

# Espanola Public Information Session



**September 19, 2013**

**7:00 pm to 8:15 pm**





# Agenda

- Introduction of Trustees and Executive Council
- The background
- The vision
- Opportunity to share what's important to you
- Next steps



## Background

Ministry of Education letter - March 27, 2013  
from Deputy Minister George Zegarac

“The Ministry is encouraging all three boards to work together to address student accommodation needs in Espanola. I am writing to ask that your boards begin discussions on potential school swaps to fit the need and student population.”



## **Ministry Memo: B18 July 31, 2013**

Initiative to encourage Joint Use/  
Collaboration between Schools Boards  
on Capital Projects



## **Board Motion - July 2, 2013**

### Education in Espanola Area Schools

*That A.B. Ellis P.S. (JK to Grade 8) be relocated at Espanola High School (Grade 9-12) by September 2014, subject to capital funding from the Ministry of Education.*



# Ministry Pupil Accommodation Review Guidelines (Revised June 2009) and RDSB Policy and Procedure 3.09

## 10. Exceptions to An Accommodation Review

Where a replacement school is to be rebuilt by the board on the existing site, **or rebuilt or acquired within the existing school attendance boundary**, as identified through the board's existing policies.



# Enrolment Projections: A.B. Ellis Public School

- Enrolment is approximately 280 students
- School can support about 500 students
- Enrolment in five years will be approximately 240 students



# Enrolment Projections: Espanola High School

- Enrolment is approximately 550 students
- School can support about 1100 students
- Enrolment in five years will be approximately 470 students





## The vision

- Two distinct schools (i.e., two principals/entrances)
  - A.B. Ellis - JK to Grade 8
  - Espanola High School - Grade 9 to Grade 12
- Nutrition breaks
- Designated elementary play area
- An office for each school
- Parking

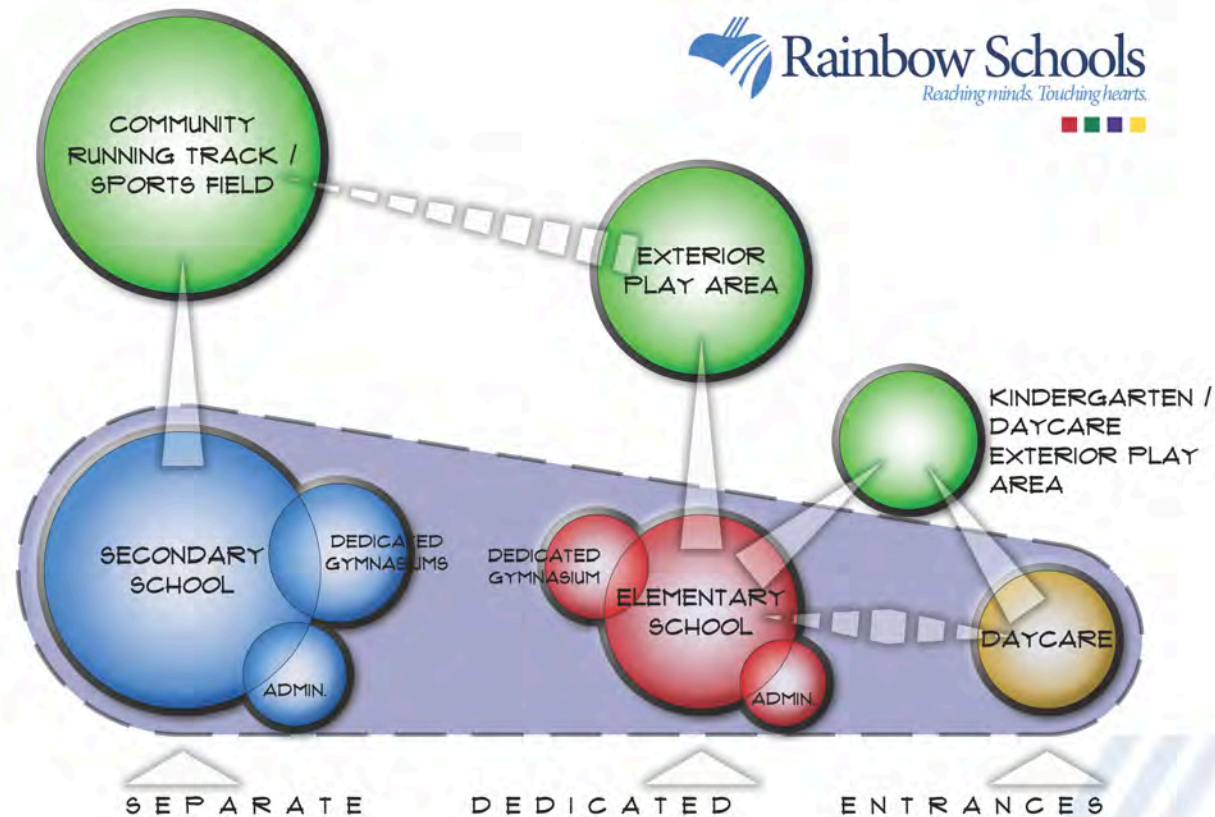


# Existing Site Plan





# The vision



Renewal of A.B. Ellis Public School and Espanola High School  
Rainbow District School Board

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# What's Important to You

- Divide into three groups
- This is an opportunity for you as a parent or community member to share with us what is important to you
- This discussion is to help inform our planning to create the two distinct schools



## Next Steps

- Capital funding to be approved by the Ministry of Education (i.e., renewal of the elementary and secondary schools at the Espanola High School site)
- Board meeting
- Joint School Council meeting



## Next Steps (continued)

- Public Information Session
- Renovations begin
- Open the two new schools



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