

November 23rd, 2016

Dear Parents & Guardians

The purpose of this letter is to provide parents and guardians with updated information regarding the Salish Secondary catchment boundary and the transition to the new school. As many of you are aware, at the November 17th, 2016 public board meeting the Surrey Board of Education passed a motion that established the catchment boundaries for the new Salish Secondary School. When the new school opens, the catchment boundaries for the three Clayton/Cloverdale area high schools will be as follows:

Salish Secondary - Port Kells Elementary, Clayton Elementary, Hillcrest Elementary, Adams Road Elementary.

Clayton Secondary - Hazelgrove Elementary, Katzie Elementary, Sunrise Ridge Elementary, Latimer Road Elementary.

Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary - Surrey Centre Elementary, A.J. McLellan Elementary, George Greenaway Elementary, Martha Currie Elementary, Don Christian Elementary, Cloverdale Traditional School.

The French immersion Program from Lord Tweedsmuir Secondary will also move to the new Salish Secondary School.

Now that the catchment boundaries are set, the next step in this process will be to develop and refine the implementation plan regarding the change of boundaries for the new school. Parent and student input will be an important part of this process. Between now and the end of January 2017, the district will be establishing a Transitions Committee with parent representation, student representation, and district and school staff. Details regarding the Transitions Committee will be forwarded to schools shortly, however, there will be ample opportunity for any parents and students to provide their input to this committee. The Surrey School District is committed to hearing from parents and students regarding the implementation plans for the Salish Secondary catchment boundary and French Immersion Program.

Currently, Salish Secondary is scheduled to open no later than September 2018 and the School District is planning with that date in mind. If the construction timeline changes, parents and students will be informed and this will involve further work with our Transitions Committee.

The Surrey School District is excited about the opening of Salish Secondary. A virtual tour of the school will be posted to the school district website at www.surreyschools.ca next month. We look forward to our work with the Transitions Committee and hearing from parents and students soon.

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