

## Homes and Schools: Relationships between Supportive Housing and Elementary Schools

**Supportive Housing Building Name:** The Biltmore

**Housing Operator:** RainCity Housing (<https://RainCityHousing.org>)

**Residents:** 95 adults recovering from homelessness

**Building Details:** Support services for residents onsite, onsite staff 24/7

**Housing Address:** 395 Kingsway, Vancouver, B.C. V5T 3J7

**Nearby School:** Florence Nightingale Elementary School

**Principal:** Hope Sterling

**Students:** 231, grades K to 7

**School Address:** 2740 Guelph St, Vancouver, BC V5T 3P7

“We had a lot of apprehension at the beginning, but much of what we were worried about never transpired.

“In the last two years there has been a slight increase in needles, but RainCity has been fantastic. They do needle sweeps at 7am every morning and come right away whenever called. The few times people have slept in our schoolyard RainCity dealt with them immediately.

“Overall there has been much less of a negative impact than we thought. We all know that people need a place to live and we're happy these people are getting shelter and other supports. RainCity has been fantastic and I have enjoyed working with them and feel very supported.”

- Hope Sterling, Principal

