

The new Timberlea elementary school offers classes from Pre-Primary to Grade 9 and has been designed to ensure both indoor and outdoor learning environments complement one another. The landscape design for the site as a whole makes historic reference to the original forest that surrounded the early 19th-century milling settlement and thematically the play areas allude to a natural forest floor. Along with outdoor play spaces for preschoolers and older students, other site amenities include a basketball court and a full size soccer field.

Located in a residential neighbourhood, the school site is also intended to serve as a local community park when school is not in session.

Play Areas:

Playgrounds are integral to the school and the community it serves. Located at the front of the school building, they can be supervised directly from class and administration rooms while also being viewed from surrounding residences. This emphasis on surveillance helps ensure a degree of safety both during and after school hours.



Play is crucial to children's development and well being. Supported through the integration of engaging structures, the outdoor play areas provide alternative opportunities to peak students curiosity about the world around them. Play equipment selected will be fabricated from robust natural materials such as wood, rope, metal, and concrete. The play areas are barrier-free to promote inclusion.

In addition to the play grounds, a full-size soccer field and basketball court are also integral to the site plan. These spaces are versatile and available either for their intended uses as a sports field/court or alternatively as multi-purpose areas. They can be used during recess and are easily accessible during physical education classes. The proximity of the soccer field to the gymnasium allows inherent indoor/outdoor flexibility.

Material Choices:

Choices promote the use of low maintenance, sustainable building materials wherever possible. Site paving and furnishings such as seating, bike racks, and play equipment will be incorporated to complement the aesthetic of the new school building. A large extent of new planting introduced will be native and offer year-round variation in foliage, colour, and texture while acknowledging the local history of Timberlea. In addition, safe, easy access for year round exterior maintenance of the building has been considered a spatial requirement on the site plan.

Open Green Space:

Open green space fosters healthier living through physical activity, visual, and social connections. While the central areas of the school site are predominantly programmed, the peripheral areas will be open and reminiscent of a community park. Green space provides a buffer for adjacent residences and these quieter, passive areas will be more conducive to rest and reflection. Exterior spaces have been designed to provide interest from indoors, acknowledging the fact staff and students will spend a great deal of their time there and during cooler

seasons may not wish access to the outdoors for extended periods.

Outdoor spaces will host a variety of programmed and unprogrammed activities. Barrier free, they provide fresh air, sunshine, and shade, while also offering alternative opportunities to facilitate learning. Exterior surveillance camera locations dictate unobstructed views of the site and ensure CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) principles are adhered to throughout.

Retention of Existing Plant Material:

Stripping of existing vegetation will be kept as nominal as possible but includes selective editing in accordance with CPTED principles. The root systems of existing trees to be retained will be protected within their driplines.



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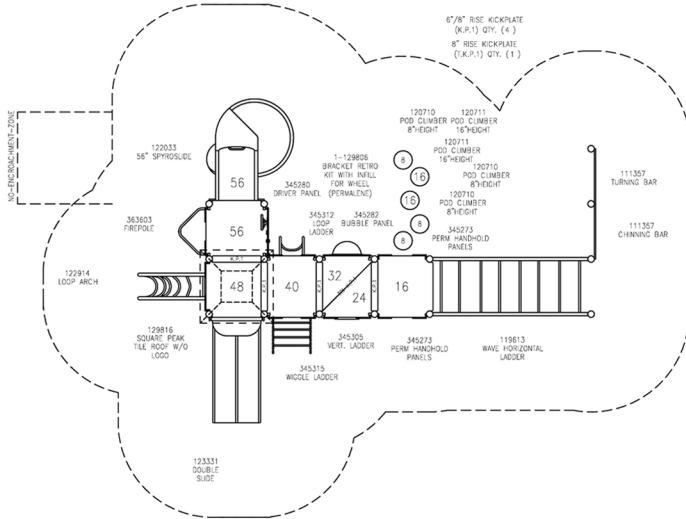
TIMBERLEA PP-9 SCHOOL
CONCEPT



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AERIAL



- LEGEND**
- 1. BASKETBALL
 - 2. GAGA BALL PIT
 - 3. POTENTIAL PLAY HOOP
 - 4. PLAY BOOSTER
 - 5. PLAY BOOSTER
 - 6. FOUR SQUARE

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PLAY AREA PLAN

PlayBooster
(5 - 12 year olds)



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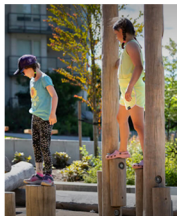
LOG STEPPERS



LEAF WOBBLE BOARD



CHIPMUNK



BOG STILTS



RIBBON ROPE CLIMBER



LEAF CLIMBER



LOG TANGLE



NOTCHED PLAY POSTS