

February 13th, 2020

Important Boundary Consultation Update

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Clayton area of the Surrey School District continues to experience rapid growth and development. As such, the District has worked with the Ministry of Education to secure two new elementary schools that are under construction; Madaugh Road Elementary, which is located at 19405-76th Avenue, and Regent Road Elementary, which is located at 18711-74th Avenue. These new facilities will provide wonderful learning environments for students and will begin to address the overcrowding at the existing schools in this community that are north of Fraser Highway.

To prepare for the 2020-21 school year, new catchment boundaries needed to be established for the two schools coming to the region. These new boundaries will impact the existing boundaries for Clayton Elementary, Hazelgrove Elementary, and Katzie Elementary.

The District's Programming and Facilities Planning Committee (PFP) reviewed and refined three boundary options and these were presented during a community engagement process in the fall of 2019. More than 200 parents, students and staff participated in this consultation. Thank you to all those who came out to the public forums, completed the survey, sent emails to the District and shared their opinions. We appreciate your feedback which has helped shape our decisions.

There were many opposing community desires that were identified in the community forums, online surveys and emails. Staff considered community feedback and have recommended that the District proceed with Option A, with one revision that emerged during the consultation. Due to the close proximity to Clayton Heights Secondary, we will be implementing a phased catchment boundary adjustment for the area between 188th and 189th Street, and between 70th and 72nd Avenue. Students new to this area will attend Regent Road Elementary when it opens, while existing students will continue to attend Hazelgrove Elementary.

The Surrey Board of Education received staff's report at the Public Board Meeting on February 12th, 2020. Staff also updated the Board of Education on the anticipated opening date and transition plan for each school community; Madaugh Road Elementary is anticipated to be completed by January 2021 and Regent Road is could be completed as early as September 2021.

More details regarding the catchment boundary options, public consultation, and the Report to the Board of Education can be found at bit.ly/sd36consultations.

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Next Steps

There are currently a combined 40 portables at Katzie Elementary, Hazelgrove Elementary, and Clayton Elementary. With the construction of Maddaugh Road expected to be completed by January 2021, staff have worked hard to facilitate a mid-year move so that students can be in new buildings and out of portables as soon as possible. This way, students will be able to benefit from a new school as quickly as possible. Maddaugh Road Elementary will open in January 2021, and Regent Road Elementary may open as early as September 2021. Staff intend to move forward with the following for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years. Each option assumes that Maddaugh Road is open for instruction in January 2021 but all options apply as soon as the school is ready to receive students.

What Does this mean?

A map detailing the new catchment boundaries is attached. Below is an outline of what the new catchment boundaries mean for each school community:

Students who currently attend Katzie Elementary

- When it is time to move to Maddaugh Road Elementary, students in Grades K-6 who reside in Maddaugh Road's catchment area will transition to Maddaugh Road Elementary.
- Grade 7 students will not transition to Maddaugh Road Elementary during the 2020-2021 school year. These students will complete their Grade 7 year at Katzie Elementary before moving to secondary school. Siblings of these Grade 7 students can choose to move to Maddaugh Road Elementary when it opens, or may choose to remain at Katzie Elementary until June 2021, and then move to Maddaugh Road Elementary.

Students who currently attend Hazelgrove Elementary

- When it is time to move to Maddaugh Road Elementary, students in Grades K-6 who reside in Maddaugh Road's catchment will transition to Maddaugh Road Elementary.
- Grade 7 students will not transition to Maddaugh Road Elementary during the 2020-2021 school year. These students will complete their Grade 7 year at Hazelgrove before moving to secondary school. Siblings of these Grade 7 students can choose to move to Maddaugh Road Elementary when it opens, or may choose to remain at Hazelgrove Elementary until June 2021, and then move to Maddaugh Road Elementary.
- Students who currently attend Hazelgrove Elementary, but live in the new Regent Road Elementary catchment boundary (between 188th and 189th Street, and between 70th and 72nd Avenue) can choose to remain at Hazelgrove Elementary or move to Regent Road Elementary when it opens (potentially September 2021). Any new students moving into this area will be required to attend Regent Road Elementary, unless they are siblings of students at Hazelgrove Elementary.

