

Latimer Road Elementary Montessori Information Package



Latimer Road Elementary is over capacity and enrolment will continue to grow as development increases around the future SkyTrain line. With a capacity of 481 students, the school is currently home to 635 students (32% over capacity), and is projected to grow by approximately 100 students (55% over capacity) in the next 10 years.

To create capacity at Latimer Road, the Surrey Board of Education needs to consider options for the future of the Montessori Choice Program.

Currently, Surrey Schools offers the Montessori Choice Program at Latimer Road, Douglas Elementary and Mountainview Montessori. The district is considering three options for the future of Latimer Road Montessori (details below), including a potential move to Strawberry Hill Elementary, where there is more enrolment space to accommodate a Choice Program. The options will not affect Latimer Road's catchment boundaries.

To prepare for the 2024-25 school year, students, staff, parents and community members are invited to provide feedback on the options and share their thoughts on the Montessori program at Latimer Road.

How can you be involved?

Surrey Schools believes parent and student input and priorities for Choice Program moves are an important part of this process. Please review the information regarding the move options in this package. Further information can be found on surreyschools.ca/consultations

We encourage parents and students to provide feedback by completing the survey on the consultation website (survey launches Sept. 28). The consultation period runs until Oct. 27, 2023.

In addition, a series of evening forums will be held for the district to share information about the options.:

- **Tuesday, Sept. 26, 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Latimer Road Elementary** (in-person community forum)
- **Thursday, Sept. 28, 7 to 8 p.m., online** (virtual community forum, details to come on consultation website)

Families are encouraged to attend the in-person community forum for the opportunity to ask questions to district staff about the Latimer Road Montessori Choice Program and options. However, as the information presented at each forum will be the same, if you cannot attend in person, you are welcome to attend the virtual forum if the time suits you better.

此為重要通知。請找人幫您翻譯這份通知的內容。



Introducing the options

All three options presented in this package aim to balance enrolment now and in the future, and reduce the need for portables. These options leave some space to accommodate students from future residential development.

In preparing these options, the school district was guided by Surrey Board of Education policy, specifically, *Policy 9200: School Catchment Areas*, and *Policy 9320: Registration and Placement of Students*.

The options are as follows (starting in 2024):

- **Option 1:** Latimer Road Montessori program moves to Strawberry Hill Elementary
- **Option 2 (Recommended):** Students currently in the Latimer Road Montessori program finish the program at Latimer Road. New Kindergarten requests enter the lottery process for the Montessori program at Douglas Elementary or Mountainview Montessori. The Montessori program at Mountainview would be expanded to increase Kindergarten registrations.
- **Option 3:** Offer a new Montessori program for children in Kindergarten at Strawberry Hill. The program would be dependent on sufficient enrolment. Students currently in the program at Latimer Road could finish the program at Latimer Road.

In Option 1, students currently attending Montessori at Latimer Road could choose to finish the program at Strawberry Hill or attend the neighbourhood program at Latimer Road. *Siblings of these students could also attend the neighbourhood program at Latimer Road.*

In Options 2 & 3, students currently attending Montessori at Latimer Road would finish the Montessori program at Latimer Road. *Siblings of these students could also attend the neighbourhood program at Latimer Road.*

