredible educational experience for our children and a wonderful community resource."

### Raising the bar with healthy school environment

One of the goals for this school has been to "raise the bar" for building schools with healthy environments from the day they open and for many years to come. What is being learned and applied to this school will go on to



benefit all future schools built in this province. With this in mind, the Department of Education struck the Healthy School Construction Committee (HSCC). "The committee has worked to provide information and guidance to maximize the indoor quality of what we believe will be a model school. This facility will not only serve our community for generations to come, but will mark a turning point that will benefit every school that is built in this province from this point on," says Karen Robinson, chair of the HSCC and president of CASLE (Citizens for a Safe Learning Environment).

The committee has representatives from the Department of Education and the Department of Transportation and Public Works, and has had assistance from many professionals in the field. Over the past several months, the HSCC developed the "Task Lists for Healthy School Design and Construction." This comprehensive list provides the basis for guiding this new school's architects, engineers, and project managers in the use of healthy building principles. In addition, much has been incorporated into the Design Requirements Manual which is the provincial document that guides the design and construction of all new schools in the province.

### **Huge fund raising effort needed to complete High School theatre**

As previously reported, the Halifax Regional Municipality will contribute \$300,000 towards a theatre for the new highschool. "This is a great opportunity for the community," says Gary O' Hara, chair of the Halifax West School Advisory Council. "This is a foundation from which the community can build towards fund raising for the remaining costs." The total cost to build and complete the theatre will be approx \$1.2 million, which leaves \$900,000 for the community to raise. Anyone interested in supporting the fund raising efforts is encouraged to call the SST voicemail line at 488-9131 or send an email to [sst@mainlandcommon.net](mailto:sst@mainlandcommon.net) with your contact information (name, phone number, email address). "We will need a lot of support," says Gary O'Hara. "We are very grateful to HRM for this commitment and recognize this will allow us to have the theatre included in the process, while we fund raise."



### **Concrete evidence - Construction well underway for new High School!**

In mid-October the concrete started pouring on the 184,000 square foot high school being constructed on the Mainland Common. As you can see from the picture shown on the right, significant progress is being made on the concrete work. But while that is going on finishing touches to the architectural drawings are still being completed. Dr. Gordon Young, principal of Halifax West and member of the SST says, "What we are doing now is working with the architects to design the interior of each room. Everyone working on this project is very excited. The architects are creating a facility that will allow the maximum use of technology so that it is easily accessible throughout the school and will allow us to make better use of the technology." The layout of the school is designed to give the public easy access to areas such as the gym, theatre and cafeteria. Dr. Young also commented on how functional the lay-out is, "It will have a good student flow, and despite its size, will be easy to find your way around." All instructional spaces will have natural light.

### **Students give new school high marks**

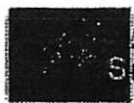
Before construction began on the new school a student focus group, with Halifax West students from grades 10, 11 and 12 and the architects, was



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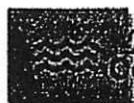
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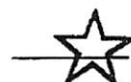
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**June 27, 2001**

June 22nd [agreement](#) between the HRSB and Halifax West SAC.

June 26th HRSB [news release](#).

June 27th [email](#) to Susan Church and response.

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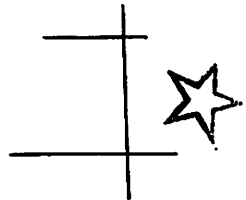
**June 22, 2001**

[Letter](#) from ISAM - "On behalf of ISAM (Immigrant Settlement Agencies of Metro), whose member agencies provide service to newcomers in the metro area, I'm writing to you to support the option of keeping the students and staff of Halifax West High School together."...

[Meeting with the Deputy Minister](#) - "Gary O'Hara & Karen Robinson were able to meet with the Deputy Minister yesterday (Thursday) and followed up with additional comments and information."...

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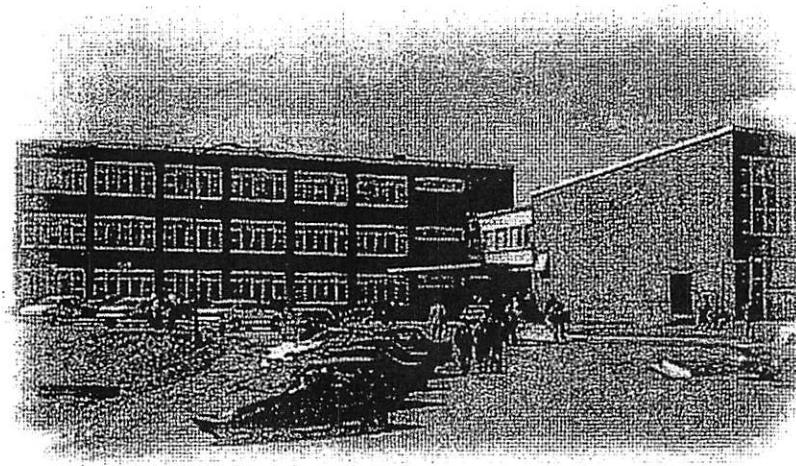
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*"The mitigation will solve the air quality problem but the school is nearing the end of its service life due to old components and neglect. A major overhaul of the school will be required within ten years. If replacement of the school is contemplated, there is the opportunity to demonstrate leadership for a new school facility. The new facility can provide an environment that enhances teaching and learning."*

**Professor Tang Lee**

**From the Total Environmental Report, August 2000**



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#### **NEWS - January 19, 2001**

The NS Department of Education today announced the construction of a new school to replace Halifax West High School. Read the government news release [here](#), and read the response media release from the HWHS Feeder School Group [here](#). Also read the notice from Jane Davies of the HWHS Feeder School Group to residents of Mainland North [here](#).

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