Students who currently attend Clayton Elementary

- When Regent Road Elementary opens (potentially September 2021), Clayton Elementary will become a K-3 Annex, connected to Regent Road Elementary.

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- Students who live in the new Regent Road/Clayton catchment can choose to attend either Clayton Elementary or Regent Road Elementary for Grades K-3, and will attend Regent Road Elementary for Grades 4-7.
- As Regent Road Elementary will open with surplus space, and as there are so few students who attend Clayton Elementary who live in the new Maddaugh Road Elementary catchment, these students can choose to attend Maddaugh Road Elementary when it opens, or can choose to remain at Clayton Elementary and attend Regent Road Elementary when it opens.

The District recognizes this boundary review is a significant undertaking and much thought and care has gone into determining the new catchment boundaries. Once again we wish to thank all those who contributed their comments and ideas through the consultation process. The District is committed to working with families to ease the transition to their new catchment schools, and is excited about the opportunities that the new schools present. Please look for more information to follow shortly, which will provide further details on the transition to the new schools and provide families with an opportunity to ask questions and participate in shaping the culture, traditions, and future of Maddaugh Road Elementary and Regent Road Elementary.

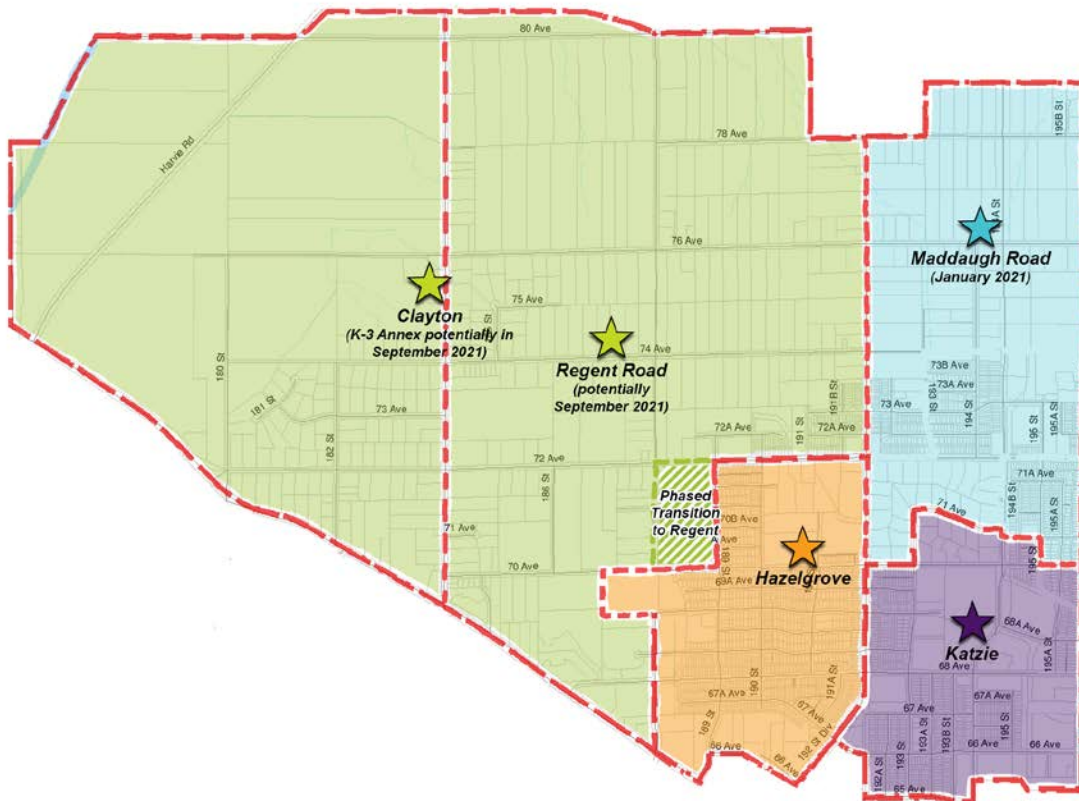
Sincerely,

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Clayton Area Boundary Map

For the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years



-  Catchment area for Maddaugh Road (January 2021)
-  Shared catchment area for Clayton and Regent Road (potentially September 2021)
-  Catchment area for Hazelgrove
-  Catchment area for Katzie

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