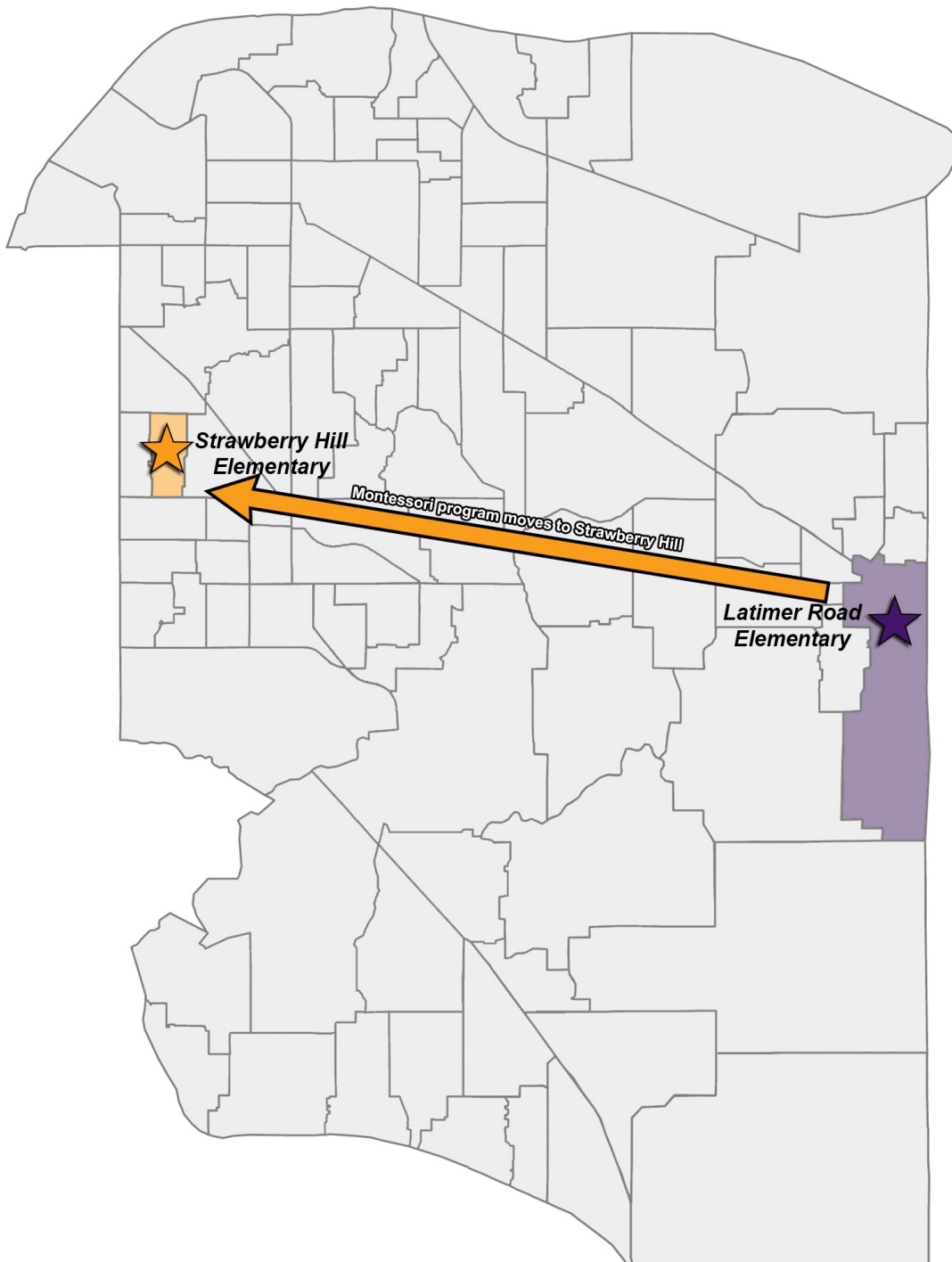
Also in Options 2 & 3, as new Kindergarten Montessori requests would be directed to other schools, Latimer Road Montessori would end at Grade 6 and gradually phase out younger grades:

- 2024-25 school year: no Kindergarten, Gr. 1-6 only
- 2025-26 school year: no K-1, Gr. 2-6 only
- 2026-27 school year: no K-2, Gr. 3-6 only
- 2027-28 school year: no K-3, Gr. 4-6 only
- 2028-29 school year: no K-4, Gr. 5-6 only

While Surrey Schools has presented three options that have been explored, the district is open to hearing other suggestions. Please use the final question in the online survey to share your suggestions.

