

April 11, 2019

Dear Parents or Guardians,

Grandview Heights Secondary, a new state-of-the-art 1,500 student capacity secondary school in the Grandview Heights area of Surrey (16988 25<sup>th</sup> Ave.), has been tendered and is scheduled to begin construction this spring with a target occupancy of September 2021. The new school will address the overcrowding in the South Surrey and White Rock areas.

To prepare for the opening of Grandview Heights, new catchment boundaries need to be established for the area secondary schools (Earl Marriott, Elgin Park, Semiahmoo and Grandview Heights) to redistribute enrolment among four schools instead of three.

You likely will recall, a year ago, the district held several public hearings, hosted online forums and invited written and emailed responses through area schools to receive your input on four boundary options. The community engagement process involved more than 1200 parents, students and staff.

While conflicting community desires were identified in the community forums and online discussions, Option 2B emerged as the overall preferred approach through this consultation process. The Surrey Board of Education received the report at its April 10, 2019 public board meeting. (Details of the plan and all the options and consultation feedback can be found at placespeak.com/sd36capitalplan.)

Therefore, effective **September 2020**, the following boundaries changes will be implemented:

- 1. Semiahmoo Trail Elementary will feed to Elgin Park Secondary
- 2. White Rock Elementary catchment (which currently has a split catchment and feeds to both Earl Marriott Secondary and Semiahmoo Secondary) will feed to Semiahmoo Secondary.

It is important to note the following:

- Existing Semiahmoo and Earl Marriott Secondary schools students are grandfathered. i.e. past students from either feeder school who currently attend either Semiahmoo Secondary or Earl Marriott Secondary will not be required to move.
- By policy, the sibling rule will apply.
- Earl Marriott Secondary and Semiahmoo Secondary will continue to be closed to new incatchment students for the 2020 school year.
- Intensive Fine Arts students from White Rock Elementary will be given the option to transition to Earl Marriott Secondary until the regular cross boundary process is restored in 2021.

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The district recognizes this boundary review is a significant undertaking and staff appreciate the extensive feedback provided by the school communities. Much thought and care has gone into deliberating the options. The district remains committed to working with families to ease the transition to their new catchment schools.

Sincerely,

Lynda Reeve Assistant Superintendent Surrey Schools

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