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SOSS: 21st Century School Design, NLC, Award Winning Sustainability, Frank Venables Theatre & Outdoor Learning Landscapes

February 6, 2014 - We are pleased to congratulate the Okanagan Similkameen School District, the students and staff of South Okanagan Secondary School (SOSS), and the community of Oliver, BC, on the official Grand Opening of their state of the art high school!

In 2012 SOSS was awarded the Fortis BC PowerSense Conservation Excellence Award and students benefit from advanced controls system, wind turbine, photo voltaic panels and geothermal. In addition to healthy indoor learning spaces, the school site features a pedagogical landscape that enables students to engage in learning outside the school. Highlights include a gathering place oriented plaza adjacent to the theatre and a central courtyard with a trellis-shaded, sunken amphitheatre for outdoor concerts and events.

The new school incorporates a Neighbourhood Learning Centre (NLC) which offers a daycare, adult education, counselling and a rehearsal space. The multipurpose room and theatre lobby boast large glued laminated beams arranged into a hexagonal shape, finishing in a domed angular skylight at the center; creating a large vaulted airy space with lots of light. A curved staircase provides access to the balcony of the theatre and upper audience chamber. There are over 400 seats plus space reserved for wheelchair bound persons within the audience chamber. The stage and chamber provide state of the art technology for the performing arts. **KMBR designs 21st Century Schools for the students and communities of today and the future. Click here for more information.**

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