Proposed Latimer Road Montessori Move

Option 1: Montessori Program moves to Strawberry Hill Elementary



- Catchment area for Latimer Road
- Catchment area for Strawberry Hill

Choice Programs:

Montessori moves from Latimer Road (2024)

Option 1 proposes moving the Montessori program from Latimer Road to Strawberry Hill beginning in September 2024.

The program at Strawberry Hill would be dependent on sufficient enrolment.

Students currently attending Montessori at Latimer Road could choose to finish the Montessori program at Strawberry Hill, or attend the neighbourhood program at Latimer Road.

Siblings of these students could also attend the neighbourhood program at Latimer Road.

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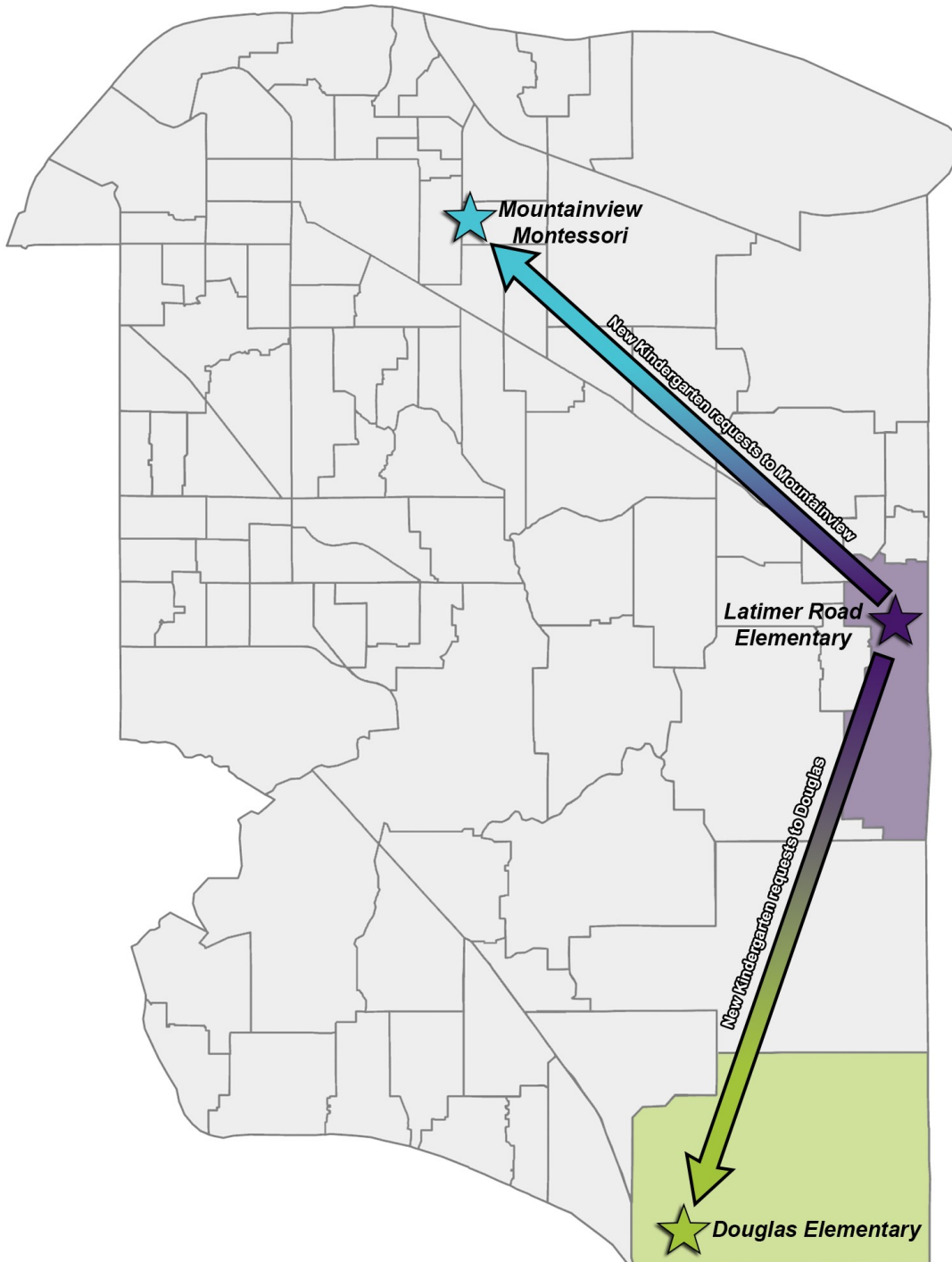





