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Central Okanagan School District **Purchase of Aspen Grove Golf Course**

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In order to accommodate existing and projected enrolment in Lake Country, a grade 7-8 middle school program is being created at George Elliot Secondary School starting September 2014. A six classroom portable annex is being constructed on-site to accommodate the grade 7 students.

As a permanent space solution, the Central Okanagan School District's Long-Term Facility Plan outlines a need for a new middle school (grades 6-8) to meet the educational and enrolment requirements of the community.

To facilitate the eventual construction of a new middle school on the northern end of the George Elliot Secondary property, the School District agreed to purchase the Aspen Grove Golf Course for the eventual placement of sport fields for the two schools. The agreement to purchase Aspen Grove was conditional on the Agricultural Land Commission approving the School District's intended change in 'non-farm use' of the property (not removal from the Agricultural Land Reserve). Approval from the Agricultural Land Commission has now been granted and the purchase of Aspen Grove is proceeding. A new middle school in Lake Country is the fourth priority in the Central Okanagan School District's 5-Year Capital Plan. The construction of the new school is dependent on funding support from the Ministry of Education.

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