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School	Enrolment			Portables		
	Actual (2022)	Projected (2024)	Projected (2026)	Actual (2022)	Projected (2024)	Projected (2026)
Latimer Road Operating Capacity: 481	572 (119%)	543 (113%)	576 (120%)	6	3	4
Strawberry Hill Operating Capacity: 644	416 (65%)	506 (79%)	491 (76%)	0	0	0

Proposed Latimer Road Montessori Move

Option 2 Recommended: New Kindergarten requests enter lottery at Douglas or Mountainview, Current K-7 Students finish at Latimer Road



-  Catchment area for Latimer Road
-  Catchment area for Douglas
-  Location of Mountainview Montessori

Choice Programs:

Montessori moves from Latimer Road (2024)

Option 2 proposes entering new kindergarten requests into the lottery process for the Montessori program at Douglas Elementary or Mountainview Montessori. The district could then expand the Montessori program at Mountainview.

Students currently attending Montessori at Latimer Road would finish the Montessori program at Latimer Road.

Siblings of these students could also attend the neighbourhood program at Latimer Road.

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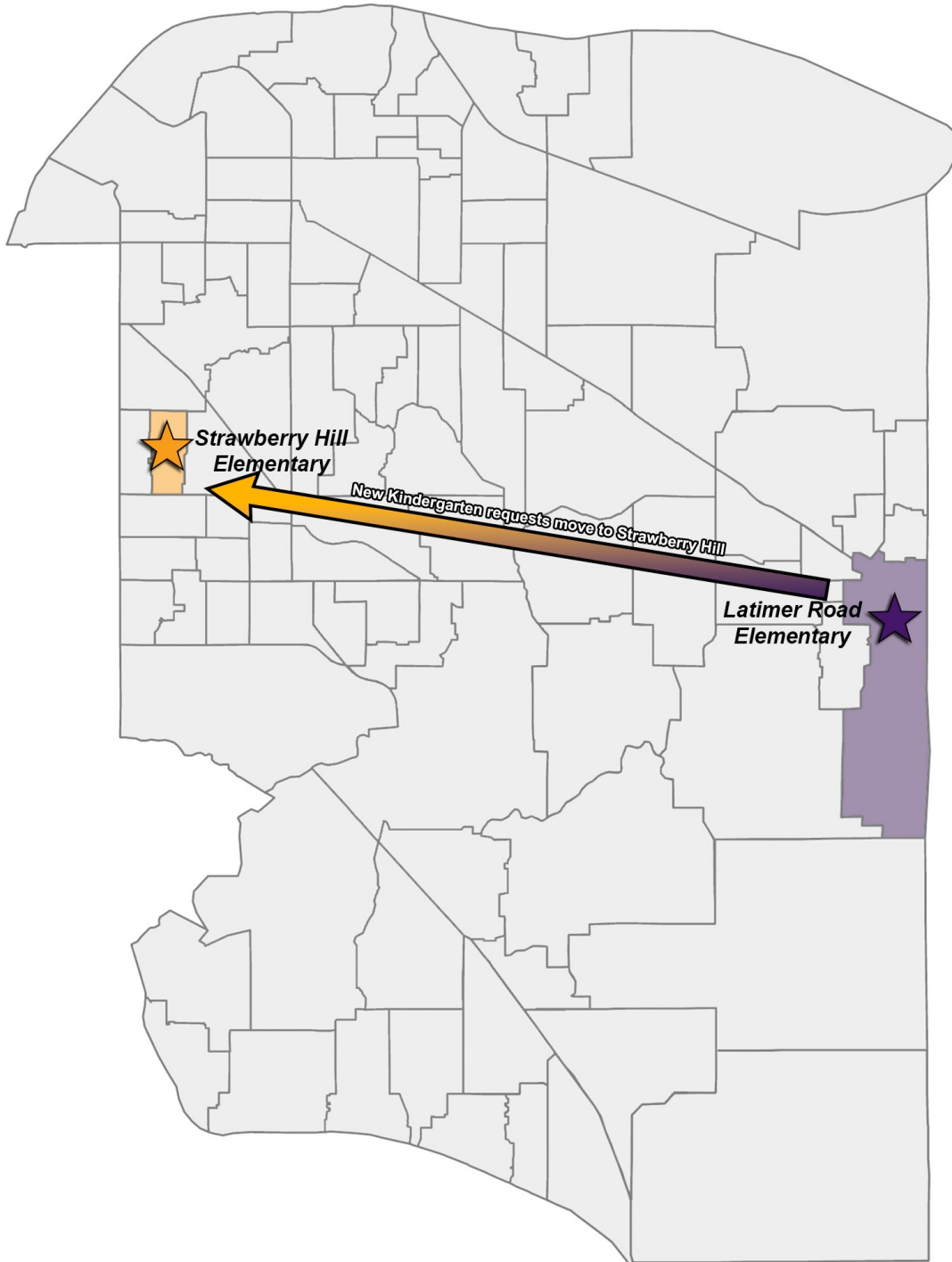
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	Actual (2022)	Projected (2024)	Projected (2026)	Actual (2022)	Projected (2024)	Projected (2026)
Latimer Road Operating Capacity: 481	572 (119%)	633 (132%)	626 (130%)	6	7	6
Douglas Operating Capacity: 607	500 (82%)	543 (89%)	578 (95%)	0	0	0
Mountainview Operating Capacity: 411	289 (70%)	332 (81%)	370 (90%)	0	0	0

Proposed Latimer Road Montessori Move

Option 3: New Kindergarten requests move to Strawberry Hill,
Current K-7 Students finish at Latimer Road



- Catchment area for Latimer Road
- Catchment area for Strawberry Hill

Choice Programs:

Montessori moves from Latimer Road (2024)

Option 3 proposes a new Montessori program at Strawberry Hill Elementary, beginning with kindergarten students, in September 2024.

The new Montessori program would be dependent on sufficient enrolment.

Students currently attending Montessori at Latimer Road would finish the Montessori program at Latimer Road.

Siblings of these students could also attend the neighbourhood program at Latimer Road.

Proposed Latimer Road Montessori Move

Option 3: New Kindergarten requests move to Strawberry Hill,
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Latimer Road Operating Capacity: 481	572 (119%)	633 (132%)	626 (130%)	6	7	6
Strawberry Hill Operating Capacity: 644	416 (65%)	442 (69%)	461 (72%)	0	0	0

Latimer Road Elementary Montessori Program Consultation Survey

Have you completed this form before?	Yes		No	
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I am a:

Student		Parent		Staff		Other	
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Which school(s) are you connected to? (parents, please tick all schools your children currently attend)

Latimer Road		Mountainview		Douglas		Strawberry Hill	
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Other (please specify) _____

How do you normally get to the school(s)?

Bicycle		Bus		Car		Walk	
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Other (please specify) _____

What factors would you like the district to consider when implementing Choice Program moves?

What are the strengths and challenges of Option 1?

Strengths	
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Challenges	
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What are the strengths and challenges of Option 2?

Strengths	
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Challenges	
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What are the strengths and challenges of Option 3?

Strengths	
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Challenges	
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Please add any other comments in the box below, including any alternative suggestions: